



**The Ireland Canada Monument Newsletter**  
**Nuachlísir Shéadchomhartha na hÉireann agus Cheanada**  
**In Recognition of the Contribution of Irish Canadians to Canada.**  
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**Ní bheidh ár léithéidí arís ann! *There will never be the likes of us again***  
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**CLARIFICATION re Newsletter 79.5 MN 2013 06 28 Special Edition.**

The Canal Workers Commemoration Group (CWCG) based in Ottawa, Ontario have brought to our Society's attention that an article within the recent issue of our newsletter and titled [79.5 MN 2013\\_06\\_28 Special issue](#) relating specifically to the Rideau Canal Workers Memorial dedication event held at the Ottawa Lock station on June 20th 2013 is not accurate and requires clarification.

In response, the Ireland Canada Monument Society accepts that the article in the 79.5 MN 2013 06 28 issued is incomplete, specifically in providing due credit to other individuals and/or groups whose efforts may have helped bring about the recognition of the Rideau Canal workers.

Therefore, the Ireland Canada Monument Society extends a sincere apology to the Canal Workers Commemorative Group and that group's leader Mr. Kevin Dooley for any erroneous impression given unintentionally in the article noted.

Our Society extends sincere congratulations to Mr. Dooley and the CWCG for their continuous efforts in having the canal workers recognized by Parks Canada recently.

To address matters, the Ireland Canada Monument Society encourages readers of our newsletter to review the Irish Ambassador's message to the CWCG and the report on the event in the *True North Perspective* in the most recent Embassy of Ireland newsletter. See ([http://truenorthperspective.com/Friday\\_21\\_June\\_2013/Dooley](http://truenorthperspective.com/Friday_21_June_2013/Dooley)). That newsletter is circulated to Ireland Canada Monument supporters in Canada and Ireland and is also available at <http://irelandmonumentvancouver.com/the-embassy-of-ireland-ottawa>

Our Society would also like to ensure that due recognition is given to those others whose efforts in recent years to create awareness of the Rideau Canal workers.

Particular acknowledgement is given to Mr. Tony O'Loughlin of the Kingston Great Hunger committee and the Kingston Irish Folk Club for their dedication since 1985 to create awareness of the Rideau Canal workers contribution. Mr. O'Loughlin led the processes to erect several Celtic crosses in honour of the Rideau Canal workers at the south end of the canal near Kingston Ontario.

We also thank the distinguished patrons of The Ireland Canada Monument project who have allowed their names be included on the letterhead of Ireland Canada monument correspondence. A cordial letter was issued by our Society to the Historic Sites and Monument's Board of Canada early in 2012 asking that consideration be given to the Rideau Canal workers recognition and our Society is certainly delighted by both the HSMBC and Parks Canada recent decision and commemoration ceremony to provide recognition.

To all others, who have helped in any way to bring about recognition of the Rideau Canal Workers, our Society certainly salutes your efforts.

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