

New internment memorial embodies spirit of original

In 2008, the Government of Canada set up the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF, www.internmentcanada.ca). An Endowment Council that includes several of the affected ethno-cultural communities was established to support educational and commemorative initiatives that hallow the memory of the internees.

One of their projects is to fund the repair or reconstruction of existing internee cemeteries across Canada. A representative of the Endowment Council, Christopher Adam, PhD, professor of history at Carleton University, contacted us in December of 2009 because the Council wanted to help Kapuskasing restore its cemetery.

Marc Clavelle and I talked with Dr. Adam about our vision for a restored internment/prisoner of war cemetery. We wanted to build an exact replica of the original to honour what the internees/prisoners built.

With the help of Anne Juneau and Yves Labelle, exact measurements of the original monument were taken and a drawing made from which the contractor, Ward Construction, could reproduce the monument.

Of course, I added my two-cents as regards historical details, like keeping the cannonballs, the cross and the metal plaque bearing the names of the deceased and replacing all of these items onto the new monument.

I had also asked to keep the large stones encased within monument. When peering into the original, broken monument, I could see a few large stones. I thought there might be a dozen or more. Maybe we could use these as decorations around each headstone.

The project started on August 16 with the demolition of the original monument. Marc Clavelle and I went to the cemetery on the 17th. When we arrived, we noticed a stone perimeter on the inside of the existing fence. These are the stones found on the inside of the original monument and base. This "rock



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fence", which is now a permanent fixture in the cemetery, runs from the first burial plot, along the southern part of the fence and finishes at the monument.

This amount of rock was surprising, to say the least. I thought there were only a few. The construction crew informed me that the entire monument was built on these large rocks. It seems that the internees/prisoners made the crude form of the base, filled it with rocks, put some scrap metal rods on top of the rock base and covered it with three inches of cement.

For the pyramid-shaped structure, the internees/prisoners piled rocks into the desired shape and covered it with three inches of cement. There wasn't even any chicken wire or any other type of support structure around the pyramid shape to hold the rocks in place.



This aspect of the construction is the one I find most surprising. With such a lack of proper building materials, the internees/prisoners built an impressive monument in honour of their fallen comrades. It's surprising and heartening that the monument lasted as long as it did.

For too many years though, there have

been complaints about the poor state of our internment/prisoner of war cemetery. Funding and budgets have not allowed for improvements or repairs, until now. The generous financial assistance of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund is recognized and appreciated. They have made this project possible.



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