

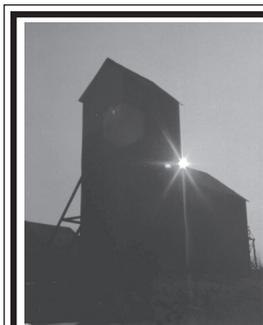
Museum That Silver Built -continued

darkened room downstairs where a fine Fluorescent Display had spectacular lighting.

The older building housing the museum is somehow very suitable, for much of the material being shown recalls the life-style of those bygone days when Cobalt was a bustling, silver camp. And this material gives the museum a human touch. Among things featured is an array of photographs, mural, paintings, books, newspaper clippings, documents, stock certificates, and a Prospectors Hall of Fame.

Would you like to see a sampling machine; how natural gas formed the equipment of pioneer prospectors? We were fascinated with a miner's campsite - no hookups and pull-throughs here. A simple tent, log table and make-believe open fire with bean pot and reflector made us realize those early-day campers could have done with a self-contained RV!

Snowshoes, toboggan, 1907 bucket, 1905 forge, bellows of 1900s, 1910 miner's boot, there's a parade of items from the good old days. This includes a gramophone, camera, stove clocks and tools: grindstone, hammers, shovel. There's plenty more that will catch your interest and unless inflation has pushed up the admission price, you can see it all for \$1.00, children, 50 cents. [Ed.Note: Inflation indeed has risen since 1976, and admission is now higher.]



We Will Need Your Help

The Cobalt Historical Society maintains the Heritage Silver Trail. The-Right-of-Way mine is in need of a new tin roof to maintain the building's integrity. Estimates for this work have been done and it will need approximately \$30,000 to accomplish the work. We anticipate the work will be done before the coming winter. Applications have been made. To gain matching funds from government agencies we will need to raise approximately \$12,500. Tax deductible receipts are available for contributions to this project. We have raised some of the money and are awaiting confirmation of the federal government funding.

We hope we can continue to count on your support.

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The Bunker Military Museum held the launch, October 1st. of the virtual exhibit *Exploring Small Town Canada at War*. Project Manager was Dan Laroque, content developer and scriptwriter was Brit Griffin while producer and context developer was Drew Gauley. The contents for the First World War were drawn from the diary of Lt.-Col. Bryon Cooper Sisler who although not from Cobalt, enlisted from here when he was visiting Cobalt friends. The World War Two segment follows the Algonquin Regiment as it entered Holland and Belgium. It is based on a painting by Brigadier-General George L. Cassidy.

The Museum received a grant of \$200,100 from the Federal Government's Canadian Heritage Information Network and contributed \$50,000 itself to the project. Find it at www.smalltowncanadaatwar.com.

Cobalt Shines is an event slated for November 4th when stores and museums will remain open from 10 in the morning until 9 o'clock in the evening. There will be free draws and store specials with a grand prize valued at over \$800. After closing, the Miners Tavern will feature Trevor Alguire. More details can be found online at www.wmpub.ca/CobaltShines.

Coincidentally down in Waterloo on November 4th at the *Canadian Archaeology Association* meeting, Norman Hawairko will be giving an illustrated talk on the mapping by the drone company *North Country Aerial* of the industrial sites in Coleman and Cobalt i.e. the mining and mill foundations. From thirty feet above ground, these photos are awe inspiring. Hopefully Norm will be able to visit the mining drift project located in one of the tunnels at Waterloo University where machinery provided by the *Cobalt Historical Society* is located.

Our condolences to the family of **Cal Taylor** who passed away October 24, 2016. In lieu of flowers, Cal requested donations to charity, including the *Temiskaming Foundation* —Historic Cobalt Fund.

If you have tried to log into the website for the Cobalt Historical Society and have become confused, you are not alone. The domain name has been taken over by someone else and is no longer available to us. How that happened is still being investigated. The new website for the Cobalt Historical Society is **HeritageSilverTrail.ca** or **HeritageSilverTrail.com** and is being re-constructed.