



The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal

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Dear Friends,

The 92nd Annual Meeting of The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal will be held on Monday evening, **June 13, 2011 at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.** We sincerely hope you will be able to join us for this special evening of fun, fellowship and enlightenment.

Our Program

Special guest speaker will be Dr. Henry Roper, Past President of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. His presentation entitled "**Complications & Contradictions - The Life & Times of Judge Thomas Chandler Haliburton**" will be a colourful account of this famous author, judge, politician and lawyer. Haliburton practiced law in Annapolis Royal and represented Annapolis County in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly from 1826 to 1829.

Recognized as the first international best-selling author from Canada, he wrote a diverse number of books on history, politics, and farm improvement. His **An Historical and Statistical Account of Nova Scotia**, published in 1829, was the area's first history book. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow used it as reference when he wrote the poem "Evangeline" about the Acadian deportation. Haliburton's humorous adventures of the Sam Slick character in **The Clockmaker** series of novels became extremely popular light reading when it was introduced in 1836 and helped popularize many sayings still used today such as "the early bird gets the worm" and "quick as a wink".



Judge Thomas Chandler Haliburton
(1796 ~ 1865)

Our Guest Speaker

Dr. Henry Roper is a retired professor of humanities at the University of King's College, where he also served as vice-president, registrar and director of the King's Foundation Year Programme. In 2009 King's awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Canon Law (D.Cn.L.).

Dr. Roper is a graduate of Dalhousie and the University of Cambridge, from which he received a Ph.D. in history in 1972. Prior to his career at King's he taught at Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, and Huron College, University of Western Ontario, London Ontario. He is the co-editor of volumes 3 and 4 of the *Collected Works* of the well-known Canadian political philosopher George Grant, published by the University of Toronto Press in 2005 and 2009. He has published many articles and reviews in British and Canadian history, particularly on the intellectual and religious life of Nova Scotia. He is a regular book reviewer for the *Halifax Sunday Herald*. Dr. Roper is a past president of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society (president, 2009-11) and was for a number of years parish historian at St. George's Anglican Church, Halifax.

Hope You Can Join Us!

The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal is very honoured to have Dr. Roper with us for our 2011 Annual Meeting. The Historical Association was founded in 1919 as an association of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. Annual dues are \$5. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at **902-532-3034**.

Sincerely,
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President