



Lest We Forget November 11, 2014

The photo at the left is of the Dedication of the Memorial Arch on Marine Drive on July 5, 1925 by Viscount Byng of Vimy, the Governor General of Canada.

Attend this year's Remembrance Day Service at this site. It will mark the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of World War I on August 4, 1914, in which 67,000 Canadian soldiers died and 250,000 were wounded out of a force of 620,000 with a population of just over 7 million.

Heinz Berger Wins Award

Heinz Berger, the retired West Vancouver Parks Manager and frequent columnist for "Memories", was honoured by the BC Society of Landscape Architects on April 12, 2014. The **BCSLA Exceptional Contribution to the BCSLA Award** "is presented to Members working who are making a lasting contribution to the profession and its relationship to the Society." Congratulations for a well deserved honour, Heinz.

Through his innovative designs and farsseeing decisions re parks and playgrounds, Heinz made great contributions to the West Vancouver community from the 1960s to the 1990s. His contributions range from small community parks to Ambleside Park. He invented forms of playgrounds, new landscaping and even the Ambleside Pitch and Putt and Hugo Ray Park. His fingerprints are everywhere in the community. Heinz wrote many of his reminiscences for "Memories" and the Municipal Archives. We have published several of these over the past few years. Heinz tells me that he

is now going to concentrate on his memoirs covering his boyhood in Germany to today. We look forward to reading the final work. We have quite a backlog of his articles and will continue to publish them in coming issues.

The following humorous anecdote is on Memorial Park.

At one time a young couple was visiting from Scotland because their parents had lived in West Vancouver. They loved our Memorial Gardens. They asked me if we could plant six heathers in the Gardens in memory of their parents. I told them the area they selected was too shady for heathers but we could plant them next to the entrance on Marine Drive across from the Library. There they would get the full sun. They asked "How much would it cost?" I told them \$3.60 plus tax. They agreed but said they would like a little bronze plaque on them. I told them that our Parks and Recreation Commission would not like plaques on every donation and besides the plaque would cost much more than the heathers. At that point they said "We would not pay for the plaque, you would have to." At that moment I knew they had come from Scotland.