

Maritime Trip Day 28 September 19, 2010 47 degrees F, Foggy, later sunny

No hurry today since most things to see open at 12:00 since it is Sunday. There was a heavy fog over the Bay when we got up but it cleared as the sun came out. The campsite has a great view of the water and the Hydro plant across the way. We did leave the campground after a late breakfast to find the Ferry dock so we'd be prepared for early departure (6:00 am) on Monday. Digby was 45 minutes away and a quaint little fishing village. We made a reservation for tomorrow's ferry ride—a 3 hour ride to New Brunswick. It is costly but saves 580 kilometers (7-8 hours driving).

We got back to Annapolis Royal about 1:00 and set about the walking tour of Lower St. George Street where many historic buildings are still in use today. The city is on the Bay of Fundy between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This city was the Colonial capital of Canada in the early 1700s and a pivotal player in the struggle for expanding the empires of France versus England. (The English won.) Later, it was a bustling Victorian port of trade and commerce and even later a fishing community. We found it to be a lovely little town with cute shops and a great 'Ye olde Pub' for lunch! The menu offered 'Rappie'--a sort of riced potato pancake with vegetables cooked in...We were going to try it, as it is a local Acadian dish but at the next table was a young lady who is a writer and a food critique. She strongly discouraged us by suggesting it was "one molecule away from paste"! Everywhere we've gone we've seen 'poutine' on the menu so today was the day to try it. It is 'fresh cut' French fries covered in melted mozzarella cheese and brown gravy. It turned out to be pretty tasty but a meal in itself!

Fort Anne is a National Historic Site at the edge of town with the oldest English graveyard in Canada. Was very impressive as was the lawn of the Fort containing hills and valleys used as a strategy to fight off the enemy.

Dominoes (Lorene won), tea and a pumpkin muffin and a scone to share ended our day.