



Out with the old in with the new

The opening of the Colonel John Roaf Barber Amoury September 18, 1994







A new era for the Lorne Scots

C Company of the Lorne Scots, its band and Army Cadets officially moved into their new residence, The Colonel John Roaf Barber Armoury, 91 Todd Road in Georgetown on September 18.

The \$7.6 million building, situated on 3.5 acres, is a 100-person armory, the prototype which will be constructed for reserves across Canada. The main building (photo top right) is 2,500 square metres and the second building (bottom right) has a four bay vehicle garage and POL room. Facilities includes C Company offices and orderly room, cadet offices and QM room, Band offices and QM room, drill hall, four classrooms, five position small arms range, parking for 56 cars, quartermaster stores, sports field, three messes, kitchen facilities, and sports facilities (lockers and showers).

"This means we have gone from the 1800s to the 20th century in one fell swoop, which for us is really great. This strengthens the Georgetown unit," said Lorne Scot Commanding Officer Dick Irvine. He was referring to the old armory building (top left photo) they vacated at the Georgetown Fairgrounds; it was built in 1856.

The new building is named after Col. John Roaf Barber, a longtime Georgetown resident and World War II veteran who served with the Lorne Scots for more than 60 years and died in 1991. A plaque in his honor (middle photo) was unveiled by Major T.R. Barber CD and Major Paul Barber. Middle far right, MP Julian Reed gazes at a photo of his grandfather, Lt. Alex L. Noble of the 20th Lorne Rifles. The walls of the building are lined with old photographs.

The Lorne Scots continue to play a part in the defence of Canada as an outstanding unit in the Canadian Army Reserve. Fifteen members of the regiment are currently training to serve with the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the former Yugoslavia, and other members have served in the Golan Heights (Israel), Namibia, Cyprus and Cambodia.



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