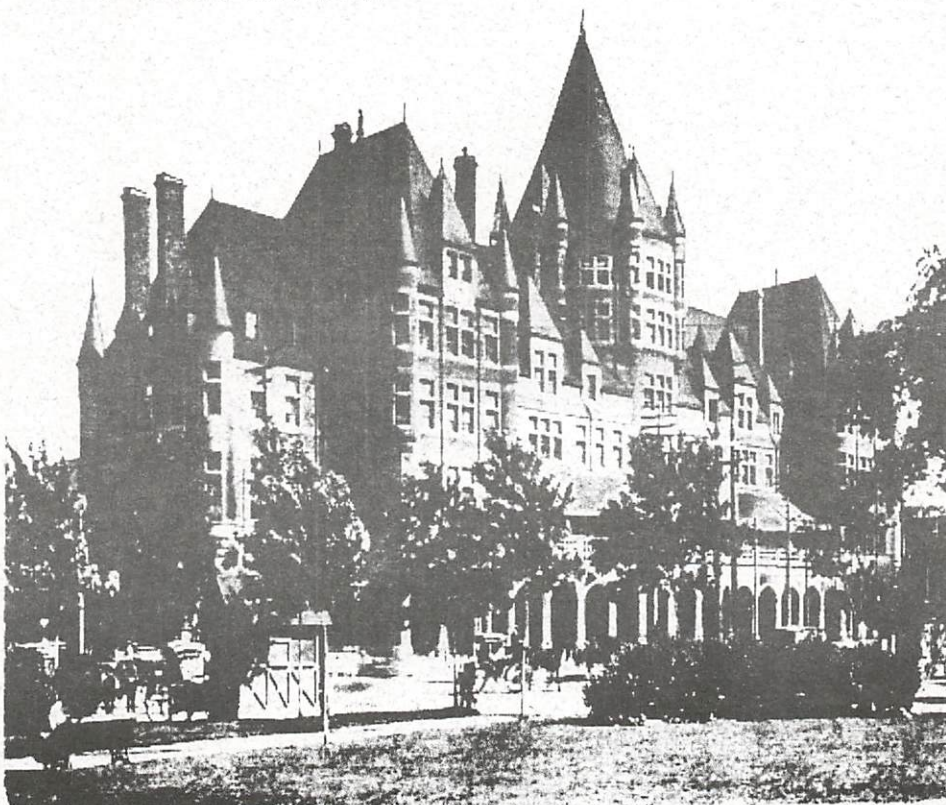


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AT VERY LONG LAST! ACCESS TO POST-1901 CANADIAN CENSUS RECORDS

by Lorraine Gosselin

After many years of determined effort, the answer came with unexpected speed early on June 28 - on a motion of Hon. Dominic LeBlanc (Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) our parliamentarians gave unanimous consent to pass Bill S-18 *an Act to amend the Statistics Act*, to allow for the release of historic census records. So, the Bill for which we had been waiting for so long passed third reading and was adopted. Only Royal Assent, a formality, was left to be obtained. **The main question at this time is *when* ?**

A notice from Library and Archives Canada gave the following information in mid-July, while your September issue of *Connections* was being edited. "Bill S-18 has now received Royal Assent. Under this amended legislation, personal census records for censuses taken between 1911 and 2001 will be made available through Library and Archives Canada 92 years after each census took place. Library and Archives Canada has received the official transfer of the 1911 census records from Statistics Canada. To facilitate access to these records, a number of standard policies and procedures need to be followed before the product is launched. We are working very hard to release this information to researchers and the general public as quickly as possible. We hope to do this by early August."

www.collectionscanada.ca/whats-new/013-233-e.html But by July 21, well in advance of the early August start date we had been promised, it was available at www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html.

A further note concerning microform:

"As part of making the 1911 census available, we are planning to have inter-library loan services as well as make the microform available for purchase. Overall, the process for loan and purchase will be similar to what we did for the 1906 census. Our expectation is that the microform copies will be available sometime after the launch of the online version as there are a number of processing procedures that need to be completed."

A bit of history ... for those who wonder what all the fuss is about. In the past, it was expected that historic Canadian census records would continue to be released on a regular basis, as they had always been. They were normally transferred from Statistics Canada to the National Archives, who made them available. However, at one point, there was some concern about the interpretation of privacy laws and other statutes that were felt should limit this access. To overcome this situation, several Private Members bills were presented in the Senate and the House of Commons over the years. But none ever made it through all steps before Parliament was adjourned. Many Senators and MPs were eventually involved. The most recent was Senator Lorna Milne, who many will remember for her opening speech at QFHS' Roots 2002. This was her reaction in her press release: "It is absolutely wonderful. This represents seven years of effort since I first raised a notice of inquiry in the Senate. The historic census finally has been secured as a public historic record for the use of all Canadians, and I could not be happier".

Who should we thank? As this has been in the works for many years, all of you who have signed numerous petitions are certainly among the long list of people who deserve thanks. The Senators and Members of Parliament who presented and supported this and previous bills deserve our thanks for their work on behalf of historians and genealogists. But most especially, Gordon Watts, indefatigable co-chair of the Canada Census Committee. Gordon has not only kept us informed with his own special mailing list, but spurred us to action, encouraged us to keep others informed, and taken action himself. His co-chair, Muriel Davidson, has posted notes, updates, and entreaties on genealogical mailing lists. Gordon's last letter, on June 27th, to the four Party Leaders and their House Leaders appears to be the last stimulus they needed to give unanimous consent without further discussion. See also his articles, and more historical information, on Global Genealogy's Web site at www.globalgenealogy.com/Census.

It will be very good to be able to consult the census ... and for many of us ... not to have our hopes of access alternately raised then dashed by the sometimes daily E-mails, especially in the last several months.

From The Editor

The Cover Postcard:

The postcard on the cover of this issue of CONNECTIONS, taken circa 1900, is of the Place Viger Hotel and Railway Station. This magnificent building was erected in 1898 by the Canadian Pacific Railway and is still a well-known Montreal landmark. During the early 1900s it was considered a very fashionable hotel, but with the decline of the surrounding neighbourhood and the Great Depression it closed in 1933. The station closed in 1951. It is located close to Old Montreal, near the Quebec National Archives (ANQ) Montreal.

Articles in this Issue:

As you will see in Lorraine Gosselin's write-up on the preceding page the 1911 Canadian census is now available for viewing by the public at the National Archives of Canada and on their website. This long-awaited event will, I'm sure, be welcomed by all QFHS members as well as genealogists around the world. Mark Gallop's article on page 15 updates us on the progress the transcribers at Automated Genealogy are making indexing the Canadian censuses. Both are extremely informative articles for anyone tracing their Canadian roots. Other interesting articles in this issue of Connections include; *Milk, Privy Pits and Death* by Robert Wilkins, describing the appalling, unhygienic conditions of Montreal a hundred years ago and the related death rate ... especially infants. There are three short articles by Isabel Bailly on the Argenteuil region of Quebec. *Strangers in our Midst* recounts the story of two strangers who settled in the little village of St Andrews in 1907. *The Schools of Argenteuil* describes the educational system in this rural area from its early beginnings in a log schoolhouse in Lachute in 1801. And, *Plowmen of Argenteuil* gives a detailed account of annual competitive matches between neighbours and friends, naming many of the participants, organizers and judges - all residents of this area.

Activities for your Fall Calendar:

It is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close. The weather is still extremely hot, here in Quebec, although not as humid as it was in July. But the cooler weather and shorter days will soon be upon us - a time to get out and enjoy the blazing colours of Autumn and plan your Fall activities. You will see on page 4 that the QFHS will be holding an Open House and Book Sale on the week-end of September 30th, October 1st and 2nd. A good opportunity to invite your family and friends to visit the QFHS Library and explore some of the resources available for family history research, one of the fastest growing hobbies in the western world. You will note also that there will be a series of free orientation sessions given at the Library throughout the months of September, October, November and December. This is for QFHS members only on how to research in the Library and how to use the Library's computers. An interesting line-up of speakers has been planned for the *QFHS Monthly Lecture Series* which include a discussion on rare and second-hand books as important resources for finding out more about the life and times of ancestors. A case study on tracing an ancestor with a very common name. And, an illustrative example of one QFHS member's genealogical research. On page 3 - *QFHS News and Notes* I have reprinted directions to St Andrew's Church, in Lachine, where these lectures will be held. Printable directions and map will also be found on the QFHS website. There are also numerous Seminars and Excursions planned by the QFHS in October, November and December, with a visit to the National Archives of Canada and the National Library of Canada in Ottawa in September. These are all detailed on pages 6 and 7.

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

FREE QFHS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Held the second Tuesday of each month September to December and March to May - 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine, QC

GUEST SPEAKERS [September, October, November, December 2005]

Date: Tuesday, September 13th 2005
Time; 7:30 p.m. @ St Andrew's United church, Lachine
Speaker: Ron Jordan
Owner of 'La Book-Tique'
Topic: "*The Wonderful World of Rare and Second Hand Books*"
The purpose of this lecture will be to examine the world of rare and second hand books which can be very important resources for finding out more about the life and times of your various ancestors

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Date: Tuesday, October 11th 2005
Time: 7:30 p.m @ St Andrew's United church, Lachine
Speaker: Alison Hare, CGRS
Professional Genealogist
member of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa
Topic: "*The Not So Impossible John Smith*"
Synopsis: commonly named ancestors can be the curse of our genealogical lives. But tracing them is not always as hopeless a prospect as it sometimes seems. This genealogical case study describes one genealogist's success in building a detailed picture of an ancestor despite the extreme ordinariness of his name

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Date: Tuesday, November 8th 2005
QFHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Time: 7:30 p.m @ St Andrew's United church, Lachine
Speaker: To be Announced

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Date: Tuesday, December 13th 2005
Time: 7:30 p.m @ St Andrew's United church, Lachine
Speaker: Bruce Henderson
Member of the Executive of the Quebec Family History Society
Topic: "*Adventures in the World of Family History Research*"
This will be an illustrated lecture on the various exciting discoveries that Bruce has made over the course of his genealogical research

QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

The QFHS Lecture Series are FREE and open to the public. So, bring a friend and enjoy an evening of interesting, informative presentations, questions and answers, and lively discussions on genealogy with other QFHS members over coffee afterwards.

DIRECTIONS: St Andrew's church is located on the west side of 15th Ave, on the north side of Boul. St. Joseph (a.k.a. Lakeshore). It is difficult to see the church from Boul. St. Joseph, as it is behind the old manse. On 15th Ave: The Church is set back from the street in a fenced area, the gate is part way down on the right. Take the path from the gate to side entrance of the church. *Use the side door entrance with steps.*

BY CAR

Parking is available on west side of 15th Ave (one way towards the water - south - from Notre Dame St.) along the fenced area of the church. Take the path from the parking area to side entrance - there are steps to the entrance. There is also a parking lot at the front of church, accessible by the private driveway on left of 1550 St Joseph (large grey house with red tile roof, previously the manse). The house is the first one east of 16th and the fourth house west of 15th. Walk to side entrance of the church. *Please do not park in this private driveway.*

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT Bus #195 passes along Notre Dame, just north of the church:

From the West Island: Bus #195 goes east-bound along Notre Dame and stops at 15th Ave. Walk south on 15th (towards the water).

From Montreal: The bus goes west along St Louis (which is parallel to and south of Notre Dame). It stops at 15th Ave almost across from the church. Take the path from the gate to side entrance.

For further information and printable directions visit the QFHS website at <http://www.cam.org/~qfhs> "Happenings" - *Public Lecture Series*

UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

To ensure that you receive all QFHS correspondence please send any changes in your e-mail address to: QFHS Secretary, Joan Benoit at: www_qfhs@cam.org with a copy to Sandy Brown, QFHS Public Relations at: Sandrabrown@videotron.ca Also, if you are not receiving e-mails about upcoming QFHS events and wish to please contact Sandy at the above e-mail address.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PAYMENT by VISA</u></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">The QFHS now accepts Visa on all transactions of \$10. Or more</p>

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FREE ORIENTATION SESSIONS at the QFHS LIBRARY

QFHS Secretary, Joan Benoit has arranged a series of FREE orientation sessions to be held at the QFHS Library. For further information and reservations please contact Joan at: 695 -1502

HOW TO RESEARCH IN THE QFHS LIBRARY:

Monday, September 12 th	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Monday, October 3 rd	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Monday, November 7 th	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Monday, December 5 th	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

USING THE QFHS LIBRARY COMPUTERS:

Thursday, September 8 th	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 6 th	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 3 rd	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, December st	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, September 11 th	1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, November 13 th	1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, December 11 th	1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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QFHS - OPEN HOUSE:

As part of the "*Journees de la Culture*" Festival the QFHS will be holding an Open House and Booksale the week-end of September 30th, October 1st and 2nd. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come in and learn what records are available in the QFHS library and where to find Information about Your Canadian, American, Irish, English and Welsh ancestors. EVERYONE is WELCOME so bring a friend. Anyone wishing to donate books may drop them off at the QFHS Library AFTER Labour Day. For further information about the *Quebec Journees de la Culture* visit their website at <http://www.journeesdelaculture.qc.ca/eng/index.htm>



DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES OF "CONNECTIONS" ARE:

DECEMBER ISSUE	OCTOBER 15 TH
MARCH ISSUE	JANUARY 15 TH
JUNE ISSUE	APRIL 15 TH
SEPTEMBER ISSUE	JULY 15 TH

ANYONE WISHING ANNOUNCEMENTS TO APPEAR IN A SPECIFIC ISSUE
PLEASE SUBMIT THE MATERIAL BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE

QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

2006 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN:

The Quebec Family History Society is a non-profit, volunteer organization which depends on membership fees, book sales, seminars, fund-raising events and the generosity of members and friends to meet its monetary obligations. In 2005 it was necessary to purchase new microfilm imaging equipment, at a cost of just over \$5000. This Cannon Microfilm Scanner, which is equipped with three lenses, will ensure that all copies made of all microfilm and microfiche will be as clear and concise as the originals, regardless of size. *Our Fund-Raising Campaign for 2006* will be to raise funds to offset the cost of this new imaging equipment. Tax receipts will be given for any contributions made.

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VOLUNTEERS !!

It is the Quebec Family History Society members working behind the scenes that help make our Society such a success. But more help is needed. If you are interested in volunteering some time to the QFHS and did not fill out the "volunteer" section of the Member's Questionnaire Form on the QFHS membership renewal form you can still volunteer for a number of interesting projects. For more information contact QFHS Secretary, Joan Benoit by phone, e-mail or drop by the QFHS Library

MORE HELP IS NEEDED

One goal of the QFHS is to have a single index of Non-Catholic and English Catholic marriages for the province of Quebec. We do need more volunteers willing to work with Derek Hopkins to accomplish this goal. This can be done at home, on your own computer via e-mail.

If you are interested, please contact the QFHS at: [www_qfhs@cam.org](http://www.qfhs@cam.org)

OR contact Derek Hopkins directly at: derek.hopkins@sympatico.ca

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 8TH 2005

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
WILL BE HELD AT ST ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
75 - 15TH AVENUE, LACHINE, QUEBEC
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH 2005
AT 7:30 P.M.**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

**PRESENTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS
AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ELECTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2005 - 2006
PRESENTING ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED APPROPRIATE**

**LORRAINE GOSSELIN
CORPORATE & RECORDING SECRETARY**

SEMINARS and EXCURSIONS

FAMILY TREE MAKER COURSE - BASIC

This session is given with our new projector which lets you see the actual computer screen rather than overheads. The Family Tree Maker course is easy to follow since it is possible to show how to use the software, what results are obtained, and illustrate answers to questions. We will be looking at many aspects of FTW, using Version 11.0. For a basic course, however, it is not important which version you are currently using or planning to use. Bring your questions, and as many as possible will be answered. Maximum 20. Please reserve early.

Lecturer: Lorraine Gosselin
Date: Saturday October 15th 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the QFHS Library
Fee: Members \$20 non-members \$25

FAMILY TREE MAKER - ADVANCED

For this session, attendees should either have taken the Basic Family Tree Maker Course, or be at ease using all basic features of the software. The course will include creating family books and scrapbooks, adding pictures, file manipulation - joining, merging, etc, incorporating files downloaded from the Family Search (Mormon) Web site, an overview of creating your own Web site with FTW and more ... We will be using Version 11.0 but many of the features are available in the earlier editions as well, so don't hesitate to sign up. Please reserve early. Maximum 20.

Lecturer: Lorraine Gosselin
Date: Saturday, October 29th 2005
Time: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the QFHS Library
Fee: Members \$20, non-members \$25

TRACING YOUR SCOTTISH ANCESTORS:

AN INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN SCOTLAND

The purpose of this seminar will be to examine the basic resources used in Scottish family history research as well as practical tips if you are planning a genealogical research trip to Scotland

Lecturer: Susan Gingras
Date: Saturday, November 5th 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m at the QFHS Library
Fee: Members: \$20.00 - Non-Members: \$25.00

ANCESTRY.COM: HOW TO USE IT PROPERLY

The Ancestry.com website contains well over three billion records. The purpose of this seminar will be to examine the ways in which these records can be most effectively accessed and used.

Lecturer: Gary Schroder
Date: Saturday, November 19th 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the QFHS Library
Fee: Members: \$20.00 - Non-Members: \$25.00

SEMINARS and EXCURSIONS

CAVALIERS and ROUNDHEADS: ENGLISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The purpose of this seminar will be to examine the most important genealogical resources available on the internet for genealogical research in England

Lecturer: Gary Schroder
Date: Saturday, December 3rd 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the QFHS Library
Fee: Members: \$20.00 - Non-Members: \$25.00

VISIT TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA and NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA IN OTTAWA

Date: Friday, September 23rd 2005
Time: 7:30 A.M. "Sharp" [from: Q.F.H.S. Library - Pointe Claire]
Return: 6:00 P.M. [from Ottawa]
Fee: \$ 10.00 per person ~ to cover the costs of gas and parking for the Volunteer Drivers
Lunch: Bring your own - or - eat at the National Archives Cafeteria
Supper: We stop at an inexpensive restaurant in Ottawa before returning to Montreal.

If you are tired of researching you can easily visit the Parliament buildings, the Bytown Market area, and other places of historical interest as the archives are located in downtown Ottawa.

MINIMUM TWO [2] VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE NEEDED

A "FREE" TOUR OF MT ROYAL CEMETERY and NOTRE DAME des NEIGES CEMETERY

This "FREE" tour of both cemeteries will be conducted by QFHS President, Gary Schroder. During this four hour tour you will visit the resting place of more than 50 famous people including Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Mrs Anna Leonowens [the real Anna of "The King and I"] and victims of the *Titanic*.

Date: Sunday, October 16th 2005
Time: 10 A.M. - Tour Starts at The front gate of MOUNT ROYAL CEMETERY
1297 Chemin de la Foret, Outremont. Duration of tour: 4 hours

This is *not* a walking tour as the cemeteries are among the largest in Canada
THIS TOUR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE BRING A LUNCH

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS
ON ALL SEMINARS and TOURS
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AT 482-3418**

Montreal_1900
MILK, "PRIVY PITS," AND DEATH
by Robert N. Wilkins
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In its Monday, July 4, 1904 edition, The Montreal Star reported the astonishing and shocking fact that during the previous week 114 infants had died within the City of Montreal. (For this purpose, infant is defined as a child under two years of age.) It was further divulged that the total death rate for that week came in at 186, well above the normal average for the municipality. The peculiar mores of the time also necessitated the disclosure of the religious background of each of the defunct. Accordingly, 168 Catholics, 15 Protestants, and 3 Jews expired during the period June 27 through to July 2 inclusive. The reported cause of death was: Infantile debility - 106; consumption and other chest diseases - 13; whooping cough - 3; typhoid fever - 3; and measles - 2.

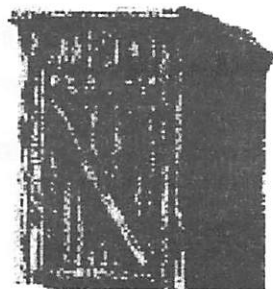
The dispatch went on as well to chastise mothers - especially young ones - for their implied responsibility for these appalling statistics.

In truth, the deceased children were extremely young - 71 under the age of six months, 33 between the age of six months and one year, and 10 between the age of one and two years. "Speaking of the heavy mortality among children last week the Medical Health Officer, Dr. Laberge, said the great cause of this mortality was due to the ignorance of young mothers of how to take care of their babies. What should be done was to organize an energetic society, which would have physicians attached to it, and whose duty it would be to instruct young mothers in all matters pertaining to the care of infants.

"Continuing the Medical Health Officer said many young mothers did not know how ill their babies were until it was too late to save them. If physicians were employed to go daily into the poorer sections of the city and give advice and medicines free, hundreds of lives would be saved every summer."

The general tone of the newspaper story (and the Medical Health Officer's comments) was somewhat condescending and, in addition, seemed to spurn the degree to which abject destitution afflicted the poorer classes of Montreal society. After all, was not "infant debility" often a medical euphemism for starvation? Nevertheless, the item proceeded: "Very frequently infants were taken suddenly ill on account of not being properly fed, and being neglected as to cleanliness. A society of women should be organized whose work it would be to teach mothers the care of infants. If these reforms were inaugurated, the Medical Health Officer was sure the heavy death rate in the city during the summer months would soon lessen."

The subsequent day (July 5), a follow-up article and an editorial appeared in that same newspaper. The former made reference to the belief amongst Montreal's aldermen that something had to be done immediately with regard to this city's unacceptably high death rate. On this occasion, the Medical Health Officer hypothesized that this tragic situation was also aggravated by the lingering presence of an inordinate number "privy pits" within the city. According to Mr. Laberge, "these pits were exceedingly dangerous to the health of infants." The Star's report continued with the comment that he (Laberge) was "glad to say that for some years the pits had been decreasing in number, thanks to civic ordinances against them; at the same time there were still far too many such pest holes in the city."



The next morning, the Medical Health Officer released the following data which clearly showed the dramatic decline in the number of "back houses" to be found within the city. For instance, in the year 1901 there was still an astonishing high total of 8891 "privy pits" in Montreal while two years later, that number had been reduced to 1549 - a very significant decrease. Of course, most of these "pest holes" were found in the impoverished parts of the city. In 1901, for example, St. Ann's (the poor, predominantly Irish ward of Montreal) led the unfortunate way with 1459 outdoor privies and, in 1903, again dominated the city but with the greatly reduced number of 252 of these disease carrying, unhygienic, anachronistic oddities.

It must be stated that Montreal's death rate in June of 1904 was, indeed, very high, standing at an incredible 23 per thousand. This contrasted very unfavourably with many other cities of a comparable size. For example, Chicago's rate stood at 13.5 (always per thousand); Hamilton, Ont. - 12.09; Cincinnati - 13.08; London, Ont. - 13.08; St. Louis, Mo. - 13.03; Hull - 18.3; Providence, R.I. - 18.5; New York - 19.1; Philadelphia - 19.2; San Francisco - 19.4; Boston - 20; Baltimore - 23; Mobile, Al. - 23.09; New Orleans - 24.08; Ottawa - 26.02; Quebec - 27.02; and Three Rivers (Trois Rivières) - 36.01.

In 1904, of one hundred Canadian and American cities for which statistics were obtained, Three Rivers had the highest rate while Hamilton came in with the lowest. The average death rate for most North American cities was 20.1 while seventy - five European cities averaged a mortality rate of 19.07. For six South American cities, the ratio was a staggering 32.01 per thousand.

As previously mentioned, The Star also ran that same day (July 5) an editorial about the issue of high infant mortality and the Medical Health Officer's analysis of the problem. Entitled "The Deadly Feeding Bottle" the

dispatch asserted that "there is something in the doctor's diagnosis of the case at any rate. We suppose there was a time when most human mothers, like the mothers of animals in general, knew by instinct how to take care of their young; but that was before the era of feeding-bottles. They learn something of the modern method from the advice of people who do not know much more about it than they do, and a good deal more from experiments on the babies."

For the editorialists of The Montreal Star, it was clear. "The source of most of the infantile mortality is the feeding-bottle, a deadly weapon in the hands of inexperience.....If there is anything the matter with the feeding-bottle, the baby is in an unfortunate plight, indeed."

Unquestionably, by twenty-first century standards, the editorial is permeated with an aura of sexism and male condescension. How else could the following be interpreted? "That there is something wrong the mother soon discovers, and then maternal instinct goes ahead and makes mistakes galore. Changes are made in the food which may be right or may be wrong, but are too frequently purely experimental."

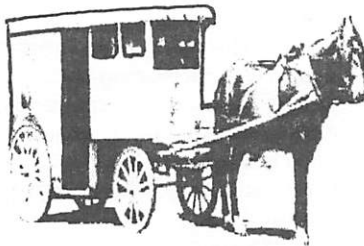
While, according to The Star, "poverty, bad air, bad water, high temperature, sudden changes of temperature, all find their victims," the newspaper, nevertheless, went on to declare its solidarity with Dr. Laberge's assertion that "many valuable lives could be saved with a little educational work among the mothers." Such was the perceived importance of this issue that only two days later The Star ran yet another editorial on the topic of the unacceptably high infant mortality rate and its causes.

EDITORIAL, July 7, 1904.

"Our privy pit statistics, which we publish every now and then, make edifying reading. That a city the size of Montreal should have a single privy pit within its borders is a scandal of first class dimensions. A man might as well be permitted to keep a germ-culture plant in his

back-yard with the cover off. It is encouraging to know that the number is being reduced; but the Health Committee should be in a position to report their entire disappearance before another summer comes around.

"The inspection of milk is another safeguard against disease - particularly among infants - which should be vastly improved. As Recorder Weir remarked the other day, we are more interested in clean milk than in rich food. It would be better to have water than dirt mixed with the babies' food. The



city might well make an extra effort during the heated term to see that the various milk dealers supplying the citizens take proper plans to clean and sterilize their vessels.

"The delivery of food is a kindred subject; for in no way can food accumulate dangerous filth more easily than by being carried uncovered through our dusty streets. This is a reform which the house-keepers can secure with legal assistance. They have only to refuse to deal with grocers and bakers who do not take pains to deliver their goods in a sanitary manner.

"The terrible 'slaughter of the innocents' which has so recently shocked us, has called attention to all these avenues by which disease finds so ready an access to our homes. For humanity's sake alone, we should take immediate and effective steps to close them. Nor can it be imagined that any home is safe so long as all are threatened. A proper amount of general attention to these things would mean the saving of many lives in Montreal in the course of a year."

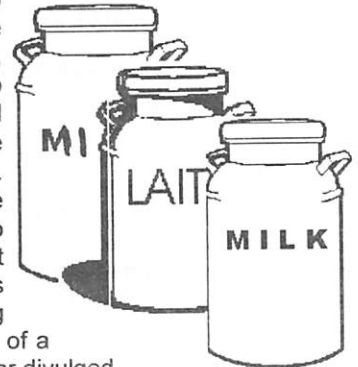
On July 9, the same newspaper again took up the question of "the impure milk evil." In an

article entitled "Health Committee to Grapple with Important Milk Problem," The Star reported that another meeting of the Health Committee had been held at City Hall to discuss the issue yet again. The Chairman, Mr. Dagenais, "stated that he, with several other members of the committee, had last evening called on a number of the surgeons of the city and discussed with them the milk question. They stated that it was one of great gravity and that steps should at once be taken to provide chemically pure milk for the city babies."

It was further reported that the Finance Committee would be asked to appropriate \$4,000 to \$5,000 to establish stations throughout the city for the allocation of free (or, at the very least, very low priced) quality milk to the poor of Montreal. At the same encounter, the issue of this city's water (also considered to be a major factor in the high mortality rate) came to the surface. The Health Committee decided that a rigorous evaluation would be made of the water by three distinct authorities - one from McGill, another from Laval University (then based in this city, and the forerunner to the Université de Montréal), and a third to be appointed by the municipality.

"There will be fifty-two different analyses extending over a period of a year," The Star divulged.

In so far as milk and infant mortality were concerned, the same newspaper had run the previous day (July 8) a brief item about a discussion between Mr. Recorder Weir and Alderman Dagenais, chairman of the Health Committee. During the conversation, Recorder



Weir informed Dagenais that it was his opinion that if the quality of milk within the city limits were better, the infant mortality rate would drop significantly. In that regard, the alderman said: "What should be done is to establish in different parts of the city dispensaries or depots where we could get milk from the surrounding country and distribute it to citizens. The farmers could arrange to supply the milk in sterilized bottles, say, of two or three ounces capacity. This milk would be specially for the use of young children. Mothers would send to these depots for sufficient milk to last twenty-four hours.

"Such a scheme would cost money, but I will go before the Finance Committee and see what can be done. No one can be more affected than I am at the loss of so many children's lives."

In 1904, it was customary that milk be delivered in cans and not bottles. This practice, in the opinion of the city milk inspector, Dr. Demers, was only aggravating an already bad situation. Furthermore, the good doctor felt that milk should not be kept in refrigerators next to other food items, a routine which he felt contributed to the contamination of the product. He also felt - for whatever reason - that grocery stores should not be permitted to market milk.



In so far as the question of milk being stored in cans is concerned, Recorder Weir that very day had levied a heavy fine on one Aaron Engel, who lived at 842 St. Lawrence Main. "Move those dirty, rotten milk cans over in front of the newspaper reporters so that they may act as jurors in this case," bellowed Justice Weir. "I never saw such a tremendous amount of filth before." Engel was arraigned for both peddling milk

without a license and for peddling "dirty" milk. According to The Star, "The Court Crier at once obeyed the command of the court, and proceeded to haul the dirty cans over to the reporter's table. Before he had completed his work, however, there were no jurors left. They had all decamped. The stench from the cans was too much for them, and they sought new quarters at the other side of the room." The city inspector said that the milk in one of Engel's cans was sufficient to kill 3,000 children!

Early the following week, The Star reported upon the creation of an organization entitled "L'Association de la Goutte de Lait." The society in question was formed as the result of a meeting Saturday night, July 9, at the residence of Dr. Dubé. It proposed "to furnish milk in a chemically pure form to all the children of the city."

The meeting at the good doctor's home declared that the society was determined to begin its important work immediately. "Arrangements will be made with milkmen whose record has been the best in the past, to furnish a supply of milk which will be treated in such a way as to free it from all germs. This will be superintended by the Montreal Foundling Hospital and the Sisters of Mercy, if they are willing to cooperate with the society." The news item went on to detail how, at a later date, L'Association de la Goutte de Lait would purchase "an apparatus to purify such milk as the society may require."

Considerable detail about the project was offered in The Star article. "Chemically pure milk will be distributed in bottles, hermetically sealed, to eight or nine dispensaries throughout the city, where it will be sold at cost price. It will be given free of charge (along with ice) to those who are unable to pay. At the start the society will only attempt to supply the sick babies but later both sick and well will benefit by the movement. Each bottle will contain only enough food for one feeding. In this way, the growth of malignant bacteria in the standing milk is prevented."

The Monday newspaper report went on further to inform their readers that pamphlets "on the care of babies" would soon be dispersed to parents through the milk distribution centres to be established. City Council would create the brochure while the Finance Committee would be expected to pay for the total bill, estimated at \$4,000 - \$5,000. Clearly, some limited measures to improve the situation were being taken.

Yet, in spite of these endeavours of the this city's Health Department and a newly formed, well-intentioned "Pure Milk League," Montreal's death rate by the middle of the month (July 10 - July 16) improved only marginally. The total number of deaths for that period was 181 - a drop of only five from the period two weeks earlier. Of

this number, 105 were infants - down nine from the late June, early July returns. Clearly it would require a long term strategy to turn the situation around.

In so far as the "privy pits" were concerned, the situation was, nevertheless, somewhat encouraging. The Star, in a very brief item, reported on July 13, 1904 that the number of privy pits had been reduced to 1187, with only one left in the centre ward of the city, and within a year or two all had, thankfully, disappeared.



Robert N. Wilkins is a Montreal area high school teacher and local historian. He is currently indexing deaths which appeared in the early 1900's in the defunct Montreal Star. This data base now contains over 39,000 entries and covers the period January 1, 1900 through to September 1, 1904. The index project is further described at www.geocities.com/montreal_1900. Mr. Wilkins may be reached at 514 - 524 - 5247 or at: montreal_1900@hotmail.com http://www.geocities.com/montreal_1900

BRITISH SOLDIER'S ODD FATE

By Jacques Gagne

From an article published in the 175th anniversary edition of The Quebec-Chronicle Telegraph in 1939, entitled "Old Gazette Story relates British Soldier's odd fate" Author unknown. The Quebec-Chronicle Telegraph was first published with the Quebec Gazette in 1764. They claim to be the Empire's oldest surviving newspaper enterprise. They still publish to this day an English weekly newspaper in Quebec City

Queer things have happened in the ancient city of Quebec and the following extract from the musty files of the old Quebec Gazette of 1793 seems to bear out the above statement. "On Tuesday last, about ten o'clock, Joseph Draper of the 7th Royal Fusiliers, whose execution for treason had been respited to that day, was brought out from the Barracks, dressed in grave cloths, and walking behind his coffin, which was covered with a pall, and carried by four men. The troops under arms marched slowly before and the musicians followed, playing dirges suited for the occasion, and a vast concourse of spectators attended. When this affecting procession had reached the place of execution, and the convict had prepared himself to suffer, and when the critical moment had arrived which was to have launched him into eternity - a PARDON was announced by His Royal Highness. The effect thereby produced in the mind of the unhappy man, who could then have nothing but death in view, as well as on the feelings of the spectators, may be easier conceived than expressed." *His Royal Highness was the Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria. He spent two years here in command of the Fusiliers.* A few days later a notice appeared in the Gazette to the effect that a soldier had shot himself, and many now believe it was Draper, who cracked under the terrific strain of a funeral procession before he was dead. This article, plus many others can be found at the QFHS Library under item #HG 154.9 Q7 1939

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As researchers into our roots, we delight in the moments when we catch a glimpse of the way our ancestors lived. In Quebec the notary documents contain a wealth of information. Each branch of the Archives Nationales du Quebec (ANQ) houses the records for their region - up to about 1899. The notary was an important person, handling various contracts of the day, including wills, marriage contracts, indentures/apprenticeships, land transactions including rental fees, estate inventories, and protests - to name a few. On a smaller scale we also will find renunciations of estates, contracts by people for specific work, rentals of everything imaginable - from homes to horses.

In future issues of *CONNECTIONS*, I will endeavor to include examples of some of these documents - to show the type of records that do exist. Information in court records often contain more family information than even a will.

I have been building a d/base index of notary and tutorship documents for about three years now. The majority cover the notaries who practiced around the Richelieu River through to Montreal. It costs nothing to ask if I have anything for a specific name.. but I charge a small fee of \$15 per document (includes up to 10 pages) to obtain and mail a photocopy of the actual document. I can be reached at predmile@total.net

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AUTOMATED GENEALOGY – AN UPDATE

by Mark W. Gallop

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In the June 2004 edition of "Connections" I recounted my impressions of the web project that was in the process of indexing the 1901 Canadian census and linking the results to other on-line records. Lorraine Gosselin added her own enthusiastic commentary. At the point of my writing, in April 2004, the 1901 census was a bit over 50% indexed. Progress since then has been so remarkable and enough features have been added that a revisit and update on this research tool is warranted.

TRANSCRIBING

With the corps of internet-linked volunteers growing in excess of 2500, progress on the 1901 indexing accelerated through to March 2005, when the last page, in the Wright District of Quebec, was declared transcribed. This did not end the growth in the project or leave the volunteer base idle however.

In addition to the 1901 census, Archives Canada has also digitized the original pages from the 1906 census of the western provinces. On-line indexing of this census is in progress with over 335,000 names transcribed, probably representing a bit over half of the total. The passage of Bill C-18 opens the door to the release of the 1911 Canadian census in digitized form possibly as early as August of this year, and this will provide fresh ground for indexing in a similar format.

There are also indications that the Archives intends to digitize earlier Canadian censuses and post them for on-line access, with 1851 being the most likely to come next. Individuals and societies have already prepared indexes for a number of areas, counties and even whole provinces for these earlier censuses, as they have done to a lesser extent for the 1901 and 1906 censuses. Despite the existence of these resources, the volunteers behind Automated Genealogy will almost certainly tackle older censuses when and if the Archives digitize them. The benefits of a national index available for consultation on-line and without charge, with the added ability to consult the original image, outweigh the duplication of effort.

PROOFING

Since the completion of the transcription portion of the 1901 project, many of the volunteers have turned their attention to proofreading the work of their fellow transcribers. The vagaries of turn-of-the-century handwriting and flaws in the digital images make transcribing more of an art than a science, so the intention is to have every census page reviewed by at least two people, the original transcriber and the proofer, both of whom can have their contributions acknowledged on the site. Some areas are so difficult to interpret that a second or third proofer would add to the accuracy of the index, and Automated Genealogy will acknowledge their contributions as well.

My own involvement with Automated Genealogy, as a contributor rather than just as a user, started when I added proofing notes for mistranscriptions related to my own family. Often family or local knowledge adds to the ability to correctly interpret the census data, and Automated Genealogy has features that allow even the casual user to submit proofing notes where they spot what they feel is an error or misinterpretation in transcription.

Of course, not all casual users understand that the objective of the index is to reflect what the enumerators actually wrote, whether or not this matches with family information. For these cases, a further feature of surname notes is provided to record this information. When I found my great

grandfather, the Rev. J. Stanley Dickson, recorded in his first parish in the Beauce as "Dixon" I was able to enter "Dickson" as a surname note so that he could be found by someone searching the index under either spelling.

I have since registered more formally as a volunteer and have proofread a number of sub-districts, focusing on those areas of Quebec where I feel I have some local knowledge.

LINKING

From its earliest days, part of the vision of Automated Genealogy was to link the indexed names to other on-line records of use to family historians, such as provincial vital records. In some cases an automated approach can be used to linking (hence the name of the project). For example, exact matches between the name and the date of birth resulted in 30,000 census names linked to New Brunswick birth records. Many other instances benefit from human interpretation however, and several volunteers have signed up for specific linking projects. These projects include linking between the 1901 census index and the attestation papers for soldiers of the First World War on the Archives Canada site, the war graves records on the Veterans Affairs website, the list of those who died in the Halifax Explosion on the Nova Scotia Archives site, and the list of British Home Children on the Archives Canada site.

My own contribution is to establish links to the on-line entries of the Dictionary of National Biography. The Dictionary is particularly well suited to the linking project for being organized by decade of death (Volume XIII covers individuals who died between 1901 and 1910, for example), so apart from those who died in the first three months of 1901 and those who were out of the country at census time, I should have a relatively high success rate in tracking them down in the census. The Dictionary entries also provide a great deal of personal information giving a lot to be matched against in cases of uncertainty. Of course, I can't help but stop and read the entries for each of these interesting Canadians, so I am progressing quick slowly in my task.

OTHER NEW FEATURES

Over the last year the name search function has been significantly enhanced and most recently a birth date search function has been added at the sub-district level, for those particularly elusive ancestors.

Recognizing that once genealogists have found their own relations, they often like to have the ability to make contact with others researching the same names, a feature added last year is the ability to register your name and e-mail address as a researcher contact.

Also in the vein of sharing information and knowledge, an on-line discussion forum was established in the fall of 2004 for the volunteers and users of Automated Genealogy. Discussion threads have covered a full range of research subjects, from requests for help on individual family research puzzles to broader issues such as the progress of Bill C-18 and the merits of potential new features to be added to Automated Genealogy. There is a great deal of sharing, whether it is gently pointing a new user of the site in the right direction or an "Another pair of eyes needed!" appeal to interpret a particularly illegible surname.

If you haven't yet visited the Automated Genealogy site, or if you haven't visited recently, I encourage you to do so to get a glimpse of the potential of on-line family history research.



STRANGERS IN THEIR MIDST

by Isabel Bailly

In 1907, St. Andrews, later to be St. Andre d'Argenteuil, was a quiet village, its inhabitants traditional and cultivated. According to observers of the day, an easy-going attitude prevailed within the limits of the Ten Commandments. The locals valued their schools, churches, organizations and orchestra. It was still considered inappropriate to go "down village" without a hat. The nearest railway stations were in Lachute seven miles away, and at Pointe-Fortune on the other side of the Ottawa River, accessible by ferry. Travel was by steamer, launch, horse and buggy. The automobile remained a curiosity. Everyone knew everyone and had for generations.

Into this bucolic setting about May 1, 1907 landed two strangers who introduced themselves as Mrs. Donald MacKenzie and her son Donald. They were responding to a 'for rent' ad in a Montreal newspaper. They took a five year lease and set up residence in a spacious two-story frame house opposite the boat landing on King's Row, today rue de la Seigneurie. The MacKenzies named their new abode Hebron Lodge. Mrs. MacKenzie, from all accounts, could be generously described as short, extremely stout, with fair hair turning white and a florid complexion. No one described her appearance in flattering terms, yet her voice attracted everyone. She spoke with authority and conviction. People noted her clothing, always long, flowing and draped... quite unconventional in the minds of the locals. She favoured white gowns, silk or velvet, often trimmed with purple or blue and she fancied richly embroidered scarves. Horror of horrors, it was even rumoured she did not wear a corset! Donald, the presumed son, was often called Don. He was about thirty, of medium height, athletic, with dark hair, eyes and a mustache. Judging from letters of the day, this appearance did not appeal to young ladies of the village. Mrs. MacKenzie claimed to be a writer; her son even had a typewriter and typed her manuscripts. She was apparently connected to the literary community and claimed to have met famous American authors.

The MacKenzies were hardly settled before a "woman~daughter" (Mrs. MacKenzie's words) appeared. This woman, introduced as Mrs. Guilbert, worked in the home. An attractive young woman and her baby soon joined the menage at Hebron Lodge. By July, a Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simpson from London, England had also moved in.

Soon after the MacKenzies' arrival in May, they established a line of credit at stores in the area and newly acquired furniture began to arrive from Lachute. Some local families even sold furniture to the inhabitants of Hebron Lodge with an understanding they would be paid later.

Shortly after their arrival, Mrs. MacKenzie and Don made their first public appearance at the Hibbards for tea and to attend a prayer meeting. Don professed he loved music. He soon after joined a church choir and orchestra, only to resign from the latter a few weeks later. The MacKenzies did not wait long to flex their muscles. When Don failed to be nominated to an office in the Christian Endeavour Society (C.E.S.), Mrs. MacKenzie and Don made a dramatic foray into the country to appeal to L. M. Hooker, the President of the C.E.S.. The latter was unmoved, whereby Mrs. MacKenzie threatened to appeal to the founder of the C.E.S. whom she claimed to know. No one in St. Andrews was impressed, and the MacKenzies' plans were thwarted. Still, this odd household continued to attract attention. One day a villager driving by the house was so interested in what was happening at Hebron Lodge, his horse and buggy fell into the river, only to be rescued by Mrs. Guilbert.

As the months passed, storekeepers became uneasy about the line of credit that had been extended to the household. Occasionally, Don would make a payment. By the Fall, the MacKenzies were traveling more frequently to Montreal and local merchants stopped all credit. In January 1908, a seizure was put on the furniture in Hebron Lodge and by April there was an auction of what was left. The Simpsons had long since returned to England; according to their letters back to St. Andrews, they were wiser but much poorer as a result of their Hebron Lodge stay. By April 1908, Hebron Lodge was history and the MacKenzies long gone.

During their first and only summer in St. Andrews, Mrs. MacKenzie and Don had managed to make their way into the lives of many villagers. They took their new acquaintances on their borrowed launch to Jones' Island for picnics. They moved about the village society as if they had been residents for years. But what became of them and who were they? From St. Andrews they were believed to have moved to Montreal where they held court in The Sherbrooke there, it was believed that Mrs. MacKenzie gave classes in spiritualism. Letters from Montreal detectives to interested villagers indicated they were watching the couple. The detectives had even tracked Mrs. Guilbert to a Guy Street address.

By the summer of 1909 two people matching the description of Mrs. MacKenzie and Don were under the surveillance of the New York police. A telegram from Inspector Detective McCafferty to M. L. Lamb in St. Andrews confirmed this. There was a flurry of letters and telegrams- in fact, a reputable firm of private detectives was hired to investigate this adventuress and her companion. According to numerous, yellowed newspaper clippings, letters and publications of 1909, and comparing the description of Mrs. MacKenzie with a number of ladies of questionable behavior, Mrs. MacKenzie was alleged to be one Ann O'Delia Saloman, born to a respectable Kentucky middle class family. By the time she was 15, she had run away, married and was living in France. At 17 she was back home where she announced that her husband had died. By 1871 she was in police court for stabbing a doctor and by 1881 she had remarried, had a child and left with another man, Diss Debar, whose name she assumed. In the late 1880's she was alleged to have separated a respected New York lawyer from his wealth and property. During seances in his home which she and her followers occupied, she produced "spirit paintings". These were nothing more than forgeries of the Masters covered in chalk. During the seance, Mrs. Diss Debar would wipe off the chalk and...presto, a painting! She moved on and was later charged in Joliet, Illinois, New Orleans, Cape Town and Rome with swindling. The Italians dealt with her best by taking her to their border and ordering her never to return. Ann O'Delia Diss Debar and a man by the name of Jackson arrived in England and, before long, they were jailed in Aylesbury. After her release it was believed she returned to North America with yet another, much younger man in tow. He was believed to be a Mr. David Livingston MacKay... or could it have been Donald MacKenzie? According to observers there was an uncanny resemblance between St. Andrews' infamous Mrs. MacKenzie and Ann O'Delia Saloman Diss Debar. Were they one and the same? The consensus of much spirited debate among the residents of St. Andrews was. . . yes! Given their short stay in St. Andrews and stealthy exodus, Mrs. MacKenzie and Don must have realized that St. Andrews folks were welcoming but hardly foolish when it came to sizing up strangers.

Archives of the Argenteuil Regional Museum

THE SCHOOLS OF ARGENTEUIL

by Isabel Bailly

The schools of Argenteuil County began humbly in the homes of families scattered through the countryside and villages. As the number of children increased it became evident that some system of schooling had to be established. Given that the homes were spread over a large area, it was necessary to develop a network of small schools which best served the needs of the families. In 1801, the first log schoolhouse was built in Lachute. It was located on Main Street between Foundry and Robert. Timbers from that building would later be part of the McArthur property. Several small schools were set up over the next few years. One built of handmade bricks survives today on a private property just east of the Lachute Protestant Cemetery. As many as sixty students attended the East End or Walker School. It finally closed in 1934.

By 1841 there was a log schoolhouse in East Settlement. More schools would appear in Grenville, Brownsburg, Cushing, Louisa, St. Philippe, River Rouge, Carillon, Geneva, Lakefield and Mount Maple. Whether Protestant or Roman Catholic the communities were responding as best they could to the needs of their children. In 1841 the Education Act enabled the two groups to provide separate education for their young people. In 1853 the Lachute Academy had its beginnings, first in the home of the Rev. Thomas Henry, then in the basement of the Presbyterian Church of that time.

Meanwhile in St. Andrews families also were establishing schools. According to both Dr. Harold Reid's book The Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews East and Lachute, Quebec 1818 -1932 and Rev. E.G. May's A Hundred Years of St. Andrews Quebec there was a school on the land across from Christ Church. It served as a meeting place for both the Anglicans and Presbyterians until their respective churches were built. In future years two more schools, one after the other, would be built to serve the Protestants. The Roman Catholic community was strong and active. It had seven different schools in the area with as many as 120 students enrolled in the village school. The convent had 30 boarders under the direction of the Sisters of Providence. Near the first Roman Catholic Church, a stone structure, there was another stone building but this one was three-story and known as Father Bonin's College. It accepted boarders. There were several small private schools in St. Andrews but one in particular must be noted. It was the Wanless Academy under the direction of George Wanless. This teacher had rigorous stands and taught a wide range of courses which prepared young men for McGill. His most famous graduate was Sir John J. C. Abbott. It should be noted that the Wanless Academy's yearly tuition was 5 pounds sterling and that board and tuition cost 30 pounds sterling.

Thanks to the efforts of interested families, civic-minded citizens, parish priests and religious orders schools were established. Immigrants often brought with them a tradition of learning, but these were not easy times. Funding was often precarious at best and few teachers were trained. By 1907 in Montreal there were 5 Catholic Normal Schools and the McGill Normal School. The latter was relocated to the Macdonald Campus in 1908 and became the School for Teachers.

For many years teachers' remuneration was interesting. Some boarded in with the families of their students, moving from one family to another. In River Rouge a teacher boarded with a family and in return gave music lessons to the children of the household. Some teachers received farm produce as their compensation, a few of the more fortunate received at least part of their salary

in money. Finally in the 1880s the establishment of a modest pension scheme for teachers "left them hope that they would not die of hunger in their old age". These were the words of a superintendent at that time. In 1897 it is recorded that the Catholic Committee voted to fix the annual "minimum salary" for a teacher at the princely sum of \$100. There is no evidence that either the Legislative Assembly or anyone else took action on this suggestion.

Schools were not always comfortable; they were often cold and draughty. The wood supply depended upon the generosity of the parents. There was no indoor plumbing and books and school necessities were often in short supply. Attendance was irregular as boys and girls were required at home to help with the family and chores or seasonal activities. In her diary of October 4, 1880 Janet Rodger McClure wrote "School commenced. It was closed for three months". Obviously children had to help with the harvest that year.

By 1922 Lachute High School had been established; large schools with better trained teachers were in place for the Roman Catholics too. In 1964 with the establishment of the Ministry of Education a new era dawned in Quebec. Large polyvalent high schools were built in both the Protestant and Roman Catholic sectors. Newly-established boards covered greater areas. The changes were not over for by the year 2000 language boards were set up and these covered even greater areas. Students were required to travel farther to modern complexes where a wide range of subjects and activities were offered.

The early teachers and students of Argenteuil never heard of ped days, snow days, unions, seniority or tenure. They would never see a television, a computer, a space shuttle or a plane. They would never know that their pioneer efforts would be the foundation of a school system they could not even have imagined.

Sources: Books, Archives of the Argenteuil Regional Museum

THE MONTREAL STAR DEATH INDEX **at www.geocities.com/montreal_1900**

This index currently contains over 38,000 death related news items and obituaries from what was at the time Canada's leading English language daily newspaper THE MONTREAL STAR. The index contains references to deaths which took place principally in Canada, although there are several thousand or so American obituaries as well. It currently covers the period January 1900 - August 1904.

At present, the index breaks down two parts: one third Montreal deaths and two thirds out of city deaths. The latter contains references to deaths which took place in such Canadian cities as: St. John's (Nfld.), Saint John (N.B.), Quebec City, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London (Ont.), Winnipeg, and Vancouver. However, other national towns and cities are also found within this data base.

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PLOWMEN of ARGENTEUIL

by Isabel Bailly

For many years plowing matches were a popular autumn event in Argenteuil. They were an occasion for getting together with friends and neighbors on a beautiful fall day. For those who enjoyed the excitement of competition there was the plowing match. Onlookers and judges compared the work of each competitor but it was the judge who made the final decision. He checked the evenness and straightness of the furrow and looked at the crown to make sure no grass was showing. Often a banquet marked the end of the day and prizes were awarded; usually these were small amounts of money or gifts from local merchants. Little did these plowmen realize they were carrying on an activity first proposed by the Argenteuil Agricultural Society in 1826.

Who participated in these matches? A look at newspapers of the fifties gives an indication of how wide a cross section of the community took part. Among the organizers, officials and judges were Erskine Rodger, Stuart Armstrong, Hon. William Cottingham, Ben Hammond, Bill Brass, Paul St. Jacques, Clifford Oswald, Alex Bothwell, M. Maisonneuve. Some of the prize winners were Francois Fillion, Ronald Bain, Guy Charlebois, Ken Kettyle, Murray Lister, Arnold Boyd, Donald Parker, Maurice Charlebois, Lucien Maisonneuve and Victor St. Pierre. Even the ladies competed and among the winners were Mrs. Ken Kettyle and Mrs. Norman Thorburn. Often present and quietly coaching some of the participants was Simon Wilson.

Local winners advanced to regional, provincial and even national competitions. The story of plowing in Argenteuil could not be written without mention of Allan Hammond who, along with a teammate from Ontario, represented Canada twice in World Championship matches. They competed in Stuttgart, Germany in 1958 and Rome, Italy in 1960 and acquitted themselves very well. In spite of their popularity and the success of the Argenteuil plowmen, county plowing matches are no longer held. The changes in farming, the move to larger farms and machinery and the lack of interest have contributed to the passage of this once popular event. The World Plowing Match at Elora, Ontario in August and the International Match at Carleton Place, Ontario in September 2003 serves as a reminder of bygone days.

No account of plowing in Argenteuil would be complete without reference to the famous Doig Plow, a prize in a long ago competition in Scotland. A celebrated plowmaker named Ferguson made this iron plow in 1811 in Stirling Scotland. A Scot named Grey, also a plowmaker, challenged Ferguson to a contest. Each maker chose a plowman.. Ferguson chose an 18-year old lad named John Doig while Grey chose a very experienced man. On the appointed day a huge crowd gathered to see the match. The rivals removed their coats, steadied their horses and began to plow. It was not long before it was apparent that the Ferguson plow and John Doig had won the day. Ferguson was so delighted that he gave his plow and the prize of 20 pound sterling to his young plowman. In 1836 John Doig, his wife, children and famous plow made their way to Canada aboard he Monarch. They reached their new home in the Lachute area by rented wagon. The plow stayed with the Doig family until the 1930s when it was taken by W. McLaren Doig to his farm in Ontario. Happily the plow returned to Argenteuil in 1980 when John C. Doig, a great-grandson of the original owner officially presented it to the Argenteuil Regional Museum.

The journey from the crooked stick of the ancient plowman to the Doig Plow to today's no-till has been long. Plowmen will be forever united in their love of the land and their desire to produce yet another harvest. This will be their shared bond across the centuries.



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Library and Archives Canada seem to have been quite busy releasing information of interest to genealogists, so you will find here quite a few references to their Web sites.

1911 CENSUS OF CANADA

Library and Archives Canada advised the 1911 Census (yes! 1911!) should be available by the beginning of August. We received notice on July 21 that it was available at:

www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html.

Note that this is searchable by location, not family name.

ELECTORAL MAPS TO ASSIST IN THE USE OF CENSUS RECORDS

At the moment, two sets of electoral maps are available and can be used to assist in using census records, as the census districts for the same periods were essentially the same. The Electoral Atlas of the Dominion of Canada (1895) can be used for the 1901 census; Provinces are listed, and, within each Province, the names of the districts. The 1874 Map of Ontario can be used for the 1871 census; there is no list, but the maps can be brought up by clicking on the main map.

www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/020151_e.html.

DIVORCE IN CANADA

Some time ago, Editor Dawn Ouellette found a data base about divorces in Canada, which was published in *Computree*. However, it disappeared from the Web a few months later. Now the Canadian Genealogy Centre has recently announced that they have made a new Divorce in Canada data base available on line. It contains 12732 references (1841-1968). Links to other sources, such as Provincial archives, can also be found here.

www.genealogy.gc.ca/10/100608_e.html.

CANADIAN DIRECTORIES

Library and Archives Canada announced the launch of phase two of the Canadian Directories site. The addition of 80 new directories to their database brings a total of 95 searchable directories to the site. This phase focuses upon the Ottawa and Halifax regions and environs; they complement the digital initiatives of other groups, including the Bibliothèque nationale de Québec and Our Roots: Canada's Local Histories Online. **www.collectionscanada.ca/canadiandirectories** Search a specific directory or all of them. You might like to install the plugin DjVu for more easier viewing. Just follow the instructions.

BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

Search for your Trafalgar ancestors on this database which contains "the names of 18,000-plus individuals who fought in Lord Nelson's fleet in the famous battle of 21 October 1805. It includes Royal Navy commissioned and warrant officers, ratings, supernumeraries, and Royal Marines. These participants were not only British – many were born in various continents and countries, including Africa, America, West Indies, India, and most countries in Europe." Find this interesting information from the UK National Archives at **www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/trafalgarancestors**.

SHERBROOKE NEWSPAPER TRANSCRIPTIONS

Pam Wood Waugh's site carries an updated list of BMDs from several Sherbrooke newspapers. Go to www.rootsweb.com/~qceastwn/archives.html and click down on St Francis Courier & Sherbrooke Gazette Extracts.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS - BEDFORD NOTARY

"John M. McGregor practiced in Montreal from 1851 to 1854 and in Stanbridge from 1854 to 1880." If you wish to consult his records, images of the originals are on these pages: freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~nancygcunningham/mcgregormissisquoi/mcgregormain.htm.

Some of the surnames have been fully transcribed. Further explanations are on this site, but if, like my browser's, the image unexpectedly shrinks while you are looking at it, just let your mouse hover over the lower right-hand side of the image, and a small coloured symbol will appear, letting you enlarge it once again. You might wish to explore this relatively new site if Stanbridge and Missisquoi place names figure in your ancestor list. New items are regularly being added.

LUTHERAN ROOTS ON LINE

This is a site where both current and historical family information can be exchanged for those with Lutherans in their background. Some family names contain little besides the name and address of a family member, while others carry enough historical information to help reunite families. E-mail addresses are provided. I've found a Best that appears worth pursuing. www.lutheransonline.com/lutheransonline/genealogy.

FIND A (US) COUNTY

Thanks to Mike Howlett, this is a US county look-up site. If you don't want to type this very long address, go to our Web site, or use www.naco.org and hover over 'About counties' and click on 'Find a county'. The exact location: www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Find_a_County&Template=/cfiles/counties/usamap.cfm

FAMILY LETTERS TO ILLUSTRATE FAMILY HISTORY

Personal Web pages are not usually included in *Computree*. However, you might like to look over the Tighsolas site, posted and contributed by Dorothy Nixon. It takes a novel approach to setting up family history pages: extensive use is made of letters exchanged in the family in the early part of the 20th century. Insights into the daily lives of the Nicholson family of Richmond, QC from 1908 to 1913 at www.tighsolas.ca/index.html

UK ESTATE DUTY OFFICE INDEXES

The National Archivist at www.nationalarchivist.com has announced that the indexes of English and Welsh Wills and Administrations are now available from 1796 to 1888, with more coming soon.

NEWSPAPERS AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

An excellent source to find out more about Canadian newspapers. Many lists and references can be found at www.collectionscanada.ca/8/16/index-e.html. There are over 200,000 reels of Canadian newspapers on microfilm which may be requested through interlibrary loan services.

"ONE-STEP" GENEALOGICAL PORTAL

The "One-Step Portal" does not have its own databases. Instead, it provides enhanced search to other databases. Some are fee-based, so you must already have access to these. See www.stevemorse.org - try the Ellis Island and Social Security Index bases which have free access.

CANADIANS IN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

This list has over 3500 names that have been compiled from various sources. Not much information is given for each name, but sources are listed, so research can be pursued.
ca.geocities.com/cancivwar/database.htm

FIELDS OF STONES - ONTARIO CEMETERIES

This site is "dedicated to providing pictures of pioneer or abandoned cemeteries located in Ontario." They are listed under County / District and grouped into Townships at:
freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~clifford

SHOPPING ONLINE AT CANADA'S MUSEUM BOUTIQUES

Links to gift shops from museums across Canada can be found at this address
www.virtualmuseum.ca/English/Boutique/index.html.

A personal museum can also be set up to hold anything you saw interesting on the main site, such as a picture of an ancestor's house, or an old mill named for your family, etc.

SUGGESTIONS AND REQUESTS

Please continue to send in any suggestions for subjects or sites. If there is a specific subject for which you cannot find a site, another member could probably help you, so send in requests for this as well. If you use regular mail or drop a note in my mailbox at the QFHS library, please include your name and a telephone number or e-mail address. Note also that not all material can be used, and that we reserve the right to edit submissions. Please accept my apologies if I forget to give credit to a contributor: in the three-month period between issues, it is easy to forget the source of the contribution.

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COMPUTREE "HOT LINKS"

"HOT LINKS" to the 'Computree' sites mentioned in CONNECTIONS may be found on the QFHS web page at: <http://www.cam.org/~qfhs/> click on: site map / Computree. Or you can go directly to: http://www.cam.org/~qfhs/srch_ctree.html. These links are listed as a service to QFHS members and visitors to the QFHS website so that they may click on the ones of interest rather than having to type them. The paragraph titles are the same, and appear in the same order in which they are published in issues of Connections.

NOTE: Web addresses may change after they are published in CONNECTIONS and on the QFHS website. Therefore, if a site has disappeared, try starting from the root of the site or try searching for it in Google

WE GET QUERIES

Please limit queries to **50 WORDS OR LESS** excluding name and address. Members may submit queries free of charge; non-members will be charged \$5.00 per query. **PRINT CLEARLY; USE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.** Send queries for the December issue by **Oct. 15th, 2005** to Nora Taylor Bernier, Queries Editor, P.O. Box 1026, Pointe Claire, QC. Canada H9S 4H9, or email norabernier@yahoo.com

- 2007 **BARRET**, Alexander, born Nfld. In 1920 (?), lived in Verdun and then moved to Brantford, Ont. with wife and two sons. He had two brothers, Edward and Reuben, both deceased. Dolores Bychok, 4233 St. Zotique, #6, Montreal, QC. H1T 1K8.
- 2008 **BUSSEY**, John. Seeking information of family of John BUSSEY and wife Vera GRAHAM, formerly of Quebec, moved to Edmonton. They had four children: Sandra, Lori, Hugh and David. Please see query #2007
- 2009 **CYR**, Marguerite. Born late 1700's m. Antoine BERGERON, 6th August 1811, Ste. Martin Laval, QC. Canada. No mention of her parents in marriage registers. Their children were: Emelie BERGERON (m. Laurent LACASSE), Jerome BERGERON (m. Lisette GUIDON) and Francois BERGERON (m. unknown)

Marguerite married a second time to Francois Page, 17th Jan. 1843 in Ste.Scholastique, Deux Montagne. Again I can find no mention of her parents. There are no children from this marriage listed. Any help with finding out Marguerite's parents' names would be greatly appreciated. Judy Salchow, 8366 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154, USA.
Email: bobjudy@mitwpc.com

- 2110 **DOYLE**, Julia, b. 1859 in Quebec, possibly daughter of Patrick and Julia DOYLE. Julia m. Benjamin BALL in 1879 in Trinity Anglican Chapel, Montreal East. Their children were Robert b. 1880, Mary Beatrice b. 1887, Clara and Maude. Julia predeceased Benjamin who died in 1917. DOYLE relatives lived in Rosemount area in 1930's. Any information re. Julia would be appreciated
Audrey Woytiuk, 113 Maywood Rd., Pointe Claire, QC. H9R 3L7 or 514-695-5737.
- 2111 **McGREGOR/ McLENNAN**, Mary, daughter of James and Isabella McGREGOR, born in Charlotteburg County, 30 October 1834-36. Mary married Roderick McLENNAN, Lochiel Township. Their children were: Florence, Isabella, Donald, Ann, Betsy, Christie, Duncan, John and Ellen. Isabella, b. 1855 and Ann b. 1860 emigrated to the USA. Sometime after 1901, Mary went to live with either "Belle" or Annie, possibly Cleveland, OH area, her final resting place unknown. Any information would be appreciated. Please see query #2110.

- 2112 **MORRISON/SIMMONDS (SIMMONS)**, Catherine. Looking for relatives of Catherine MORRISON/SIMMONDS b. 23 May 1895 Auldearn, Scotland, m. Edward SIMMONDS (SIMMONS). She lived in Montreal area, N.D.G. and Westmount during 1940's and 1950's. They had 3 children. She was the sister of my father Donald MORRISON. Margaret (Morrison) Crites, 3-3216 Back Road, Comox, B.C. V9M 4E2
- 2113 **RAFTER LUCIUS**: I am looking for information on my great great grandfather Lucius Rafter, of the township of Eardley, county of Ottawa, who married Elizabeth Moore of the township of Onslow, county of Pontiac on September 28th, 1864. Information on parents and birth location of Lucius or Elizabeth appreciated. Brenda Rafter-Tadgell, 32 Elgin Street, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada. L3M 1C6, btadgell@cogeco.ca
- 2114 **SINNOTT**, Edward, son of William **SINNOTT** and Jane **O'NEIL** from Wexford County, Ireland whose name appears on the census of Percé, Gaspé, Qc. year1777. He married Josette **ROBERT** dit **LeBRETON**, daughter of François **ROBERT** & Thérèse **BOISSEL** in 1780. They had 9 children Diane Sinnett, 111 St. Denis, Chateauguay, Qc. J6K 2C3. Email: swanlir@vl.videotron.ca
- 2115 **WARMAN**, Lillian. Formerly of St. Johns, Nfld., she moved to Vancouver circa 1940's..She had three daughters. Please see query #2008.

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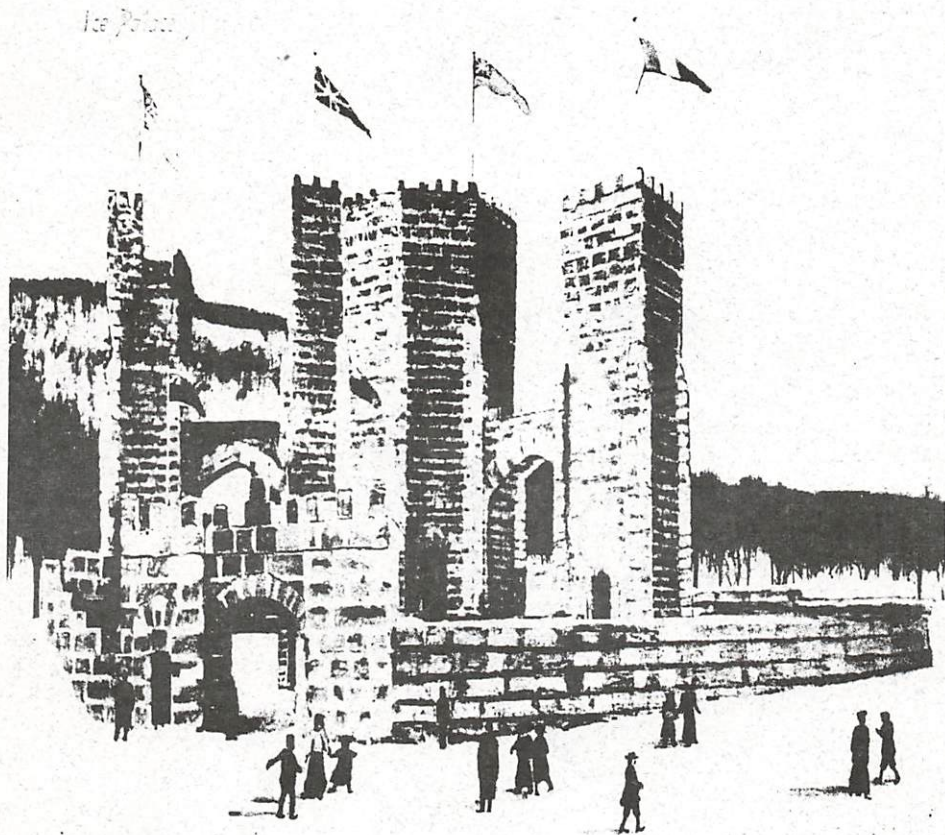
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WE ARE THE CHOSEN

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach.

That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So, we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

Author Unknown



*Happy
Holidays*

TO: ALL MEMBERS
SEASONS GREETINGS
FROM THE
QFHS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



*Happy
Holidays*

From The Editor

The Cover Postcard:

The postcard on the cover of this issue of CONNECTIONS, is of the Montreal Ice Palace. It is from my own collection dated March 1910.

The first Montreal Ice Palace was built for the Winter Carnival of 1883. Designed by A. C. Hutchison, who also designed the Atwater Library [see: *Connections* - Jun 2005 - Vol 27-Iss 4 -pg 6 ~ 8], it was constructed entirely of ice cut from the frozen St Lawrence River. Every year, until 1889, these impressive edifices were erected as a focal point of the Montreal Winter Carnival. These structures were immense and built to withstand changing temperatures ... but inevitably melted away with the heat of the early Spring Sun.

The Carnival itself was a grandiose affair which attracted thousands of tourists. On the first night hundreds of snowshoers, carrying flaming torches tramped down Mount Royal and through the streets of the city to storm the Ice Palace. Once they arrived glittering fireworks were set off and a cannon fired to announce the official opening of the Carnival, amid rousing cheers of thousands of spectators. This week-long event consisted of typical Quebec winter sports including: tobogganing at the public slide; skating at Victoria Rink; snowshoeing; sleigh rides and games of hockey, as well as private teas, luncheons and dinner parties. And, a closing ball attended by the Governor-General and his wife. It must have been an enjoyable time for everyone and the Ice Palace would have been a fantastic sight to see.

In this Issue:

I received only a few short articles for this issue of Connections - but very interesting ones from an historical viewpoint. *Christmas in Argenteuil*, by Isabel Bailly transports us back to a more relaxed, unhurried time of Christmas past. In celebration of "The Year of the Vet" both Marilyn Hindmarch and myself submitted articles in honour of our two uncles who served with the Canadian Army in WWII. These two men both fought in the campaign to liberate the Netherlands and both returned to Holland this year for the first time since that campaign to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Another article, *Russian-Canadian Collection Discovered*, which was written by QFHS member Margaret Goldik in 1980, describes this collection which is now available on the internet. Robert Wilkins submitted an article published in The Montreal Star in 1900 describing the "*Black Maria*". He also sent a list of offences committed in Montreal in 1877. I was surprised to see how strict the by-laws were at that time. For those of you still searching for an elusive "Home Child" there are two lists of names of children, and their care-givers, sent to the Knowlton Receiving Home in 1880. You will also, I'm sure, enjoy *We Are The Chosen* and *The Census Taker*. In News & Notes and Seminars & Excursions you will find upcoming QFHS events to add to your 2006 calendar.

Dawn Ouellette / Editor

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Date: Tuesday, December 13th 2005

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Speaker: Bruce Henderson

Member of the Executive of the Quebec Family History Society

Topic: "Adventures in the World of Family History Research"

This will be an illustrated lecture on the various exciting discoveries that Bruce has made over the course of his genealogical research

Due to the possibility of inclement weather conditions no lectures are held in January or February. The Spring lectures commence in March 2006

Date: Tuesday, March 14th 2006

Time; 7:30 p.m. @ St Andrew's United Church, Lachine

Speaker: Alan Hustak,

The author of several books on the history of Montreal

Topic: Montreal and The St Patrick's Society

Date: Tuesday, April 11th 2006

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This seminar will examine how to discover information about your family members who may have lived in Quebec from the early 17th century until the present. The seminar will also focus on the changes that have taken place in the world of Quebec family history since the closure of the Salle Gagnon of the Montreal Municipal Library.

Lecturer: Gary Schroder
Date: Saturday, March 4th 2006
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the QFHS Library
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Once parish registers and civil registration records have been exhausted, where to look next ?

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From QFHS Library:

At the end of every August, QFHS sets aside a day (two this year) to do an inventory of the library books. We ask our members to volunteer to help with the shelf reading. Year after year these members faithfully appear on or before 10am. ready to go to work. We would like to thank each and every one for their assistance. This year, I would like to also personally thank Jane Atkinson and Joan Benoit for calling the volunteers on my behalf and organizing the day. And thank you too, to Cecilia Karwowski for bringing a delicious cake. Does it take a lot of willing hands? The following list speaks for itself. Jane Atkinson, Lorretta Barrie, Jackie Bllingham, Sharon Callaghan, Marianne & Ruth Davis (in charge of their Heritage Branch UEL Library, currently housed at QFHS), Raye Fraser, Jacques Gagne, Cecilia Karwowski, Mary-Ellen Kolkman, Jann Lavalley, Gwen Leavitt, Diane McDougall, Ruth Robinson, Ann Tarasoff. I would not be able to submit this list without adding a special thank you also to Dorothy Dunkley, who has helped us every other year !

THANK YOU, ONE and ALL !!!

CHRISTMAS IN ARGENTEUIL

by Isabel Bailly

In Grace McGibbons's book The Reverend Richard Bradford, she observed that with Christmas drawing near Mr. Bradford would prepare special services for his congregations. The year was 1811 and the county Argenteuil. She continued "With Christmas coming, all would try to push thoughts of impending war from their minds, and for a brief time, have fun and good times with their families and friends." A year later with the War of 1812 a reality McGibbon wrote "Christmas would pass quietly with some of the sons in the army, the fathers training at home and much anxiety everywhere." So how has Christmas changed or has it? Is it about getting together with family and friends? Is it about making the best of the good times and the bad? Is it about remembering Christ's birth? Is it about special foods and hearty meals featuring timehonoured family recipes? It was and still is some or all of these things for Argenteuil families. A look at newspapers and diaries of earlier years tells us much about Christmases past in this county.

An ad in The Argenteuil Advertiser of December 13, 1876 announced a bazaar with a Christmas Tree to be held in Rev. Mr. Mackie's Church, December 22-23. Proceeds were to go to the repairs of the Church. For all those hard-working ladies at present day church bazaars there is surely comfort in knowing they are following in a long established tradition. But what was a Christmas "Tree"? It was a concert organized either for a Sunday School or a public school. It was usually held in a school, church or local hall. There were recitations and singing, sometimes followed by distribution of candy and maybe a small gift by Santa Claus. In the Archives of the Argenteuil Regional Museum is the programme of such a seasonal entertainment given by the children of the English School in River Rouge on December 23, 1904. Admission was 10 cents and the entertainment began at 8:00 p.m. Each individual program is a work of art, beautifully painted in watercolours, the design and colours typical of the season and the lettering copybook perfect. Inside, the programme for the evening was carefully written by a student in his/her best writing. A glance at the items shows songs in English and French, duets, recitations and short plays. Doubtlessly parents and family members were crowded into the small schoolhouse while blanketed horses stood outside near the fence. Such an evening was repeated across the county. Afterwards families hurried home to prepare for Christmas Eve day.

In the first years of the 1900's some families decorated their home with pine boughs while others, but not all, had Christmas trees. In her diary on December 23, 1906 Phoebe Hooker Burwash wrote "Winnie and Bert decorated for Christmas." Some families' first Christmas tree was decorated with a dozen oranges, each attached to a branch with a piece of string. In later years, strings of popcorn and the odd decoration might have been added. A few fortunate families may have had more elaborately decorated trees with tiny toys like tops, drums, balls, a train, Noah's Ark and garlands. One family's most treasured Christmas tree ornament is a small papier mache horse on tiny rickety wheels, made in Germany in the late 1800's. So much did the young owner play with that special ornament it no longer has a mane or tail yet to those who know its story it is a treasured family heirloom. A century ago, according to the T. Eaton's catalogue of those years, these toys may have cost 5 cents to 50 cents depending upon the size and the materials. These decorations were also available in local stores. Electric Christmas tree lights did not come into widespread use until after the Second World War when electricity was more readily available to most families.

In The Argenteuil Advertiser of December 22, 1875 E. Riddle's London House of St. Andrews invited customers to see its large and extensive display of Christmas and New Year's goods. Toys, musical instruments, confectionery, fruit and groceries were available. In the same paper G.R. Meikle advertised highest prices for turkeys, geese and chickens. A year later, still in The Argenteuil Advertiser Alfred Benn & Co. 's tempted shoppers with Christmas and New Year's stock. T. Christie opened a new Drugs and Fancy Goods Store on December 19, 1876. It featured Christmas and New Year's gifts as a specialty.

Judging from the advertisements in the local papers and the T. Eaton Co. catalogues, goods were available but what about money to pay for these things? For the farm community it was essential to sell products. In her diary of December 1899, Phoebe Hooker Burwash, a farmer's wife indicates the sale of 38-3/4 pounds of butter, in 1916 in the same month she sold 72 pounds. Lilly Calder's family near Brownsburg "killed and picked twelve turkeys today (December 3, 1883), some hens and roosters." The following day Lilly wrote "Pa and Ma started to Lachute with the fowls before dinner." The same family knit and sold mitts to a pedlar and in turn bought from him in December 1883 some combs, an album, lace and Christmas cards. As families worked hard to sell their produce to have money to buy necessities and maybe a few gifts, they also had household tasks to be done before Christmas. In several diaries the writers mention scrubbing, cleaning, papering, even whitewashing and laying new carpets in the days leading to Christmas. It was obvious an effort was made to be ready for the festive days. Some but not all families did their baking before Christmas; the Calder family was busily making cakes, pies and loaves in the days leading up to New Year's.

Christmas day brought gifts to some but hardly to all. In her diary of December 25, 1880 Anna L. Wales wrote "Our presents were nice today. Mother gave me a set of garnet jewelry, Gracie a muslin tie, Mrs. Williams a spool box, Charlie a pair of kid boots, Maggie a carved photo frame and Mary silk for stockings." There is no mention of anything for Mother. For Lilly Calder it was a muff from Charlie and for Janet Rodger McClure in 1883 it was a china tea set from her brother David. Hanging one's stocking was not always a tradition for many families as it is today. No doubt economic and social conditions determined the contents and the practice.

Christmas was a busy time for some families. Janet Rodger McClure wrote that on December 26, 1881 dinner was held at her father's (David Rodger). "He had around him 4 sons, 2 daughters and 21 grandchildren." There was no mention of daughters-in-law or sons-in-law! Absences were duly noted and in Anna L. Wales' diary of December in the late 1870's "it was a sad Christmas without Ben." For the Burwash family it was the absence of two sons away on the Gold Rush. Some families attended church, others had Christmas dinner a day or two later. Still other families went out for tea or stayed home to receive guests. Some traveled considerable distances to be with family and friends. It was not unusual for 10 or 12 persons to set off in a big sleigh pulled by 4 horses. Usually these people would enjoy tea with their host before returning home. There can be no discussion of Christmas without mention of Reveillon. Roman Catholics faithfully attended Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, always a deeply meaningful moment for those present. Everyone returned home late at night to a family feast of tourtières, cipate, carrot and cabbage salad, buche de Noel and any other delicacies the hostess had prepared. In earlier years, unlike the English children Pere Noel visited some French children on New Year's Eve bringing gifts and

goodies in their stockings. It remained a mystery for years to those of us who shared a community as to how Santa / Pere Noel knew who lived where.

A glance at earlier Eaton's catalogues gives the reader a shock. Plated thimbles sold for 40-75 cents, mechanical banks for 75 cents to \$1.25, a gingerbread clock for \$2.00, undressed kid dolls started at 25 cents. There were tiddly winks for 10 cents, checkers 10 cents up to 50 cents and rubber balls for 25 cents. Jack-in-the boxes were 75 cents and tops started at 5 cents up to 20 cents. Books ranged in price from 5 cents to 50 cents, mouth organs from 10 cents to \$1.00 and in 1924 a Flying Coaster Steering Sleigh started at \$1.85. For the lady of the house white metal cruet stands were \$2.00 and pickle castors with clear or coloured glass went from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Diamond rings were featured in most catalogues; at the end of the 19th century a 10K single diamond ring began at \$25.00.

Christmas was a popular time for weddings; Janet Rodger McClure mentioned Grace Todd's of Lachute Road on December 25, 1884 and William Todd's to Miss M. Young's in 1883. Lilly Calder received her invitation to Mary Mott's wedding two days before the .big event December 24, 1885. These happy occasions were a respite from the realities of lives that could not have been easy. In the 1900's there were two world wars and these brought sadness and hardship to county families. With loved ones serving far away, boxes were lovingly packed but especially at Christmas, with mitts, socks, cigarettes and chocolate. Sometimes a carefully chosen brooch, bracelet or ring would be surreptitiously slipped in for a sweetheart.

Whether the Christmas season brought snow and cold and skating and sledding or mild weather and wheeling and walking families carried on. They went to church, gathered for dinners and teas, gifting, concerts and yes even weddings. The work went on too: Phoebe Hooker Burwash recorded that her son ploughed on December 26 in 1891 and on December 27 in 1917. The Burwashes threshed at the Doigs in River Rouge. The Reverend Bradford would have understood. Argenteuil families had fun and good times with their families and friends while carrying on with the work of their daily lives. Each of us holds within our heart memories of another Christmas, the test driving of a new pair of skis or toboggan, the hug of a departed and beloved grandparent. We remember too the twinkling lights on a Christmas tree, the flickering candles on the church altar, the ageless but meaningful sight of the creche and the tinkling sleigh bells as neighbours passed in the night. Christmas in not in a stocking or a gaily Wrapped gift; it is stored in our hearts and minds, each different but each our and ours atone.

2006 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN:

The Quebec Family History Society is a non-profit, volunteer organization which depends on membership fees, book sales, seminars, fund-raising events and the generosity of members and friends to meet its monetary obligations. In 2005 it was necessary to purchase new microfilm imaging equipment, at a cost of just over \$5000. This Cannon Microfilm Scanner, which is equipped with three lenses, will ensure that all copies made of all microfilm and microfiche will be as clear and concise as the originals, regardless of size. *Our Fund-Raising Campaign for 2006* will be to raise funds to offset the cost of this new imaging equipment. Tax receipts will be given for any contributions made.

2005 - YEAR OF THE VETERAN

Submitted by Dawn Ouellette



The year 2005 was declared "The Year of the Veteran" in Canada.

A time to remember the sacrifices these veterans made and to honour the men and women who fought and died to preserve Canada's freedom. Many of my family answered the call in both WWI and WWII - some returned ... some did not.

In May of 2005 my uncle, John McConachie, a veteran of the Royal Montreal Regiment was invited to return to Holland for the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of the Liberation of the Netherlands. John had joined the army at the outbreak of WWII and spent Christmas 1939 at training camp in England. A teenager when he left Canada, he spent the next six years fighting in numerous battles. He was severely wounded during the Liberation of the Netherlands campaign and while recovering in a Dutch hospital he was visited by his brother, Bill who was also serving with the Canadian Army. This was to be the last time the two brothers would see each other. Bill McConachie was killed four months later when his tank was blown up near the town of Nijmegen, he is buried in Groesbeek Cemetery. In May 2005 John visited his brother's grave for the first time. 2005 marks the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War - let us never forget the sacrifices our Canadian Armed Forces made !



John McConachie,
veteran of the Royal Montreal Regiment
at the grave of William K. McConachie
of the Governor General's Foot Guards
Groesbeek Cemetery, Netherlands



John McConachie ~ May, 2005
presented to Canadian Governor General.
Adrienne Clarkson at the 60th Anniversary
ceremonies of the Liberation of the Netherlands

WWII - A LETTER HOME

VE Day - A 1945 Letter Home and 60th Anniversary Re-visit to Holland and Belgium
by: Marilyn Hindmarch

William Thomas (Bill) Ramsden enlisted with the 17th Hussars (reserve unit) circa 1941 at age 21. He forgot his kit bag en route for camp, and so missed going because by the time he had gone home and back the group had left. He was told he could go to camp with the Victoria Rifles (also reserve) and he stayed with them until joining the regular force. While serving with the Victoria Rifle Reserve Unit, Bill used his talent as a bugle player, something he had learned from the organist at St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church. He sounded the Last Post and Reveille at the Dominion Square cenotaph Nov 11th 1941.

On November 2nd 1942 Bill joined the regular force and was sent for basic training at Huntington, then on to Dundurn, Saskatchewan for advance training. He went overseas late Jan 1943 aboard the Empress of Scotland. Upon landing in England the troops went to a large barracks where they were assigned to various battalions. Trooper Bill Ramsden was assigned to the 18th Armoured Car Regiment XII Manitoba Dragoons and served in Holland and Belgium from July 15, 1943 to May 8th 1945. His job was as co-driver and driver on a Staghound doing reconnaissance work behind enemy lines. After the war he stayed on with this group until they returned to Manitoba. Bill traveled with them to Manitoba, said his good-byes and went further west to visit his cousin Mary Ramsden in B.C. before returning to Montreal.

Bill wrote home to his mother and unmarried sister Margaret and they also wrote to him. Two of these letters home survive. The letter dated May 15th, 1945, is likely the last one he wrote before being shipped home at the end of the war. He returned home on the Queen Elizabeth, about Jan 9th, 1946. It conveys a sense of the last days of battle and the relief following the declaration of peace, including the strange sensation of "no noise of shell fire everything was quiet."

In this letter, the "baby" is me, his then-four-month-old niece, "Ken" is his older brother and "Loew's" was a Montreal movie theatre. In this letter Bill's tone shows his relief at the war's end. I have no doubt our family was likewise relieved that both he and my uncle Ken had lived to celebrate VE Day and subsequent return home. He enclosed a copy of his regimental paper, the Staghound, named for the armoured car that he was co-driver of, as well as a copy of their most recent church service.

In his letter Bill writes the "... 1500 prisoners (who) gave themselves up to us." His unit was the first to arrive at Oostende and liberate that city. I have since heard my uncle talk of the happiness and appreciation of the Dutch people there to see Canadian troops arrive and to know they were free at last.

Until this year Bill had never returned to Holland and Belgium to see the places he had served in during the war. However, this year, to mark the 60th Anniversary of the liberation of Holland and Belgium, he joined a Canadian Legion organized tour of that area from April 27th to May 9th 2005. He re-visited all the places he had traveled through during the war - Amsterdam, Bruges, Oostende, Ypres, Amhem, Groningen, Groesbeek, and Apeldoorn where he participated in the celebratory parade.

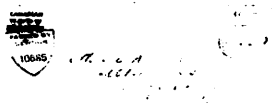
Upon his return Bill commented on the many changes that have taken place over the 60 years since the war, as well as parts of the landscape that had changed very little. He remarked that what remained unchanged was the appreciation and friendliness of the Dutch people all these years after the war. He was so impressed with the tour bus driver who, when he found it was impossible to take Bill by bus down the narrow roads to see the "Buffalo Bridge" a request he had made, arranged for a taxi to take them and a couple of other vets who had shared my uncle's

interest. A picture of him standing beside one of the bridge monuments bearing the Canadian coat of arms (the other bears the Dutch coat of arms), was one of the souvenirs he returned with. Bill returned with other mementos too - maps; postcards; a copy of the Mayoral Address given at the British Soldier's Cemetery in Kleve-Reichswalde on May 7th a background information sheet on the Canadian Museum, a privately operated museum that opened June 28, 1995 as a result of the promise a Mr. Gilbert Van Landschoot made to his father to fulfill his desire for a "tribute to the Canadians who liberated the Flemish people from Nazi domination." What he seemed especially touched by though was a thank you card given to him by a school child. These had been made by school children as an anniversary project and then handed out by them to vets, an indication that the appreciation will not die soon.

Bill Ramsden was one of the fortunate soldiers to have seen considerable action, experience VE Day, the end of the war, and return home. He is one of the fortunate to have been able to attend this year's 60th Anniversary celebrations overseas. Once again this summer he commented that "you have never seen a happier bunch of fellows before" only this time he was referring to celebrating veterans after 60 years.

Letter - from Bill Ramsden:

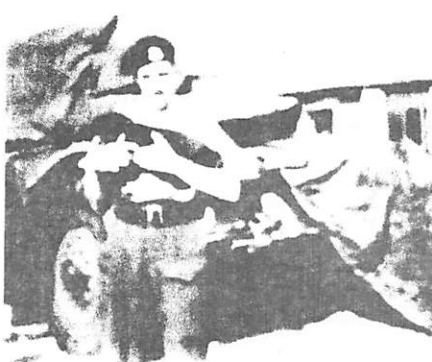
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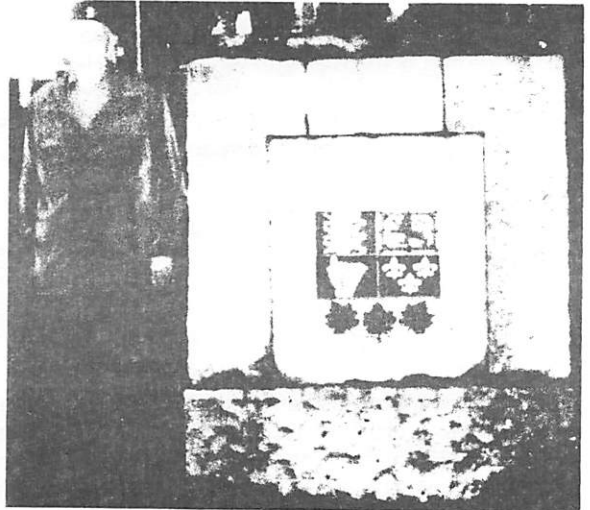
Dear Mom & Marg:

Well here we are again, I meant to write sooner, but we have been busy working on our vehicles ever since VE Day. As you know, the Germans on our front gave up a couple of days before VE day, well we were up at the front doing a Recc job the day before and about 4:30 that afternoon we were told not to advance any further, as peace for our front was being signed at 8 o'clock the next morning. I think that was on the 5th or 6, well at first we couldn't believe it one minute we were being fired on and of course we were firing back, and the next minute everything quietened up on our side, and then the same on Jerries side, but boy were we happy. The Grenadier Guards and the Algonquin Reg't's were supporting us, and you have never seen a happier bunch of fellows before, between the lot of us there were over 1500 prisoners gave themselves up to us. That night we pulled back a couple of miles and slept in a small hotel and it seemed pretty funny no noise of shell fire everything was quiet. I received your letter of Apr 30, and as usual was pleased to get it. The rumour you heard when you came out of Loew's wasn't far from wrong was it. We heard it come over the air that the war was over on the 1 st, but it turned out that it was only someone fooling on the air. I also received your letter with the pictures and they were very good. Who's camera was used for them. I don't imagine they were taken with my camera. The baby is real cute. I'm sure Marg must have looked real lovely judging from the picture and the gown is real smart. Ken was down to see me the other day. They are stationed about 6 miles up the road from us. He is looking real well. I can't get up to see him as we are not allowed more than 5 miles from camp. By the way did you know your eldest son has been made a Capt. he is wearing 3 pip now. By the way don't bother sending any more cigarettes as we can buy them over here 900 per month and that is plenty. Besides I don't know when we will be home. I am enclosing our Regt' al paper "The Staghound" and the officer and Sgt that were decorated are in our Sqd'n and they really deserved to be decorated. They found the sopt where the Germans were escaping from the

Falaise gap, and believe me the sun took care of it. They ran out of Amunition (sic) and had to call another troop and so they sent our troop but we couldn't get into position because of 88's and mortar so we had to run the gauntlet, and I was pretty happy when it was all over. I am also enclosing a copy of the service we had last Sunday and the sermon was real good. The whole service was lovely. Well I will close for now
 Love to you & Marg.
 Your loving Son. Bill.
 P.S. Excuse the writing as my dog is sleeping on my lap and I can't disturb him he is about 6 weeks old.



Bill Ramsden with his Puppy - 1945



Bill Ramsden at Buffalo Bridge ~ May 2005



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LAGOONS - LE CRUX DE GUERRE.

One of the highest decorations of France, the Croix de Guerre has been awarded to Lt. W.S. MacKeogh and Sgt. D.L. Yonge of 40th Bn. Conferred by the French authorities with the permission of H.M. the King, the ribbons may be worn at once, with Lt. MacKeogh wearing the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, and Sgt. Yonge the same medal with a Bronze Star.

The action for which these awards were given took place in the Falaise Gap period when the work of our men broke up important enemy concentrations, and opened the Allied breakthrough.

The whole regiment joins in congratulations to Lt. MacKeogh, (now in Canada) and Sgt. Yonge, (still with 40th Bn) and shares their pride in winning these recognitions of work well done.

REGIMENT FEATURED IN RADIO BROADCAST

A letter from Capt. H.L. MacKenzie, adj. of our Reserve Regt., says that a radio broadcast was made over CMB on Feb 20th describing the exploits of the DRAGOONS. He says that there has been considerable comment and interest taken in this broadcast and adds that the regiment is getting a lot of publicity in newspapers.

The letter goes on, "I might say that up to the time the MANITOBA DRAGOONS took the field in France, exploits of Manitoba regiments, as mentioned in the press, were always Manitoba regiments, but the DRAGOONS have certainly put rural Manitoba in the minds of the public."



cover page of "The Staghound"

A "Thank You" made by a Dutch schoolchild

RUSSIAN-CANADIAN COLLECTION DISCOVERED

By Margaret Goldik, in 1980, [then Editor of CONNECTIONS]

Submitted by Jacques Gagne

A recent release from the Public Archives of Canada (Library and Archives Canada), details the saga of a collection of Russian-Canadian papers compiled by Sergei Likacheff, former Consul General in Montreal, Harry Mathers, Vice-Consul in Halifax, and Constantine Ragosine, Consul in Vancouver.

These records had been housed in Washington, DC after the Russian consulate in Montreal closed in 1922; and had then been taken to an unknown American repository after 1933. Likacheff, Mathers and Ragosine had lost their jobs in Canada when the Bolsheviks overthrew the Provisional Government in 1917. The Canadian Government offered them positions in the Immigration service, and in this capacity they served the Russian citizens until 1922.

All three were inveterate collectors of records relating to all aspects of immigration, settlement, social adjustment, military service and relations between Canada and Imperial Russia.

For thousands of Canadians of Armenian, Doukhorbor, Estonian, Finnish, Georgian, Jewish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Mennonite, Polish, Russian and Ukrainian origin a new bridge has been opened to the place they, or their ancestors, came from. Likacheff and Ragosine in particular kept accurate records on places of origin of immigrants, dates of arrival in Canada, places they settled, education, names of next-of-kin, ownership of property, and value of estates. They were legal advisers, defenders in courts, trustees of estates, and monitors of claims for pensions, compensations, land grants, and support for their dependents while on war service.

Thousands of East Europeans served in the Canadian Armed Forces during World War One. Written in Russian, Finnish, Yiddish, and Ukrainian, their letters have been kept. Canadians who served in the Siberian Expeditionary Force of the Archangel Railway Brigade are often listed by name, and Canadian relief to victims of the Civil War is well documented, as is Likacheff's effort to free interned Russians mistaken for Austrian nationals.

One ethnic group, more than any other, will find these records of enormous benefit. The immigration of the Jewish Community from Russia to Canada is exceptionally well documented. For most Canadian Jews, the lack of comprehensive records on places of their origin in Russia, Lithuania, Byelorussia, Poland and the Ukraine, has been a major obstacle to establishing their ties with a former homeland and relatives left behind.

Robert Gordon, Director of the Manuscript Division of the Public Archives of Canada (Library and Archives Canada), negotiated the transfer of the collection from the US to Canada in April 1981. His division is now actively organizing and indexing the collection, and the papers may yet reveal a wealth of additional information once they have been properly inventoried. The task of organizing, describing, and microfilming the material may take a year or more, at which time this priceless collection of Canadiana will be available to the public for research.

UPDATE:

Please note:

The Collection in question is now available to the general public through:
Library and Archives Canada at: www.genealogy.gc.ca/10/100808_e.html
[note the underscore between 100808 and e.html]. Under the heading of: Li-Ra-Ma Collection, one can access the various microfilms available to the general public at large through QFHS, or other genealogical societies or through your local library.

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Mr Kenneth Kingsbury contacted QFHS to ask if we would like to have complimentary copies of his two books. They are trying to market their books to interested people, & Mr Kingsbury said he would appreciate it if we mentioned them in *CONNECTIONS*. A great deal of work went into the compiling of these large books (total: 2019 pages). Kenneth Kingsbury, 1703 Highgate Place, Garland, Texas, USA., 75044-6855
E-mail: ken.kingsbury@verizon.net

The book, *Kingsbury Hall - The Genealogy of a Family*, contains:

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A0550	From Scotland to the English River (Templeton)	\$ 20.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 24.00
A0600	Genealogy in Ontario (Merriman) (1996 ed)	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00
A0800	History of Huntingdon County (Sellar) Includes companion index booklet	\$ 44.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 51.00
A1300	Lower Canada Militia Officers 1812 - 1815 (Lépine)	\$ 29.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 34.00
A1340	Planning a Genealogical Trip to Ireland - The Research Trail in Dublin**NEW**	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 13.00
A1350	Planning a Genealogical Trip to Montreal (Leclerc) **NEW**	\$ 6.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 7.50
A1380	Researching Canada's Home Children	\$ 9.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 12.00
A1400	Routes to Roots (Taylor) Collection from " Kitchener- Waterloo Record 1993 - 1977	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
A1500	Schooling in the Clearing - Stanstead 1800 - 1850 (Brown)	\$ 27.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 32.00
A1600	St Patrick's of Quebec City (History of the Parish) (O'Gallagher)	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 13.00
A1700	The Loyalists of Quebec - A History of the United Empire Loyalists	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.00
A1800	The Tread of Pioneers - History and Genealogy of Richmond County Vol. 1	\$ 16.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 21.00
A1810	The Tread of Pioneers - History and Genealogy of Richmond County Vol. 2	\$ 16.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 21.00
A1950	Tracing your Irish Ancestors (Grenham)	\$ 32.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 37.00
A2000	Tracing your Scottish Ancestors (Cory)	\$ 28.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 33.00
A2200	Welsh Family History: A Research Guide (Rowland)	\$ 32.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 37.00
A2400	Who am I?	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 7.00
B.	QFHS Publications			
B3010	Abraham Hyatt...Our Loyalist Ancestors	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
B3010	Ancestral Surname Catalogue **2003 EDITION**	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 14.00
B3020	Connections (1978 - 1995) Index to Articles	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 12.00
B3030	Directory of Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions List	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 9.00
B3050	Index to Richford, Vermont Gazette 1880 - 1957 Quebec References (Simmons)	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.00
B3060	Map of Lower Canada 1802	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
B3070	Place Names of South Western Quebec	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00

B3080	Quebec City Gazette: Death Notices 1846 - 1855 (Smith)	\$ 18.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 23.00
B3090	Quebec City Gazette: Marriage Notices 1846 - 1855 (Smith)	\$ 18.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 23.00
B3100	Quebec Strays	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 14.00

		Price	S & H	Total
C.	Monument Inscriptions			
C4010	Beechridge Presbyterian, Chateauguay County (Lang)	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 14.00
C4020	Cote St Charles, Hudson, Vaudreuil County (Wesleyan Methodist)	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 14.00
C4022	Dunham Twp. Book #1 (16 Cemeteries) Missisquoi County, Quebec **NEW**	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.00
C4023	Dunham Twp. Book #2 (7 Cemeteries) Missisquoi County, Quebec **NEW**	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.00
C4025	Freighsburg Twp (12 cemeteries) Missisquoi County, Quebec **NEW**	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 30.00
C4030	Greenwood Cemetery, Prescott County Ontario (Cotton & Belanger)	\$ 18.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 22.00
C4040	Hawthorn-Dale Cemetery, Montreal, Quebec	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00
C4050	Lachute Protestant Cemetery - Argenteuil County	\$ 22.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 26.00
C4070	Phillipsburg Protestant Cemetery, Missisquoi County	\$ 12.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 16.00
C4080	Rawdon Area, Montcalm County (Six Cemeteries)	\$ 12.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 16.00
C4090	Richford, Vermont Cemeteries, Index to ... (Simmons) Quebec references	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.00
C4100	Sorel Christ Church (Anglican) Cemetery Inscriptions, Richelieu County	\$ 7.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 11.00
C4110	St Anne's Cemetery, Richmond County (R. Woods)	\$ 17.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 21.00
C4115	St Armand TWP Cemeteries Missisquoi County, Quebec	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.00
C4120	St James Anglican Cemetery, Ormstown, Chateauguay County (QFHS)	\$ 12.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 16.00
C4130	St Matthew's Episcopal, Chateauguay County (Lang)	\$ 15.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 19.00
C4140	St Paul's Presbyterian (United) Cemetery, Chateauguay County (Lang)	\$ 15.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 19.00
C4150	Sutton Area Cemeteries, Brome County (Simmons)	\$ 36.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 42.00

D.	Quebec Census Transcriptions			
D5511	1851 Census Index: Hemmingford TWP, Hemmingford	\$ 15.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 19.00
D5512	1851 Census Index: Huntingdon Village, Huntingdon	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 10.00
D5513	1851 Census Index: Lachute, St Andrews, Grenville, Harrington and The Gore	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00
D5514	1851 Census Index: Sherrington, Napierville County	\$ 8.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 11.00
D5515	1851 Census Index: Shipton and Windsor, Richmond	\$ 20.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 24.00

E. Church Register Transcriptions		Price	S & H	Total
E6010	Christ Church Montreal (Anglican) Marriage Index 1766 - 1850	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
E6020	Christ Church Sorel (Anglican) 1766 - 1899, Births, Marriages, Burials (Simmons)	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.00
E6030	Cote St Charles, Hudson (Wesleyan Methodist) 1855 - 1874 B.M.D.	\$ 22.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 26.00
E6040	Coteau du Lac Christ Church (Anglican) 1829 - 1857 B.M.D.	\$ 27.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 31.00
E6045	Shefford County Protestant Marriages 1880-1899 (Brock) **NEW**	\$ 40.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 47.00
E6046	Shefford County Protestant Births/Baptisms 1880-1899 (Brock) **NEW**	\$ 35.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 40.00
E6047	Shefford County Protestant Deaths/Burials 1880-1899 (Brock) **NEW**	\$ 40.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 47.00
E6050	Sutton Township (Protestant Churches) BMD 1850 - 1899 (Simmons)	\$ 40.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 46.00
E6055	St Ann, Montreal (1873-1899) Baptisms and Marriages (Hennessy & Dunn)	\$ 60.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 60.00
E6060	Ste Catherine de la Jacques Cartier, Portneuf County (Garmeau) (1832 - 1901)	\$ 30.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 35.00

F. Crown Land Grants of Quebec - Revised in Name Alphabetical Order				**NEW**
F7001	Surname Index: Full Set A to Z (unbound)	\$ 125.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 160.00
F7010	Surname Index A	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 7.50
F7011	Surname Index B	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00
F7012	Surname Index C	\$ 12.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 16.00
F7013	Surname Index D	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 13.00
F7014	Surname Index E	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.00
F7015	Surname Index F	\$ 8.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 11.00
F7016	Surname Index G	\$ 12.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 16.00
F7017	Surname Index H	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 10.00
F7018	Surname Index I/J	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.00
F7019	Surname Index K	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00
F7020	Surname Index L	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 13.00
F7021	Surname Index M	\$ 12.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 16.00
F7022	Surname Index N	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00
F7023	Surname Index O	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00
F7024	Surname Index P	\$ 8.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 11.00
F7025	Surname Index Q	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00
F7026	Surname Index R	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 10.00
F7027	Surname Index S	\$ 8.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 11.00
F7028	Surname Index T	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 6.00
F7029	Surname Index U/V	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.00
F7030	Surname Index W	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 6.00
F7031	Surname Index Y/Z	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.00

THE CENSUS TAKER

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;
The pollster was ready", a black book in hand,
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side,
A long winding ride down a road barely there;
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air,
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place,
She gave him some water", as they sat at the table;
And she answered his questions", the best she was able,
He asked of her children" , Yes, she had quite a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two,
She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;
his sister, she whispered, was napping in bed,
She noted each person who lived there with pride;
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside,
He noted the sex, the color, the age",
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page,
At the number of children, she nodded her head;
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead,
The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Montreal? or Halifax? or Toronto ". or not?
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.
They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
They could read some and write some... though really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.
We can imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God Bless you all for another ten years."
Now picture a time warp ... it's now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.
We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;
That the entries they made would effect us this way?
If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.



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CANADIAN CENSUS



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THE "BLACK MARIA"

[extracted from the June 30, 1900 edition of The Montreal Star]

Submitted by Robert N. Wilkins

The "Black Maria" - the name gives no suggestion of what it has been applied to, yet there are few people in any of the big cities of this continent who are not familiar with the "Black Maria." Not that the average citizen has any personal knowledge of the mission of the celebrated old covered waggon, but the gruesome stories that it suggests as it rolls through the streets picking up the prisoners from the various police stations only to finally dump them at the city gaol, have made it one of the institutions of Montreal. True, it is an institution that would be gladly dispensed with did circumstances permit, but unfortunately it is altogether too necessary in the interests of good government.

As far as Montreal is concerned, the "Black Maria" is about thirty years old, but no one can be found who is willing to go on record as to when the name was first given to the vehicle. There are many stories as to how the name originated, but the one most generally accepted is as follows: About forty years ago a negro woman in London became well-known to the police because she smashed no less than three wagons which were used for prisoners. Her name was Maria, and that infernal "Black Maria" became as famous as Old Bailey itself. After she died officials were wont to ask, "Where is Maria?" and soon it became the custom to call the prison wagon "The Black Maria" in honour of the old woman.

The name finally got to New York, and soon was adopted in every city on the continent for it is fair to presume there is not a city so good that it does not have its share of prisoners who have to be carted away in a vehicle paid for by the Government.

In Montreal there have been about seven or eight "Black Marias" since it was first introduced here. The one which is now used by the city is but a few years old. It is a massive concern holding when crowded about thirty people. There is a partition inside, which is movable so that specially sized room or compartments may be arranged according to whether or not there are more female prisoners than male. This does not frequently happen, the proportion as a rule being two men to one women. There are no windows in the "Black Maria," but small holes are so arranged that there is no inconvenience on the score of foul air. As soon as the prisoners are in, the door is closed and locked, not to be opened until the unfortunates are told to step out into the gaol yard, thence to the office, where they are registered previous to commencing a term under the guidance of Governor Vallee.

Robert N. Wilkins is a Montreal area high school teacher and local historian. He is currently indexing deaths which appeared in the early 1900's in the now defunct Montreal Star. This data base now contains over 40,000 entries and covers the period January 1, 1900 through to October 1, 1904. The index project is further described at http://www.geocities.com/montreal_1900. Mr. Wilkins may be reached at: 514-524-5247 or at: montreal_1900@hotmail.com

Montreal_1900
**PENAL PROSECUTIONS IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL
FOR THE YEAR 1877**
by Robert N. Wilkins

OFFENCES AGAINST STATUTES

Aggravated assault - 76
Assaulting constables in the lawful performance of their duty - 54
Hindering constables in the lawful performance of their duty - 22
Obstructing constables in the lawful performance of their duty - 6
Assaulting a female - 8
Assaulting a male child under the age of 14 - 1
Common assault and battery - 787
Aiding and counselling the commission of an assault - 2
Disturbing an assemblage of persons met for religious worship - 9
Disturbing an assemblage of persons met for social purposes - 9
Persons using threatening language - 1
Carrying offensive weapons - 7
Carrying a pistol upon his person without a reasonable cause - 11
Carrying a pistol upon his person with the intent to do injury - 4
Pointing a pistol at another without lawful excuse - 7
Having a pistol upon his person when arrested for an offence - 1
Selling liquor without license - 12
Persons holding shop licenses selling liquor in a less quantity than three half pints- 12
Selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours - 9
Keeping taverns open after hours - 17
Tavernkeepers neglecting to keep their bar-rooms closed on Sunday- 24
Tavernkeepers refusing to admit constables - 6
Persons licensed to sell liquor delivering same to a minor under 14 - 1
Tavernkeepers not keeping a peaceable, decent and orderly house - 1
Tavernkeepers allowing gambling in their taverns - 2
Keeping liquor for the purpose of selling the same by retail without a license - 12
Keeping houses of ill-fame - 40
Inmates of the same - 52
Habitual frequenters of the same - 9
Keeping disorderly houses - 7
Inmates of the same - 14
Habitual frequenters of the same - 9
Cruelty to animals - 48
Encouraging cock-fighting - 1
Committing damage to real or personal property - 111
Destroying a plant growing in a garden - 2
Barking a tree - 2
Persons driving faster than a moderate trot - 70
Contempt of Court - 2
Refusing to be sworn before a Committee of enquiry appointed by Council - 1
Refusing to reply to a question put by an assessor - 1
Illegally practicing medicine - 2
Persons charged with drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and vagrancy - 2499

OFFENCES AGAINST BY-LAWS

- Carters, traders, and others, driving vehicles without numbers or licenses - 201
 Carters absenting from their vehicles - 32
 Carters driving with false numbers - 46
 Carters loitering off the stands unemployed - 139
 Carters refusing employment - 1
 Carters taking an additional place on stand to the number allotted - 1
 Driving faster than a walk in turning corners of streets - 3
 Careless driving - 2
 Reckless driving - 2
 Persons driving vehicles on sidewalk - 2
 Carters demanding more than their tariff - 2
 Persons refusing to pay carters' fare - 40
 Drivers not wearing numbers of vehicles - 7
 Drivers driving public licensed vehicles without personal license - 12
 Carters defacing their numbers - 1
 Hackney carriages not provided with lighted lanterns at night - 6
 Hackney carriages not provided with a number painted on both sides - 1
 Carters guilty of being drunk while in charge of their vehicles - 8
 Carting coal contrary to By-Law - 6
 Disorderly conduct on public markets - 18
 Refusing to obey orders of Clerks of markets - 2
 Refusing to pay market dues -1
 Obstructing the passage in markets -1
 Suspending meat in butchers' stall so as to obstruct passage - 1
 Practicing fraud in the weight of hay on markets - 2
 Selling damaged hay as merchantable - 2
 Butchers exposing for sale meat in private stalls without license - 42
 Butchers selling bruised meat in a private butcher's stall - 4
 Preventing the seizure of meat by meat Inspector - 2
 Selling vegetables off markets without license - 14
 Selling fresh provisions off public markets - 7
 Selling milk without license - 45
 Peddling without license - 3
 Encumbering streets - 15
 Encumbering sidewalks - 25
 Encumbering the crossings in streets - 1
 Sliding on streets - 15
 Skating on streets - 2
 Using wheel carriages in winter - 6
 Driving sleighs without bells - 2
 Dragging a wheelbarrow on sidewalk -1
 Neglecting to cut down snow and ice on sidewalks - 24
 Removing snow from roofs of houses during prohibited hours - 1
 Committing nuisances or permitting such - 6
 Placing hay uncovered in a yard - 1
 Drawing the contents of a privy into a hole made to receive them - 1
 Acting as scavenger without license - 4
 Neglecting to clean dirty premises - 16

OFFENCES AGAINST BY-LAWS

- Neglecting to clean or empty offensive privies - 13
- Neglecting to construct privies to houses - 1
- Neglecting to construct drains to premises - 2
- Neglecting to cleanse private drains - 1
- Keeping slaughter houses in an unclean state - 1
- Depositing ordure on streets or lots - 15
- Carrying on the business of junk dealer without license - 8
- Selling firewood deficient in measure - 1
- Delivering more than 500 pounds of coal without weighing same on a public scale - 1
- Selling firewood in quantity less than 2 cords without cording the same - 1
- Erecting buildings without giving notice to Health Department - 1
- Digging a drain without authority - 1
- Digging earth in public square without permission of City Surveyor - 1
- Keeping pigs within the City limits - 12
- Keeping unlicensed dogs - 202
- Allowing animals to go at large - 12
- Committing nuisances on the ground of the Montreal Reservoir - 4
- Wasting Water of the Montreal Water Works - 73
- Interfering with the water pipes of Montreal Water Works - 2
- Using water of Montreal Water Works for hand hose for watering without permission - 33
- Driving vehicles in Mount Royal Park so as to alarm passengers - 1
- Bathing opposite the City limits - 5
- Firing crackers - 15
- Discharging fire arms within the City limits - 2
- Carrying a candle in a stable - 1
- Suffering a person to carry a candle in a stable - 1
- Throwing snow balls in streets - 1
- Playing lacrosse in streets - 3
- Catching insectivorous birds - 1
- Traders keeping their places of business open on Sunday - 40
- Keeping a musical saloon (cafe chantant) - 1
- Playing at cards with betting - 9
- Suspending signs contrary to By - Law - 1
- Suspending a flag contrary to By - Law - 1
- Suspending goods to walls contrary to By - Law - 4
- Using a lot for the storage and sale of goods without permission - 1
- Apprentices, journeymen, and servants deserting, absenting, etc. - 4
- Bringing a person suffering from smallpox into City without permission of the Health Department - 3

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFENCES AGAINST BY - LAWS 1255

Extracted from "The Report of Penal and Civil Prosecutions and Complaints
Disposed of Before the Recorder's Court of the City of Montreal During the Year 1877"



HOME CHILDREN

Submitted by Cecilia Karwowski

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Children sent to the Knolton Receiving Home on April 1st,1880.

Girls:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1) Alice Heany	16
2) Bridget Nicholson	17
3) Lizzie Williams	16
4) Alice Watt	16
5) Minnie Whamond	16
6) Eliza Mc Dermott	16
7) Catharine Davies	15
8) Rosalie Whamond	13
9) Bessie Griffiths	13
10) Annie Donely	13
11) Maggie Kerr	13
12) Maggie Leed	12
13) Maud Savage	12
14) Susan Jane Dunbar	10
15) M. Catharine Barzarkie	10
16) M. Ellen Mc Donald	10
17) Isabella Curtis	11
18) Annie Campbell	10
19) Harriet Bulmer	10
20) Sally Fletcher	10
21) Isabella Welsh	8
22) Nellie Davies	7
23) Annie Bulmer	7
24) Lizzie Barzarkie	7
25) Ellen Connor	9
26) Maggie Bellis	6
27) Mary Ellen Mc Guffie	7
28) Nelly Robinson	6
29) Charlotte Evans	7
30) Margaret I. Miller	7
31) Louisa Savage	5
32) Daisy Bulmer	3
33) Effie 18 mos. // 34) Eva	9 mos.
35) Kate Macdonald	22
36) Jane Caddick	40
37) Jane Miller	26

Boys:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1) Charles Maddick	17
2) John Heany	16
3) Joseph Gore	15
4) Walter Sylvester	17
5) Michael Geraghty	15
6) James Nicholson	13
7) Andrew Rowe	13
8) Henry Wild	13
9) Pher Peterson	12
10) George Heany	15
11) Thos. H. Coleman	16
12) James Mc Guffie	12
13) E. Hume	11
14) Thomas Wade	12
15) Nicholson Thompson	9
16) Frank C. Geraghty	10
17) William Lewis	10
18) John Davies	10
19) Willie Hyams ??	9
20) Charles C. Coleman	9
21) James Kelly	9
22) Robert Jones	9
23) Arthur Moore	8
24) Edwin Dunn	10
25) Walter Chester	7
26) George H. Peterson	9
27) Thomas Jones	8
28) John Jos. Savage	9
29) George Lewis	8
30) Humphrey Hughes	7
31) John Mc Donald	10
32) William Williams	17

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Children sent to the Knolton Receiving Home on August 5th, 1880.

Girls

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1) Louisa Miller	23
2) Letitia Joynt	20
3) Dora Joynt	17
4) Fanny Smith	36
5) Mary Jane Williams	40
6) Alice Lloyd	23
7) Mary Ord	20
8) Helen Mc Kelvie	14
9) Alice Sherfield	14
10) Amelia Jones	14
11) Isabella Allen	17
12) Annie Blundell	15
13) Alice Elizabeth Logan	15
14) Lily Whammond	14
15) Ann Jane Mc Cardle	15
16) Emmeline Hancock	13
17) Catharine Williams	15
18) Mary Ellen Roberts	11
19) Emily Jane Knox	10
20) Nellie D'Arcy	9
21) Annie Dagnall	12
22) Mary Ann Parks	8
23) Lizzie Dagnall	7
24) Rosina Wilson	7
25) Lizzie Ball	6
26) Ann Jane Cowdall	7
27) Josephine D'Arcy	5
28) Minnie Mawson	6
29) Elizabeth Pierce	6
30) Tereza Barzarkie	4
31) Mary Auden	5
32) Alvina Hancock	5
33) Ruth Chamberlain	3
34) Ada Robinson	3

Boys:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1) Thomas Foster	40
2) Edward Carter	19
3) Thomas Bulmer	16
4) Thomas Brook	16
5) William Hy. Johnson	16
6) Henry Kirwin	14
7) Henry Campbell Hunt	15
8) Roger Henry Lang	12
9) Christopher Orchard	14
10) Fred Savage	13
11) George Short	13
12) William Bulmer	13
13) Joseph Anderson	13
14) Charles Wood	14
15) Samuel Chambers	14
16) George Dagnall	14
17) Edward Stubbs	14
18) Walter Dagnall	15
19) John Ball	11
20) James Chambers	12
21) John D'Arcy	8
22) Samuel Brown	12
23) Edwin Renshaw	12
24) John Makin	7
25) Thomas Mc Coy	7
26) John Hayden	7
27) Edward Chamberlain	7
28) William Burns	6
29) Walter Chamberlain	6
30) Frank Mc Cardle	3
31) Mitchell McCardle	2
32) Charlie Barzarkie	2
33) Ex. William Wilson	12
34) John C. Clement	36



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FRANCE IN AMERICA - US LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SITE

Suggested by Editor Dawn Ouellette, this site is very interesting for anyone with French/North American roots. Explore references to manuscripts, books, many maps, etc. at this bilingual site international.loc.gov/intldl/fiahtml/fiahome.html (Note some site addresses don't start with 'www'). This is part of the Library's Global Gateway to world culture and resources international.loc.gov/intldl or go directly to *Portals to the World* at www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html - this will bring you to a long list of countries, many of them with genealogical links.

IRISH PASSENGER LISTS - US

The US National Archives has placed a file containing information about passengers who arrived in the Port of New York during the Irish famine. Search this data base at aad.archives.gov/aad/file-unit-description.jsp?file_id=640&coll_id=1002. (Note the period is part of the address).

OUR ROOTS/NOS RACINES

Barbara McGibbon wrote that she found the description of stores owned by her great grandfather Alexander McGibbon in a copy of *Montreal Business Sketches* on the www.nosracines.ca site. I was hesitant to recommend this site again, as it doesn't seem to have been updated since 2003. A note to the administrators, however, came back with the reply that they are "constantly adding new material to the site . . .we're going to be adding a fair number of Quebec items in the near future so look for it." Also accessible via www.ourroots.ca

MORE CENSUS INFORMATION

For links to many sites for Canadian, US, and UK census information, consult this site at allcensusrecords.com. Also provided are the questions asked on each census and blank forms. The information for each census is not complete, but does provide whatever currently exists on line. Other useful information is also listed.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES IN QUEBEC

Cemeteries on this site are classified by the name of the town or city. The name of the parish and cemetery is shown, with telephone and fax numbers and the corresponding diocese. Although the site is only in French, this should not be a problem, because of the clear way it is organized. See www.accrq.qc.ca/liste_membres/N.htm.

PLACES OF WORSHIP IN QUEBEC - ALL RELIGIONS

This inventory of places of worship in Quebec is a project of the *Fondation du patrimoine religieux du Québec* (Quebec Religious Heritage Foundation) and can be searched by name, religious denomination, architect and several architectural details. If your French is limited, there is a map that can be used to find the location you want. www.lieuxdeculte.qc.ca/index.htm. The search results in photos of the building and many architectural details. More about the Foundation itself can be found on its bilingual site at www.patrimoine-religieux.qc.ca.

LONDON BURIAL GROUNDS

If you are interested in London cemeteries, this site should prove very useful and easy to navigate: www.londonburials.co.uk. Use the map or choose *The City of London, Greater London North of the River, or South London*. (From the Eastman newsletter).

US CIVIL WAR GRAVES

Again from Eastman, this site from the National Graves Registration Project, this site at www.suvcwdb.org/home/search.php?action=search can be searched for the location of the graves of Civil War veterans. The site can also be searched by other search criteria, such as cemetery name or city, unit, etc.

TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF IRELAND

A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland, by Samuel Lewis, published in 1837, can be found on the *Irish books online* site at www.libraryireland.com/topog/index.php

FAMOUS TREES

Interested in finding a tree in common with a famous person? Check out this site at www.genealogy.com/famousfolks/index.html.

ANY MINK RANCHERS AMONG YOUR ANCESTORS?

Over 3,700 names of mink ranchers before 1940 have been discovered and placed online at www.jkcc.com/evje/minkpeople/whowherewhen.html. They are listed alphabetically by province, and the place and year they became active is indicated.

FEMALE NICKNAMES HELP IN READING CENSUS

Gordon Watt, the co-chair of the Post-1901 Census Committee, has been suggesting tools to make the census pages easier to understand. On this site, you will find "female nicknames commonly used by English, Scottish (sic) & Irish". It's a very long address to type in, but it will appear in clickable format on the QFHS' site.

www.rootsweb.com/~ohfulton/FemaleNicknames.html?o_xid=0040560271&o_lid=0040560271&o_xt=18835.

BLANK FORMS FOR 1911 CANADIAN CENSUS

Several sites have created these forms to help transcribe the information. One example can be found at www.archivecdbooks.ca/downloads.html

NORWEGIAN GENEALOGY TERMS

For those with Norwegian ancestors, this site carries about eleven pages of terms related to genealogy, with their English equivalents. Browse at www.geocities.com/Heartland/Estates/5536/eidhalist.html.

WARNING ABOUT SOME NEW SITES

Recently, a Web site has been recommended on a mailing list and another via E-mail to the Library. Both look quite interesting and are free *for now*. However, there is no indication of who is responsible for either site. One should be very careful of submitting name and address and

even more, payment, before ensuring a site is authentic. Here are some warning signs: There is no 'who we are', no address showing where the administrators are located (city, country ??), there is no responsible person, company, nor organization shown. There is no privacy information, citing what will be done with the information provided by members, including name, E-mail information. In one particular case there was no information of any kind that I could find, except a way to write and become a member! This lack of information – whatever a site's reason for existence – should always raise warning flags. I would never buy anything from a site that does not tell me who or where they are in a prominent location. I am intentionally not providing the name of these particular sites, as one should inspect new sites carefully.

TECHIE TIPS:

IF YOU HAVE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE - More and more people are going to high-speed Internet service. If you have done this or are contemplating it, you need a firewall. Why? With dial-up service, your *location* changes with every connection, but with high-speed, you get an 'always-on' connection, thus making it easier - and more attractive - for hackers to try and attack your system. If your computer is using Windows XP, there is an included firewall, which should be turned on. However it is not the best, so getting a special one is preferable - Symantec (Norton), McAfee are among the best known. An additional protection is to turn off your connection when you won't be using the computer for a few hours, or turn off the computer itself - no connection, no power, no hackers!

PRINTER/FAX JAMS TIP

If you were a bit too quick loading in paper and your fax or printer tried to swallow ten sheets at one time, now what do you do? Reversing doesn't work, there are too many sheets to go through ... you're afraid to pull to hard and break the machine. A very simple solution is to remove the *middle* sheets one at a time, ie those that don't touch the equipment ... until you only have two sheets left, which should move easily through your printer or fax. (Learned through experience!)

SUGGESTIONS AND REQUESTS

Please continue to send in any suggestions for subjects or sites. If there is a specific subject for which you cannot find a site, another member could probably help you, so send in requests for this as well. If you use regular mail or drop a note in my mailbox at the QFHS library, please include your name and a telephone number or e-mail address.

Note also that not all material can be used, and that we reserve the right to edit submissions. Please accept my apologies if I forget to give credit to a contributor: in the three-month period between issues, it is easy to forget the source of the contribution.

Note that mention of a product or a web site on the Computer Page does not imply endorsement by the Society

Send your genealogical computer questions/ tips/ reviews/ etc. to Lorraine Gosselin
c/o **CONNECTIONS** P.O. Box 1026, Pointe Claire, QC, H9S 4H9
OR E-mail to computree@yahoo.com

WE GET QUERIES

Please limit queries to **50 WORDS OR LESS** excluding name and address. Members may submit queries free of charge; non-members will be charged \$5.00 per query. **PRINT CLEARLY; USE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.** Send queries for the March issue by **JANUARY 15th, 2006** to Nora Taylor Bernier, Queries Editor, P.O. Box 1026, Pointe Claire, QC. Canada H9S 4H9, or email norabernier@yahoo.com

- 2116 **BULLOCK**, Daniel & Sarah. Children of Benjamin BULLOCK and Hannah DANFORD, living in the Clarenceville area early 1800's. Other children were, John, Elizabeth, Cynthia & Henry. I have no information birth or death record for Daniel and Sarah but they appeared in a will (1845) of their father, Benjamin. Any information would be appreciated. Carolyn Parent, 24 Center St., Stanstead, QC. J0B 3E0. Email: Carolyn.parent@sympatico.ca.
- 2117 **CORNEAU (GUERNEAU?)** and Marie WAKENEUR. I have no marriage date for these people. They had daughter, Mathilde Comeau married to Joseph LAROCQUE. 7th Oct. 1840 in Buckingham, Qc. Can. Mathilde b.about 1818 in Cumberland, QC. Canada. Especially need info on the Wakeneur name.
Judith Salchow, 8366 S. Howell Ave., Oak Creek, WI. 53154 USA.
Email: bobjudy@milwpc.com
- 2118 **GAUTHIER** and Madeline **ASSELIN**. I have no marriage date for them. Daughter Adelaide GAUTHIER, b.? d.? married Louis VEZEAU, 18th Feb. 1828. They had daughter Philomene VEZEAU married to Honore BERGERON 4th Jan. 1864 in Clearance Creek, ON. Can. Especially need info on the ASSELIN name. See query #2117.
- 2119 **GERMANY & S. AFRICA**. Would love to connect with anyone experienced in accessing records in Germany (West) and S. Africa., or hear how they managed.
K. Douglas, 160 Northview, Montreal West, QC. H4X 1E2.
- 2120 **LETELLIER/MEZERAY**. Seek info on Etienne LeTELLIER b.1636 and Genevieve MEZERAY, married 24 Jan. 1661 in Quebec.
Valerie Cole, 145 Cameron St. Thornbury, ON. N0H 2P0. Email: colebin@sympatico.ca.
- 2121 **LOCKWOOD**, Reginald, born 1865, England, son of William Perfect LOCKWOOD and Eleanor GRIFFIN. He was in Montreal in 1901. Brothers Herbert and Arthur went to B.C. c1900 and brother Harry went to Guelph, ON. Did Reginald have descendants?
Diana Quesnel, R.R. 1 Winchester, ON.K0C 2K0. Email: dr.pma@cyberus.ca
- 2122 **MAYNARD (MENARD)**, Theophilus. I am looking for any information on my great grandfather, Theophilus MAYNARD, born in Montreal 9 April 1848. He next appeared in the 1873 Rochester, N.Y. City Directory giving his occupation as "flour miller." I do not know when or where he entered the USA but possibility he might have learned his traded in Montreal. His death certificate gives his mother's birthplace as France.
Don Maynard, 504 Applecross Dr., Cary, NC 27511 USA. Email: dmaynard@ix.netcom.com

- 2123 **McCARTHY, SPRIGINGS, FULTON.** Seeking descendants of Bertram W. McCARTHY d. 1972 of Pte. Claire, David SPRIGINGS d. 1924 of Montreal and John FULTON d. 1909 of Montreal. Gary Schroder, 7430 Churchill, Verdun, QC. H4H 2L4
- 2124 **MIDGLEY.** Seeking descendants of Thomas MIDGLEY (b. 1878 York, England), wife Elizabeth COLBECK, emigrated to Montreal. MIDGLEY was a decorated veteran of WW1 of the CEF, wounded, captured and was POW for 3½ years. Any information will be greatly appreciated. Seeking relations, past or present.
Peter Adams, 372 Hidden Valley Manor NW, Calgary Alberta, T3A 5V5.
Email: pyst@shaw.ca
- 2125 **O'SULLIVAN, Patrick.** County and any information concerning Patrick O'SULLIVAN. Canadian census of 1881 states census place Ste. Jean Chrysostome, Chateauquay, QC., born Ireland 1806. Ritchie D. Thomas, 10828 Stedman Rd., SE Olympia, WA 98513 USA.
Email: CousinEarl4@aol.com
- 2126 **ROUTHIER, Robert.** Seek info on both Jean-Baptiste ROUTHIER, b. 18 Oct. 1771 Canada and Marie Genevieve ROBERT, married 4 June 1798 St. Cuthbert, Berthier, QC.
See query 2120
- 2127 **STEWART.** Lived in St. Sylvestre, Lotbiniere Co.. Quebec during 1830's and 1840's. At some point they moved to Leeds Village, where my grandfather, Wilbur Harwill STEWART was born in 1867. The earliest STEWART ancestor I know about is Andrew who was from Ireland. He married Margaret EVANS (in St. Sylvestre ?) in 1838. Are immigration records available that would show specific Ireland birthplaces for them? How can I find their marriage record, which might have more information about Margaret EVANS? Marilyn Robertson, 394 Kaniksu Shore Rd., Sandpoint, ID 83864 USA.
Email: arobrtsn@bossig.com
- 2128 **TODD/SEMPLE.** Thomas TODD married Mary SEMPLE at St. James Street Methodist Church in 1836. They had two daughters, Annie, b. 1842 and Emily Jane b. c1853, and possibly a son Thomas. Would like more information on Thomas and Mary if possible, such as dates of death, place of burial and census data. Any leads appreciated.
See query #2121.
- 2129 **VIRTUE.** Seeking descendants of Joseph, James, Robert, Mary and William VIRTUE, who immigrated from County Fermanagh in Ireland to Montreal in the 1850's.
See query # 2123

Queries with e-mail addresses may be viewed on the QFHS webpage
home addresses appearing in *Connections* have been deleted
visit at: http://www.cam.org/~qfhs/srch_queries.html

SEARCH OF THE NON-CATHOLIC MARRIAGES INDEXES

Search of the Non-Catholic Marriage Indexes for the Montreal Judicial Region Parishes will be carried out for the years 1760 through 1899 for a specific surname. The search will be made on both partners of a marriage (i.e. Husband's Surname and Spouse's Surname), for the requested Surname and all matching entries will be given (this will include both maiden and current names for widows and for alias names when they were given). Variant of any surname is considered a new surname - ie: McDonald / MacDonald; McCormick / McCormack; White / Whyte

We also have the microfilms of the registers themselves for the years 1766 through 1882. If you do find an entry of interest we can supply photo-copies of the actual entries at \$ 2.00 each entry. If you have an E-Mail address please provide for a faster response.

FEE FOR MEMBERS: \$ 5.00 PER SURNAME

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Membership Number		E-Mail Address	
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Country		Additional Name 5	

ONTARIO VITAL RECORDS SEARCH

We have obtained Indexes of Civil Registrations of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the Province of Ontario for the following years:

Births: 1869-1906

Marriages: 1869-1921

Deaths: 1869-1931

A volunteer will search the Indexes for a stated five (5) year period for a given Birth, Marriage or Death

The Fee for a search of the appropriate index is:

Members: \$ 5.00 per surname

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NOTE: NO refunds for entries NOT found.

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CEMETERY INSCRIPTION – SEARCH REQUEST

A search for **Specific Surnames** can be requested in one or more of the many Cemetery Listing holdings of the QFHS Library.

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whether or not there is an entry found for the desired Surname/s is to be paid in advance. Each variant Surname spelling is considered a separate request. All data recorded will be included in our reply to your request.

(Please print in Capital Letters)

(If Known)

SURNAME	NAME	DATE of DEATH	AGE
1. _____	1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	4. _____	_____	_____

NAME OF CEMETERY 1. _____

TOWN/TOWNSHIP _____

COUNTY/PROVINCE _____

RELIGIOUS DENOM. _____

REQUESTED BY: MEMBER ID _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Send your prepaid Cheque or Postal Money Order and a Self-Addressed-Stamped Envelope (SASE) to:
THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
Attention: **“CEMETERY GRAVE LISTS”**

Indicate your preference of a response by email.

SEARCH OF THE NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX: ENGLAND and WALES

For members who can't visit the QFHS Library in person.

This index includes information on over 5,000,000 burials, primarily for the period 1813 - 1850+

Typical entry:

John Suttle buried April 1, 1815 age 65 parish: Clare county, Suffolk

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to cover the cost of copies, postage and handling.

This fee includes copies up to 5 pages.

If you wish to have a common Surname searched please indicate the first name also, as in: "George Smith". Let common sense be your guide.

The following is a list of how many entries are included for each county.

The three ridings of Yorkshire will be considered as one county.

(Unlisted counties did not have a participating society or group)

Bedfordshire	52,075	Herefordshire	41,603	Oxfordshire	256,235
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Buckinghamshire	80,564	Huntingdonshire	58,081	Shropshire	84,684
Cambridge	97,016	Kent	15,653	Staffordshire	13,613
Cardiganshire	6,000	Lancashire	28,978	Suffolk	435,600
Cheshire	255,058	Leicestershire	576	Surrey	119,991
Derbyshire	29,238	Lincolnshire	609,004	Warwickshire	469,809
Dorset	1,031	Middlesex	11,149	Wiltshire	145,831
Durham	170,342	Monmouthshire	323	Worcestershire	490,415
Essex	22,305	Norfolk	73,467	Yorkshire	19,042
Glamorganshire	248,909	Northamptonshire	79,254	Yorkshire East Riding	28,811
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				Ykshire West Riding	674,396

Please write "NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX" on the envelope

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Our volunteers will search the following QFHS Library resources FOR A FEE. This money helps to support the Quebec Family History Society. All research requests should be sent by regular postal mail with payment included. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE SEARCH REQUEST therefore, e-mail requests for research will not be processed. When requesting research, please include a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) Canadian postage stamp, \$1.00 US, or IRC (International Postage Reply Coupons) with your request.

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Land Grants by the Crown from 1763 to 31 Dec 1890 - Lower Canada (Quebec).

Full name and county must be stated for a search to be made.

Fee: Members \$5.00 per name (one spelling).

Non-Members \$8.00 per name (one spelling).

N.B: Does not include certain lands held under Seigneurial Tenure.

Books containing alphabetical indexes of names of grantees of land may be purchased from *QFHS Book and Publication Sales* by either, Individual letters (e.g: A, B, C, etc.) or the complete set A-Z (unbound)

See: QFHS Publication Price List in each issue of *Connections*.

Montreal City Directories are available for searches for the following years:

1842 -1850; 1852 -1901/02; 1910/11; 1915/16; 1920/21; 1925/26; 1930/31.

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Cost for all Searches of Births, Marriages, Deaths Indexes

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Montreal Judicial District Indexes

Protestant Births 1760 - 1899; Marriages 1760 - 1899; Burials 1766 - 1899.

Copy of most actual records up to and including 1882:

Cost for copy of record: Members \$2.00 per record. Non-Members \$3.00 per record.

Beauharnois Judicial District Indexes (Chateauguay Valley area - SW portion of the province)

Protestant Births 1832-1899; Marriages 1832-1899; Deaths 1832-1899

Copy of actual record: Members \$2.00 per record. Non-member \$3.00 per record

St. Francis District 1815-1879 Protestant (A portion of the Eastern Townships east of the Richelieu River)

Protestant births, marriages and deaths

Roman Catholic Marriages Montreal parishes and rural parishes

Montreal Judicial District - 1850-1899 ~ only from ABBA, Stephano to DWYRE, Patrick.

Cost: Member: \$5.00 per surname. Non-member: \$8.00 per surname.

Roman Catholic - Burial/Death Indexes

Montreal Judicial District - 1642-1850 ~ only from ABBOT, James to BYSAND, Joseph Thomas.

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