

Attending the ceremonies in Vancouver (L-R): D/Commr. Farrell, Mrs. Larsen and Insp. Lensen, with RCMP veterans and former "S^t Roch" crew members.

Deputy Commissioner J.D. Farrell, Commanding Officer, "E" Division (British Columbia), welcomed the guests and introduced the "E" Division Ceremonial Troop. Led by Inspector G.A.C. Lensen, the Troop carried two period uniforms (1940s) and a Narwhal tusk collected by Henry Larsen on one of his many Arctic voyages. D/Commr. Farrell presented the artifacts to the "St Roch" National Historic Site for future display. Mr. David Bowes, Director of the Parks Canada office in Calgary, brought greetings and congratulations from the Minister of the Environment, The Honourable Jean Charest. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Vancouver Maritime Museum, where invited guests were treated to a tour of the harbour aboard the RCMP catamaran "Nadon".

None of this would have been possible without the cooperation and assistance of the Canadian Parks

Service, especially Gordon DeJean and Jervis Swannack, who are responsible for the preservation of the "S^t Roch". Also attending the ceremony was Jim Delgado, Director, Vancouver Maritime Museum, which houses the "S^t Roch".

On the same day, similar events took place at the National Museum of Science and Technology, in Ottawa, Ontario, and at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, in Halifax. In all three locations, Public Affairs Directorate launched a new historical booklet "St Roch, Passage into History" and a colourful poster highlighting the 1940-1942 voyage. The poster is based on an original painting by Ottawa artist Mike LeBlanc, commissioned by the RCMP to mark the "St Roch" anniversary, which now hangs in a Senior Executive boardroom at Headquarters. By all accounts, festivities at the various locations were well attended.

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