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ACTIVITY REPORT 2018-19

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## PRESERVING AND ADDING TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

### Front Cover: Additional Flag Poles

The existing two flag poles on the grounds have been relocated, with two additional flag poles installed, near the main entrance to the grounds of Government House. One of the new flag poles is used to fly the flags of foreign countries to welcome visiting ambassadors and foreign dignitaries, and the other to fly the Union Jack.

The preservation of Government House is supported by the Department of Transportation and Works, the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry, and Innovation, Executive Council and, as well as, the Terra Nova Committee. The committee ensures its preservation as a National Historic Site, a Provincial Historic Site, and a public building that contains the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor.

Technology is also being leveraged to make Government House more accessible to those outside of St. John's with the creation of a virtual tour. Students will be encouraged to learn about Government House and their history, and become virtual tour guides.

# HER HONOUR'S INVESTITURE



Her Honour The Honourable Judy M. Foote, P.C., O.N.L., became the 14th Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the first woman Lieutenant Governor for the province, on May 8th, 2018 at the House of Assembly.



Their Honours with family members (children Carla, Jason, and Heidi and their families) following Her Honour's investiture as the 14th Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

# A MESSAGE FROM HER HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JUDY M. FOOTE, P.C., O.N.L.



It is my pleasure to provide you with this activity report – the first publication of its kind to be produced by Government House in Newfoundland and Labrador.

History was made when I became the first woman Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador on May 3rd, 2018. Dating the role of Governor of Newfoundland back to 1729, Captain Henry Osborn was appointed the first Naval Governor. Since then, 81 men have served as Governors or Lieutenant Governors.

It is my honour to be that pioneer, and I welcome the privilege with a steadfast understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the office.

This activity report covers the first 12 months of my tenure, from May 3rd, 2018 to May 31st, 2019. In this document, you will discover the important work conducted at, and outside of, Government House. For example, during that period I have participated in 292 events and fulfilled

constitutional duties on 32 occasions.

Diplomatic courtesy calls and meetings with a number of foreign dignitaries and representatives from Commonwealth countries have also taken place. I was pleased to meet with Ambassadors and Consul Generals from twelve countries in my first year.

I have made concerted efforts to make Government House and the grounds of Government House more accessible. Government House and its grounds belong to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. Since my installation, WiFi has been installed at Government House. There have been 54 pre-booked group tours and 16 special event tours. Through these tours our volunteer guides ensured thousands of people enjoyed and discovered the provincial history and culture profiled at Government House.

As part of a larger initiative to open the grounds of Government House, we started with building Newfoundland and Labrador's first Heart Garden. Created as a tribute to Indigenous children from our province who were removed from their homes and placed in residential schools, it demonstrates our commitment to reconciliation and provides important reflective space. More details about this initiative can be found on page 12 of this document.

The grounds of Government House were put to use during months of summer for our *On the Lawn Series* of mental and physical wellness breaks. Thanks to professional instructors who volunteered their time and talent, hundreds of people enjoyed the grounds for T'ai Chi Chih Tuesdays, Yoga on Wednesdays, and Wisdom Healing Qigong on Thursdays.

Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada was welcomed to Newfoundland and Labrador on her first official visit to our province September 2018. Her presence created a welcomed opportunity to promote our people, and our province, both on the island and in the Big Land. Her Excellency and I presented the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers and the Meritorious Service Medal during her stay. Dozens of people joined us in a walk up Signal Hill in St. John's in keeping with the GG Active initiative. Among many other engagements in Labrador, a community walk took place on the Birch Island Boardwalk in Happy Valley-Goose Bay also as part of GG Active.



Denis Abrard carved the first woman's name into the Governors' board after 81 men.

In November 2018, His Honour and I had the pleasure of an audience with Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. The memory of our time together will remain with me, always. We were proud to present Her Majesty with a Newfoundland tartan blanket and a pewter Forget-Me-Not pin, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Beaumont-Hamel. The blanket had the words of the *Ode to Newfoundland* attached to it, providing an opportunity to highlight the fact that our province is the only one in our country to have its own anthem. I also shared the significance of the Forget-Me-Not with Her Majesty and how, on July 1st, while we are proud Canadians, we first commemorate Memorial Day in recognition of the tragic loss of Newfoundlanders who bravely fought in the Battle of the Somme near Beaumont-Hamel before celebrating Canada Day.



I look forward to providing future reports detailing other activities throughout my appointment.

Judy M. Foote, P.C., O.N.L  
Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador

## HER HONOUR'S OFFICIAL COAT OF ARMS

**ARMS** - The white stripes on blue allude to part of the flag of Newfoundland and Labrador, which, like the shield, also contains yellow and red. The intersecting stripes symbolize the importance of family relationships, and the fact that they come together at the centre - and radiate out from it - also represents Her Honour's devotion to public service. The blue boar is found in Irish coats of arms associated with people named Crowley, Her Honour's maiden name. The dog paw prints symbolize Her Honour's love of dogs, and, as a paw is an animal's foot, it makes an allusion to her surname.

**CREST** - The black spruce is the provincial tree of Newfoundland and Labrador. Here it also represents the Tree of Life, an important concept for Her Honour. The butterfly represents transformation. The daffodils growing from the rocky base are flowers associated with cancer and are the symbol of hope for a cancer-free future. They represent life persisting in difficult circumstances, symbolic of Her Honour being a cancer survivor.

**SUPPORTERS** - The dove is a Christian symbol associated with the Holy Spirit. It also appears in several coats of arms used by people named Foote. The cross-crosslet represents Her Honour's Christian faith and appears in Irish Crowley arms. The lyrics indicate Her Honour's appreciation of music. The books refer to Her Honour's love of reading and her work with literacy initiatives. The base represents Newfoundland and Labrador geography, with waves depicting the ocean.

**MOTTO** - The phrase *Mind Over Body* represents the importance of determination and positive thinking, especially when confronted with physical challenges.



The Canadian Heraldic Authority is responsible for designing Coats of Arms in consultation with representatives of the Crown.

# ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## REPRESENTING THE CROWN

Our system of government is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II is Queen of Canada and Head of State. The Lieutenant Governor is appointed in the name of The Queen, by the Governor General, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Canada, for a period of not less than five years. The Lieutenant Governor is the representative of The Queen in Newfoundland and Labrador; this position is non-partisan and apolitical. The Lieutenant Governor acts on the advice of the Premier and the government, but has the right to advise, to encourage, and to warn.

One of the Lieutenant Governor's responsibilities is to ensure the province always has a Premier. The Lieutenant Governor presides over the swearing-in of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and Members of the House of Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor summons, prorogues, and dissolves the House of Assembly, delivers the Speech from the Throne, and gives Royal Assent to Bills of the Legislative Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor signs official documents and meets with the Premier.

In the months covered within this report, the Lieutenant Governor granted Royal Assent to 63 bills and delivered two Speeches from the Throne. The first was at the opening of the Fourth Session of the Forty-Eighth General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on April 4th, 2019 and the second was at the opening of the Forty-Ninth General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on June 10th, 2019.

Additionally, 197 Orders-in-Council were signed from May 3rd to December 31st, 2018 and 148 Orders-in-Council were signed from January 1st to May 31st, 2019. The Lieutenant Governor presided over nine swearing in ceremonies.



Their Honours arrived at Buckingham Palace for an audience with Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.



Fulfilling constitutional responsibilities include signing legislation and delivering the Speech from the Throne in the House of Assembly, swearing in Members of the House of Assembly and swearing in Cabinet Ministers.



## HONOURING ACHIEVEMENT



Mt. Pearl Girl Guide leader Rosalind Pratt received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

The Lieutenant Governor presents honours and awards to those who have demonstrated excellence, valor, bravery, or dedication to service that brings credit to the province and the country.

Each year, during events at Government House, the Lieutenant Governor presents a number of awards for long service, for outstanding public service, and for achievement. She presides over Investitures of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada, and other organizations.



For more information about the honours and awards available in the province and country, including eligibility criteria and application process, scan the QR code to the left or contact Government House by emailing [governmenthouse@gov.nl.ca](mailto:governmenthouse@gov.nl.ca). These awards, honours, and investitures are summarized on page 14 of this annual report.



Order of Newfoundland and Labrador investees, January 2019.



Presentation of the Meritorious Service Medal to Capt. Gus Dalton (posthumously), accepted by Mrs. Margaret Dalton and his daughter Bernadette, from Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Julie Payette at Government House. Capt. Dalton was recognized for his heroic actions that saved the lives of 155 Tamil refugees drifting in a boat off the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1986.

## REPRESENTING NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

The Lieutenant Governor participates in commemorative ceremonies, provincial celebrations, and community activities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, and hosts events at Government House in St. John's as well as at other venues throughout the province. As the representative of Her Majesty, the Lieutenant Governor acts as the representative of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and receives foreign dignitaries on official visits to the province. The Lieutenant Governor hosts members of the Royal Family, visiting Heads of State, diplomats, and other official visitors.

The Lieutenant Governor participated in 12 courtesy calls, meeting with representatives from the Commonwealth and foreign dignitaries including the Ambassador of Denmark (May 2018), the Consul General for the United States of America (July 2018), the Ambassador of The People's Republic of China (August 2018), the Consul General of Israel (September 2018), the Minister of State for Ireland (October 2018), the Ambassador of Korea (October 2018), and the Ambassador of Turkey (October 2018 and February 2019).



Wreath laying ceremony in Pleasentville with a visiting delegation from Turkey marking the relationship between Newfoundland and Labrador and Turkey as a result of the shared First World War history.



Her Honour welcomed foreign dignitaries to Government House including His Excellency, Kerim Uras, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Canada (February 2019) and Consul General for the USA, Kevin Skillin (September 2018).

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Lieutenant Governor engages in meaningful dialogue with Newfoundlanders and Labradorians from all regions on issues important to the well-being of the province through multi-disciplinary discussions, sharing circles, public gatherings, and a varied program of community events.

## THE POWER TO CONVENE

The Lieutenant Governor established a series of Sharing Circles at Government House.

Indigenous people look at circles as healing, and sharing is something we should all be doing in order to learn and grow. Sharing Circles encourage learning through listening and respecting the views of others.

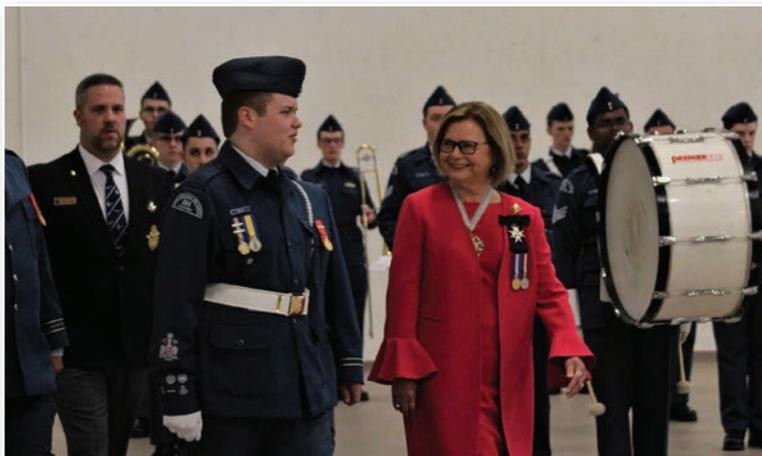
The first of these Sharing Circles focused on mental health. It involved those with firsthand experience who shared their challenges and successes with each other. The Minister of Health and Community Services and departmental officials attended to listen and hear from individuals they might not have heard from otherwise. The second Sharing Circle organized at Government House focused on immigration and was attended by the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills, and Labour, whose department has responsibility for immigration and formulating policy.

The Lieutenant Governor will host the next Sharing Circle on empowering women. The following one will be on encouraging and supporting entrepreneurship in Newfoundland and Labrador.



## OVERALL ACTIVITY LEVEL

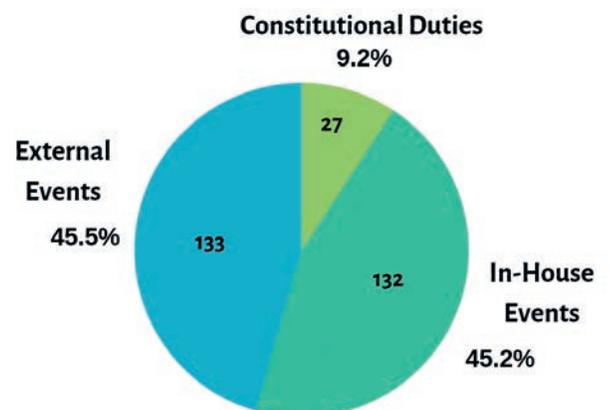
The various activities undertaken by the Lieutenant Governor are divided into three categories, along with speeches delivered at many events. Constitutional duties consist of the Speech from the Throne, meetings with the Premier and Executive Council officials, signing Orders-in-Council, and statutory and non-statutory instruments. In-House events consist of investitures, performances, presentations, meetings, ceremonies, and receptions held at Government House and presided over by the Lieutenant Governor. External events include events that are presided over by the Lieutenant Governor which may or may not be organized and arranged by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and are held at an outside venue such as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards presentation, the presentation of Sovereign's Medals for Volunteers, and the Trail of the Caribou Pilgrimage to Beaumont Hamel.



Reviewing Officer for 70th Annual Ceremonial Review of 514 Kinsmen Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

### Overall Activity Level At A Glance

For the period May 3rd, 2018 to May 31st, 2019



# COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

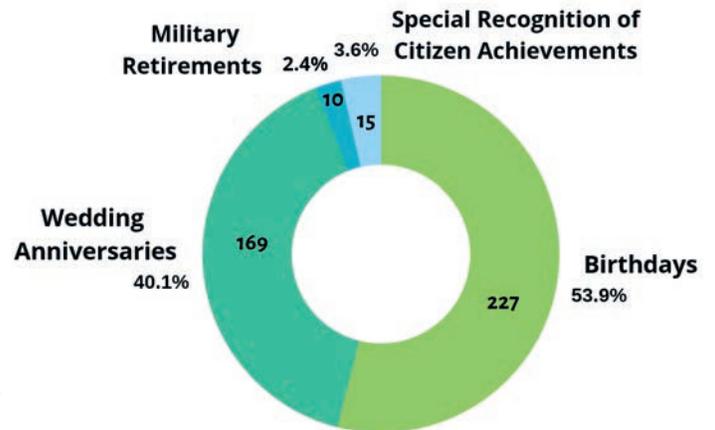
## RECOGNITION OF MILESTONES

Upon request, the Lieutenant Governor recognizes milestone birthdays, wedding anniversaries, military retirements, and special recognition of citizen achievements, which resulted in 421 certificates and individual greetings being issued to people throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, either by mail or with an in-person presentation. A request for a certificate to acknowledge a milestone occasion can be made by contacting Government House. Call 709-729-2669 or email [reginawhiteway@gov.nl.ca](mailto:reginawhiteway@gov.nl.ca). For more information about recognition opportunities, scan the QR code to the left with the camera on your smartphone.



### Milestone Occasions At A Glance

For the period May 3rd, 2018 to May 31st, 2019



Their Honours welcome opportunities to spend time with individuals who make a difference in the province.



Their Honours support many worthwhile causes, including those related to cancer initiatives.



Her Honour enjoying the company of longtime friend 101 year old World War II Navy veteran Mr. Hedley Lake of Fortune, the last survivor of the S.S. Caribou, which was sunk by a German U-boat in 1942.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Her Honour appreciates the interest shown by the local media in the roles and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor, and the efforts being made to open Government House and the grounds to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Such opportunities enable Her Honour to talk about the work that takes place at Government House, including the focus on community outreach, which is emphasized through Her Honour's social media engagement.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

A leader in sharing information through social media, and specifically championing the achievements of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, especially women, as well as issues and causes of importance to the province, official profiles on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are regularly updated. Each of these three official social media profiles were started by Her Honour. Substantial audiences have grown on each platform, with current totals of 12,500 followers on Facebook, 5,949 followers on Twitter, and 2,218 followers on Instagram.

Averaging two or more posts daily on all platforms, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted a number of individuals, groups, organizations, and awareness days/weeks/months in her first year. Average engagement and views of posts made to Facebook is between 3,000 and 4,500 interactions (views, likes, shares, etc.). Cumulative average Facebook post reach within a month is 75,000 people (views), with 48,000 engagements (likes/shares).

## LIGHTING GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Often, awareness days/weeks/months, issues, or causes have promotional colours associated with them. As a gesture of publicly displaying support, and with the intention of inspiring curiosity to learn more, Government House has adopted the policy of being thematically lit in colour whenever possible. This is done in the spirit of Government House being an active participant within the Newfoundland and Labrador community. Over the months covered by this report, Government House was lit for a cause 123 times to educate and raise awareness.



# FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR AS GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA



Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada made her inaugural visit as Governor General to Newfoundland and Labrador on September 20th and 21st, 2018. Her Excellency spent time in St. John's and in the Big Land, learning about both and enjoying the company of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

# ATHLETICS, ARTS, AND ACADEMICS



29th St. John's International Women's Film Festival



Their Honours with Newfoundland and Labrador film producer/director Deanne Foley whose feature film *An Audience of Chairs* premiered at the opening gala.

Their Honours were present at several winter events including the Newfoundland and Labrador Special Olympics Winter Games in Grand Falls-Windsor, Labrador Winter Games, Mount Pearl Frosty Festival, and the Corner Brook Winter Carnival.



A passionate supporter of the arts, Her Honour instituted, at Government House, the Lieutenant Governor Performance Series. The first profiled students from Memorial University's School of Music. Her Honour serves as patron for numerous arts organizations including the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, Opera on the Avalon, and the Anna Templeton Centre for Craft, Art, and Design. Their Honours serve as patrons for a total of 44 organizations.



In her role as Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour serves as Official Visitor to Memorial University, Newfoundland and Labrador's university, attending convocations on both the St. John's and Corner Brook campuses.



Her Honour welcomes every opportunity to spend time in schools throughout the province reading to students and speaking about her role as Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador.

# REMEMBRANCE AND DUTY



Her Honour signing the proclamation for the Poppy Campaign before receiving the first poppy, attending the National War Memorial Remembrance Day ceremony November 11th, meeting veterans on July 1st at the National War Memorial, enjoying the company of Newfoundland and Labrador's hockey legend Mr. Bob Cole, dropping the puck on November 11th as Honorary Colonel of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at a hockey game to honour veterans.

It was an honour for the Lieutenant Governor to be named Sponsor and have the privilege to christen the Canadian Coast Guard Ship, Captain Molly Kool. A pioneer in Canada's maritime history, Captain Kool was the first woman in North America to attain the certificate of competency as Master of a Cargo Steam Ship in the Home Trade. She paved the way for generations of women passionate about a career as a mariner. Her Excellency, Governor General Julie Payette, was in attendance.



Her Honour accepting her badge as Honorary Chief of Police for the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary from Chief Joseph Boland. Among her duties is attending the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's annual graduation ceremonies and inspecting new cadets.

# THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE AND GROUNDS

## THE HEART GARDEN

On October 19th, 2018 the sod was officially turned on the grounds of Government House, marking the first step in the creation of Newfoundland and Labrador's very first Heart Garden. Established in the Spirit of Reconciliation, the Heart Garden was officially unveiled Friday, June 21st, 2019 on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

The unveiling ceremony brought together representatives of Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups, including community leaders and students.

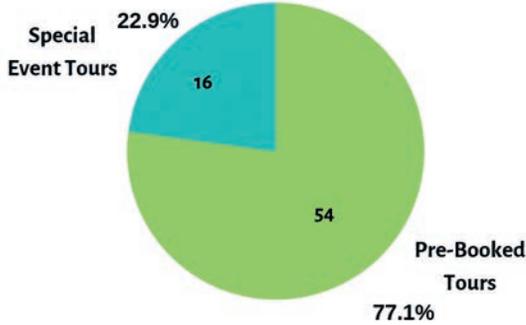
Newfoundland and Labrador's first Heart Garden is a tribute to Indigenous children from our province who were removed from their homes and placed in residential schools. It features a central heart carved from labradorite by Inuit artist Edmund Saunders whose sister, Loretta Saunders, was a missing and murdered Indigenous woman. Featured, as well, are culturally significant plants, five benches representing the five Indigenous groups in Newfoundland and Labrador, and a commemorative plaque. The inaugural "Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams" Heart Garden event took place at Rideau Hall as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's closing ceremonies in 2015. Since then, Heart Gardens have been planted throughout the country.



## GOVERNMENT HOUSE TOURS AND VISITATIONS

### Tours and Visitations At A Glance

For the period May 3rd, 2018 to May 31st, 2019



The Lieutenant Governor has an open policy with respect to access to Government House and its grounds. Tours of the building and grounds are promoted, and visits by groups, large or small, are encouraged.

This type of outreach is key to the people of Newfoundland and

Labrador having an opportunity to view an outstanding collection of artwork and sculpture by Newfoundland and Labrador artists, and to better understand the province's history. It is also of benefit to those who visit our province, giving us an opportunity to share and educate others about our history and culture.



## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S 2018 GARDEN PARTY



## WELLNESS BREAKS - ON THE LAWN SERIES

Throughout the summer, the Lieutenant Governor invited the public to participate in a series of wellness breaks on the grounds of Government House. Each Tuesday, *T'ai Chi Chih On the Lawn* sessions were led by instructor Sheila Leonard, PBVM, and on Wednesdays a *Yoga On the Lawn* session was led by instructors from Nova Yoga Studio and others. On Thursdays, Sheila Leonard led *Wisdom Healing Qigong On the Lawn* sessions. The professional instructors made these free sessions for the public possible by volunteering their time and talent. Throughout the winter, the public is encouraged to snowshoe on the grounds of Government House.



# SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND INVESTITURES

<b>AWARDS AND INVESTITURES</b> <i>(presented between May 3rd, 2018 to May 31st, 2019)</i>		
Recognition Type	Partner (if applicable)	Number Bestowed
<b>AWARDS</b>		
Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers	Governor General of Canada	4
Police & Peace Officer of the Year Awards	Royal Newfoundland Constabulary	3
Canadian Parents for French Provincial Awards	Canadian Parents for French-NL	5
Chief Commissioner's Gold Award Presentation	Girl Guides of Canada	17
2018 Newfoundland and Labrador Book Awards	Writers Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador	2
Governor General's Academic Medals	Governor General of Canada	8
Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards (Bronze and Silver)	Governor General of Canada	50
Paul Harris Fellow Presentation	Rotary International	3
Power of Humanity Awards	Canadian Red Cross	2
Senate of Canada's 150th Anniversary Commemorative Medals	Senate of Canada	40
Awards Ceremony for International Day for Persons with Disabilities	Empower	4
3rd Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Award	Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission	3
Brigade Council of the CLB Change of Command and Awards Ceremony	CLB	11
Eating Disorder Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Awards Ceremony	Eating Disorder Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador	3
Exemplary Service Medal Ceremony	Canadian Coast Guard	15
Newfoundland and Labrador Historical Society Award Ceremony	Newfoundland and Labrador Historical Society	3
RNC Police Exemplary Service Medal Ceremony	Royal Newfoundland Constabulary	9
BMO Winterset Award	ArtsNL	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>183</b>
<b>INVESTITURES</b>		
Order of Newfoundland and Labrador		10
Order of St. John of Jerusalem - Grade of Commander		1
Order of St. John of Jerusalem - Grade of Serving Member		2
Bar Additions to the Service Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem		2
Service Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem		1
Live Saving Awards (Gold & Silver)		19
Order of St. John of Jerusalem - Priory Vote of Thanks		2
Order of St. John of Jerusalem - Provincial Chair's Commendation		4
Order of St. John of Jerusalem - Provincial Certificate of Commendation		4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>45</b>

Her Honour being invested into the Order of St. John, May 2019, becoming Vice-Prior of the St. John Council for Newfoundland and Labrador.



2018 Human Rights Awards were presented at Government house to (l-r) co-recipient of the Human Rights Champion Certificate Joanne Thompson, Human Rights Award winner Kim White, co-recipient of the Human Rights Champion Certificate Anastasia Qupee, December 2018.

## WELCOMING NEW CANADIANS TO CANADA'S YOUNGEST PROVINCE

The Lieutenant Governor presides over Canadian citizenship ceremonies. Within the months covered under this report, hundreds of new Canadians were granted citizenship at ceremonies that involved Her Honour.



Their Honours attended the swearing in ceremony for the first woman Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Honourable Deborah E. Fry, September 20th, 2018. In the event Her Honour is unable to preside over events in her capacity as Lieutenant Governor, the administrator, Chief Justice Fry, fulfills the duties.



# APPRECIATING GIFTS OF TIME

The Lieutenant Governor is supported by a small number of staff, while a larger team of volunteers serve as honorary Aides-de-Camp and include individuals who are both uniformed services members and civilians. These are honorary royal appointments that carry the post-nominal designation ADC that can be used during the period of service to the Lieutenant Governor. In total, there are 29 uniformed honorary aides from Her Majesty's Canadian Forces (reserve and regular), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. The appointment of civilian honorary aides, of which there are 30 - all of whom are women, was important to Her Honour as the first woman Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador. Their appointment coincides with the term of the current Lieutenant Governor. Uniformed honorary aides

wear a decorative gold or silver aiguillette around their right shoulder.

Government House is also served by a wonderful group of volunteer tour guides and friends of the garden.



Aides-de-Camp assisted at the 2018 Garden Party.



Some of the volunteer tour guides and yoga instructors.



Volunteer friends of the garden with Her Honour.

# GOOD TIMES



Their Honours enjoying the company of seniors.



The Royal Newfoundland Regiment Jazz Ensemble entertained at the New Year's Day Levee 2019.



Halloween 2018 at Government House.

# RNC MOUNTED UNIT ON THE GROUNDS



The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's Mounted Unit has its stables on the grounds of Government House. Four horses are housed there and cared for by officers, Cst. Jason Coombs, Cst. Kelsey Muise, and Cst. Michelle Reid. The horses include Dr. Rich and Harvey (two Percheron Crosses) as well as two Clydesdales, Castle and Dobbin II. The Clydesdales joined the stables July 2019 through the generous donations of Elaine Dobbins and Jim and Beverly Zaleski.



The Mounted Unit serves several purposes in addition to fighting crime. The unit participates in public events both on and off the grounds of Government House. These officers and their horses participate in parades throughout the province, making it necessary to ensure the horses are

acclimatized to the sounds of drums and bands. Equine therapy is one of the many ways the RNC Mounted Unit serves the community, working with partners including Stella Burry Community Services and Avalon Equestrian Centre. Visits to the RNC stables can be arranged by calling 709-729-0447 for an appointment.



## CONNECTION TO THE SEA

### Donation to Government House



Her Honour accepted the Newfoundland Escort Force Commemorative Bell at Government House from the Royal Navy Association, Londonderry Branch, Northern Ireland, September 2018.



Her Honour delivered the message at the annual *Service for the People of the Sea* at George Street United Church, St. John's. The service recognizes the deep roots people of Newfoundland and Labrador have with the sea and offers prayers for fishers, sailors, sealers, as well as the Coast Guard and Navy.



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