

## St. John Ambulance Reflects on History in Newfoundland and Labrador

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, St. John Ambulance, Newfoundland & Labrador Council, officially celebrated its Centennial Year with the opening of an exhibit at The Rooms - the Provincial Archives, Art Gallery and Museum. The exhibit, entitled "*Reflections on History*" features archival records relating to St. John Ambulance, and its operations and activities throughout 20th century Newfoundland and Labrador history. Exhibition highlights include textual records, photographic images, as well as medals and other artifacts relating to the proud 100 year history of St. John Ambulance and its members, past and present.

Featured are original Holloway photos, depicting Volunteer Aid Detachments (VAD's) who were trained and sent overseas to assist the sick and wounded during the first World War, as well as other photos and memorabilia, including the original minutes of the first St. John Ambulance meeting in Newfoundland and Labrador, dated exactly 100 years ago on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1910, as recorded by Dr. Cluny Macpherson, physician and inventor of the gas mask.

On hand for the official transfer of the archives were the Honorary Co-Chair's of St. John Ambulance Newfoundland and Labrador Council's Centennial Year – Ian Macpherson and Heather Morgan, grandchildren of Dr. Cluny Macpherson. Glenda Janes, CEO of St. John Ambulance, Newfoundland and Labrador Council, signed to transfer ownership of the artifacts to The Rooms. Accepting the donation on behalf of The Rooms was Greg Walsh, Provincial Archivist.

The event was very well attended by St. John Ambulance instructors and volunteers, past and present. Representatives of Newfoundland and Labrador Council's Board of Directors and staff were present, as well.

The exhibit will be on display at The Rooms until October 2010.





