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Looking back: a decade after Canso amalgamation

By Lois Ann Dort

GUYSBOROUGH – Ten years is a long time and for the people of Canso it has been a time of many changes since the decision made in 2012 to dissolve the Town of Canso and amalgamate with the Municipality of the District of Guysborough (MODG).

In light of the 10-year anniversary, M.G. Mader has decided to reissue a booklet he wrote about the Town of Canso in 2012, marking its dissolution, titled *The End of an Era*.

The Journal spoke with Mader last week at his home in Australia about the original book and the revised edition.

Mader was a student at Cape Breton University and the editor-in-chief of the university newspaper, when the Town of Canso caught his eye.

"I wrote a series of articles for the newspaper on Canso because it was the first town to dissolve, and I was studying political science, so I was interested in what was going on... I ended up working with the last mayor [of Canso] Frank Fraser to put together this booklet. There were

200 copies of it printed and it was given out at the town closing ceremony."

In the years since, Mader had been contacted several times by people who wanted a copy of *The End of an Era*, and that, in part, fueled the idea to reissue the publication.

"In the back of my mind, I always wanted to reissue it. In 2017, as a side project, I decided to start my own publishing company ... one of the benefits of having that infrastructure in place is that I can work on my own projects, as I like, so I started tinkering away at [The End of an Era booklet] in 2019.

"I thought it would be nice to actually make the booklet available to other people and to have it published in colour and then, the deeper I got into it, I ended up substantially rewriting most of it so that it covers the 10 years that have gone by since. It has ended up being twice the length of the original publication and covers right up to the beginning of 2020," said Mader.

The revised edition,

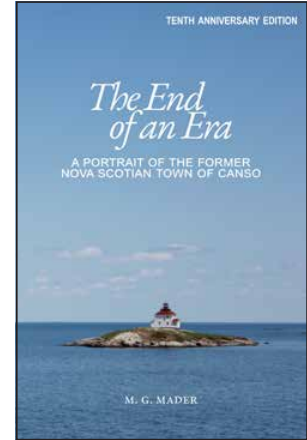
which is available on Amazon, has colour pictures and includes research done on local buildings, interviews done at the time of the dissolution and new developments in the area, including the recent proposal for a rocket launch facility near the former town.

The pictures – all taken by Mader while touring the town in 2012 with Fraser -- are from the original booklet, though in colour for the first time and in a larger format.

"It is definitely not a history of Canso. It's a picture of a time and place...It does tell the story of the end of Canso. It touches on the other towns that have dissolved in Nova Scotia



Author M.G. Mader (above). Re-issue of book detailing Canso amalgamation now available (right). Contributed Photos



since that time and the consequence of that, and the reasons that have led to that," said

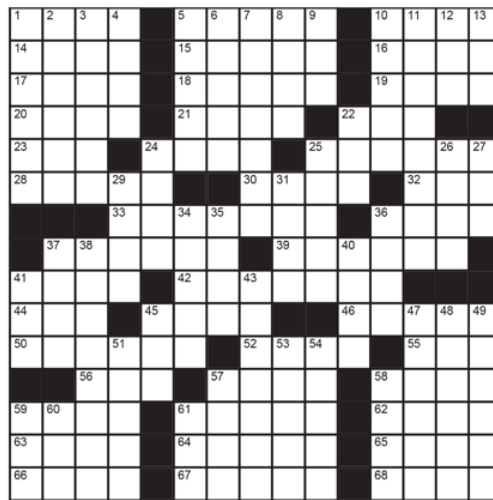
Mader of the book. The publication is best described as an armchair tour of the

Town of Canso, added Mader, as it faced the next chapter in its long history.

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