



THE HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Take a look in your parents' storage trunk in the attic and if you see a sweater anything like the one above, call Phil Pritchard at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

This Montreal Maroons sweater from the 1920s is one of the oldest in the Hall's archives. The hockey museum would love to hear from you if you have a sweater even half that age and are willing to donate it for conservation and conversation purposes.

"Sweaters, sticks, equipment, photo collections, artifacts, anything that deserves to be preserved for hockey fans to see," said Craig Campbell, manager of the resources centre and archives. "We'll display or preserve anything and everything we get."

Campbell can say that now because the HHOF expanded its resource capacity about 10-fold by moving into the Doc Seaman Resource Centre in Etobicoke, Ont. The Hall exhibits open to the public are still at BCE Place in downtown Toronto.

The Hall of Fame opened its archival doors to The Hockey News for the purposes of this magazine. For every epic sweater we encountered, there were a dozen more in storage. And each one had a really interesting story to tell. That's why we're extending the invitation to owners

or keepers of old hockey sweaters (and artifacts) to consider passing them along to the Hall of Fame.

The first thing the Hall of Fame will do with the jersey, or other donated textile, is to double-freeze it for several days.

"It's done strictly as a precautionary measure," Campbell said. "We had a sweater donated to us a few years back from an old NHLer and he admitted it had spent the previous two or three decades hanging up in an old boat house in the Muskokas.

"It was a terrific sweater from his junior days, but because it had natural fibers, there's always the chance we were inheriting a family of moths with it."

So off the sweater went to the freezer for a couple of days, then it was removed for a day before going back in the icebox for two more days. The second freezing being a double precaution in case any form of bacteria went into hibernation mode during the first freeze.

"We're really excited to be moving into the new resource center," Campbell said. "We had to hold off accepting artifacts the past few months because we were in packing mode, but we're back in business again and eager to hear from people."

Sounds like *Greatest Jerseys of All-Time Part 2* in a few years.

