



FORT ST. JOHN-NORTH PEACE
MUSEUM












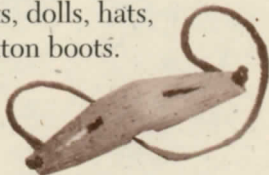
A priceless collection



*You may be surprised by
some things you see here,
and puzzled by others!
Have fun
exploring...*



-  a trapper's cabin
-  a teepee
-  a blacksmith's shop and antique farm equipment
-  a 1921 school room
-  a 1930's dentist's office
-  the 1930 Outpost Hospital room
-  Finch's General Store
-  fully furnished rooms of a pioneer home:
- the cosy kitchen with its wood stove; the living/ dining room with its beautiful organ; the bedroom complete with quilts, trunks, dolls, hats, furs and high button boots.
-  the fabulous collection of wildlife mounts
which includes a non-typical mule deer, recorded by the Boone & Crockett Record



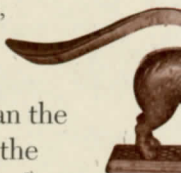
Book. See also the superb collection of archaeological artifacts.

*The things they left behind
are as varied as the people of
the Peace... crude, refined and
everything in
between!*



As colourful as the stories they told, are the pioneers, our true national treasures! Meet **"MA" MURRAY,**

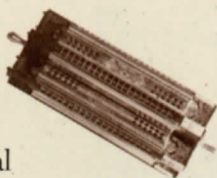
founder/editor of the Alaska Highway News, whose spicy, controversial style made her famous nationwide; and **GRANT McCONACHIE** whose bush pilot business, once based at Charlie Lake, grew to become Canadian Pacific Airlines; and partners **WILDE AND LAWLESS**, who began the popular "Wilde & Lawless Stampede" in the early '40's; and **BELLA YAHEY**, a Beaver Indian, who, when she died at age 118, was believed



to be the oldest woman in Canada; and **DR. KEARNEY** who saved many a life including that of one Gordon Stock, stranded 600 miles north, in urgent need of brain surgery, which was duly accomplished



using a radio transmitter, a nervous airline manager, **JACK BAKER**, as surgeon, and a razor blade!; and **ANNE YOUNG**, first RN in the North Peace, who delivered over 300 babies, sometimes travelling to homesteads by horse, through temperatures as low as -70°F !; and **MONICA STORRS**, courageous Anglican Missionary whose tiny Chapel of the Holy Cross; now on the grounds of the museum, is still host to an occasional wedding; and hundreds more whose courage



and endurance opened up this country, the benefits of which we reap today.

*"How history makes one shudder
and laugh by turns!"*

WALPOLE

TOURS: Schools, bus tours and other groups are especially welcome. For guided tours by a local pioneer, please book in advance. Call 250-787-0430

ADMISSION: Small admission fee charged.
Members and preschoolers: free

OPEN: All year, Monday to Saturday, 9am-5pm

WHERE TO FIND US: Turn north off the Alaska Highway onto 100th Street. We are beside the oil derrick to your right.



GIFTSHOP: Unique gifts, souvenirs, T-shirts, excellent books on the Peace Country—many by local authors, videos and more.

MEMBERSHIP: The North Peace Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of the North Peace. Volunteers from the Society assist the curator in maintaining the museum and do fundraising events throughout the year. New members, new ideas and, of course, donations are heartily welcomed!



Yes it happened here! Do you know the answers?

HOW do we know that someone lived at Charlie Lake Cave 10,500 years ago?

See the evidence at this museum!

WHO gave the Peace River its name when they settled their territorial dispute at Peace Point and vowed "Until the river runs dry, there will be peace between our people?"

See the native display at this museum.

WHAT was the name of the oldest white settlement in BC and first trading post (1794), a direct ancestor of Fort St. John?

See the maps and read the facts at this museum.

WHY did Charles Bedaux spend approximately \$250,000 in a futile attempt to drive across the wilderness of Northern BC in

1934, with his wife, his mistress, 47 staff, five Citroën half tracks and 130 horses to carry supplies.

See the photos and the video at this museum.

WHEN was the Alaska Highway completed? It took only 8 months and 12 days using 10,000 American troops, 7,500 civilians and 11,000 pieces of equipment at a cost of \$115 million!

Find out more about the world famous Alaska Highway at this museum.

WHERE was the first oil strike in BC in 1951 which led to the discovery of Westcoast's first natural gas field?

Find out more about the history of the petroleum industry at this museum.





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