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As always the annual pot luck after the parade was a great success.

I would like to thank everyone who joined in and donated to the meal.

I would especially like to thank Marie Bugg, Bonnie Sharpe, Carol Best, Chris Laclerc and my sister Bea Beauchamp for taking over when I had to leave.

Thanks again. Great Job. Cathy Taylor

Keeping War Veteran Voices Alive

With Canada's Second World War veterans dying at a rate of about 500 every week, the battle to remember their sacrifices, to hear their stories in their own voices, grows more difficult along with their rapidly declining numbers.

It's one reason why Dominion Institute's Memory Project is taking on an increasingly important role in ensuring Canadians never forget.

Only a single veteran from Canada's First World War army and an estimated 220,000 Canadian Second World War vets are still alive, but all of them are reaching advanced ages.

"We often talk about that torch of remembrance being passed from one generation to the next – this is the generation that needs to pass it," said Jeremy Diamond, the institute's director of history and citizenship programs.

"The next couple of years are really going to be telling for what stories survive."

The Institute began its Memory Project in 2001 with a view to keeping alive the stories of Canada's veterans after their passing. The initiative grew out of a surge in interest that followed the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in 1945 and the realization that so much had already disappeared.

"That was the first time that people really looked at these veterans," Diamond said.

"I hear from veterans all the time who say, 'No one asked us what we did. No one asked us what our experience was.'"

With a newfound determination and urgency to preserve a vital part of Canadian history, a few dozen vets in