September 24, 1977 St. Anselm's College

The fall meeting began at 8:A.M. with registrations continuing until all persons were entered during the day. A fine attendance of more people attending each year.

President Lagasse opened the business session at 9:45 A.M. by having the Recording Secretary's Reports given in brief form. Reports given were accepted.

The Treasurer's Report also given and accepted. He announced that the Reginald Olivier Library Collection degt has been pain in full - \$1163.67. Cash on hand - \$1,113.01. Members since organization - 502. Active members - 367.

Mrs. Lagasse introduced the Co-Editors of <u>The Genealogist</u>: Jean and Therese Pellerin; Rita Lippe; and Louise Fluet. She told us of the marvelous churches and places seen during the trip to France by members of our Society last spring. She asked for book suggestions to add to our Collection. Books going out of print should be purchased first, and it was voted upon and passed that 40% of our cash on hand is to be invested into the purchase of books; that our library is of the greatest importance.

Some discussion was had on dues payments, such as raising dues, family combinations - \$7.50 for related members, etc. but <u>no</u> chamges were made as yet. Dues were <u>not</u> to be raised.

It voted upon and passed that our two meeting per year consist of two day meetings each time so that the second day could be devoted entirely to research since many members travel a long ways for that purpose.

Roger Lawrence explained that St. Anselm's College cannot be burdened with the risk of the books being located there, plus the cost of electricity, etc. It was voted upon and passed that the Board of Directors should estimate which books were to be purchased.

Roger Lawrence also said some states are closing their Archives and the like to researchers and some have already made laws to that effect. Limited access at Town Halls and no research after the years 1875 is the case in some places. After 1900 no records can be seen except, possibly, by card-carrying genealogist, at the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Concord, N.H. There has been some suspected illegal use of birth records of children who died at a young age. Also, some protection has been given to the records of illegitimate children.

It was suggested that towns and the counties they are in be listed in the Journal.

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Rose Freeman conducted the election of officers by a hand-vote; the election by ballot having been turned down by the members.

The following members were elected to office:

President Exec. Vice-President First Vice-President First Vice-President Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary - Therese Pellerin Treasurer Directors:

- Jean Pellerin - Richard Fortin - Lucille Lagasse - Roger Lawrence - Jeanette Dinwoodie

- Edgar Geoffrion - Eugene Tatro - Rita Lippe - Mark Gauthier

- Fr. Fernand Croteau

- Pauline Methot - Louise Fluet - John Hare

- Theodore LaVertue

Names of volunteers as officers and directors should be given at the next business meeting.

Sister Marianna O'Gallager of the Sisters of Charity based at Halifax, Nova Scotia, was the main speaker of the day. Her subject was "Irish Records in Canada" giving an outline of the Irish particularly in Quebec. A Father McMann kept a record of where in Ireland the Irish person was from. Many records are to be had in the French churches as well as in the Irish churches founded at a later date. The Anglican records do not give the parents names of couples married. There were Irish soldiers in Quebec before 1753, with some intermarriage with French girls and names Frenchized. A check can be made at the Berthelot Street office for Irish records.

At noon an order from MacDonald's Resturant was delivered and luncheon was enjoyed. Cecile Munford was in charge of the "goodies", donated by members, and coffee.

At 1:P.M. Rose Freeman began a most delightful showing of slides taken on her trip to France with a group from our society. She explained many details concerning each slide. which resulted in a veritable journey for those of us who watched them.all during the whole afternoon. Other members researched in our Library Collection while some others attended a beginners class conducted by Mark Gauthier.

Research continued until about 7: P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary

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