

The Ireland Monument – Canada *Séadcomrtha na hÉireann – Ceanada*

In Recognition of the contribution of the Irish people to Canada.

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- 1 Since September 2007, Scoil Gaeilge Vancouver has made an on going contribution to The Ireland Monument. Thus far, the diligent work of a few people has led to the contribution of \$750 by the Scoil Gaeilge to the Ireland Monument-Canada. The committee would like to particularly thank teachers Tadhg McKeown, Síle Ní Chéidigh and Conor O'Reilly and students Brian Kaneen, Damian McElgunn, Gery Bradley, Yvette Cassidy and Theresa Thoreson for their continued support. Eighteen students are presently enrolled and learning Irish in Scoil Gaeilge and more have expressed interest to attend the school. It is a clear indicati on that the promotion of the Irish language in Western Canada is helping to promote The Ireland Monument project. Thank You. Go raibh maith agaibh.

- 2 Dr. Garth Vaughan and his wife Lauren recently visited Windsor Nova Scotia where he was invited to his Elementary School to speak to three regional Grade 6 groups as a "Local Author" and "Artist". The teachers have been doing a study of Dr. Vaughan's career with the children and then invited him to visit them. Dr. Vaughan presented the students with a large watercolor painting of a local farm in winter which the students will in turn present to the school on the day of their "graduation" into Junior High - Grade 7 as the beginning of an Art Gallery for the school. The photo shows Dr. Vaughan presenting his artwork to Mrs. Traci Pinch at the Windsor Elementary School in Nova Scotia.



- 3 The following note was submitted by Mr. James Carney Vancouver B.C., a long time supporter of The Ireland Monument - Canada. *"I believe the Fortside Park location would be an excellent site. While it is now a bit below the radar for most Vancouver residents, it represents a truly historic locale in terms of the early and continuing development of Vancouver and western Canada. It is close to many tourist venues, from Canada Place on the west to the old Ballantynes Pier (landing point for thousands of expat Canadians - including the Carneys from Shanghai in the 1930s - and immigrants) and the Rogers/BC Sugar Museum/Van Term complex to the east. That stretch of waterfront already includes the Seabus / Canada Line nexus and the proposed site for the Vancouver Whitecaps' stadium and is only a few blocks from Gastown. The area was and remains the heart and soul of Vancouver's role as Canada's major Pacific port over some 160 years and will see major redevelopment with the completion of the Canada line and the eventual rejuvenation of the Downtown Eastside and Waterfront Road. It echoes the theme of the Irish as immigrant, a Pacific bookend to the bronze statue on Cobh in County Cork, Ireland) dedicated to the Irish who emigrated to North America in the 19th century." Upper photo commemorates Annie Moor's departure from Cobh, County Cork in 1891. Lower Photo is a view of the North Shore Mountains from Portside Park Vancouver B.C.*



- 4 We forward congratulations to Mr. Christy Cooney from County Cork, newly elected President of the GAA who recently succeeded Mr. Nicky Brennan.

- 5 We wish to inform all our loyal supporters that we are currently looking forward to a positive response from The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation regarding a site for the Ireland Monument at Portside Park in Vancouver. B.C.

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