American-Canadian Genealogical Society of N.H.

Board Meeting - December 11, 1977 - at the N.H. Cancery Society office.

The December meeting of the Society was held at the N.H. Cancer Society office at 22 Bridge Street, Manchester, N.H. with John Pellerin, President, calling the meeting to order at 12:30P.M. The Acting Recording Secretary's report was read and accepted. Therese Pellerin recorded the minutes at the October meeting in Jeanette Dinwoodie's absence.

Our Treasurer being absent, it was reported there was a balance of \$1,096.00 in the bank and there would be a balance of \$346.00 remaining after all expenses are paid. Members number 590. The

Treasurer's report was accepted.

The following matters were discussed:

- A proposed trip to Quebec by one or more chartered buses; a motel at Ste-Anne de Beaupre charges \$8.00 dollars per night; buses run to Quebec City in twenty minutes. Registry cards are necessary to research in the Quebec Archives so they must be sent for beforehand quite early. Questionaires are to be sent out as an insert in The Genealogists that are being mailed out at the end of January. The time decided upon to leave Manchester shall be Sunday, Jun 18 and departure from Quebec on Sunday, June 25. At the Palaise de Justice, written permission to research there is good for six months only.

It was decided that the family rate of membership would be \$5.00 for the first member but one half that cost for additional family members living in the same place, but only one Journal would be sent to them. This was voted upon and approved. Also approved was the

regular rate of \$5.00 for libraries.

It was reported that the Augusta, Maine State Library is open

to all public records - all dates.

It was voted and approved to advertize a beginner's kit of folders and charted pages within to be sold by Gibbs Publishing Co., 51 Church Street, Laconia, N.H. at 30% off to our members. A price list and the address is to be inserted in our next journal. Chart pages are also to be sold at 30% off. Regular price of the kit is \$11.95.

All of the new books purchased by us are in our library excepting those of Bro. Compagna - three of them. \$92.00 is committed toward the cost of these three books.

A new estimate of \$300.00 for 750 - 9x12 copies of our Journal was given by the LaFayette Press, Manchester, N.H.

A motion was made and accepted to purchase 250 genealogy charts

at \$1.00 apiece from Raymond Gingras.

Dick Fortin reported that Louis-Isreal Martel is retired and has consented to be our membership chairman, and he will contact people and mail out letters and brochures to prominent persons and societies, check on possible speakers for our meetings, etc. The motion was made and seconded that we accept this most helpful offer from such a prominent Franco-American citizen.

Mr. Lavoie from Suncook offers to us, free of charge, a whole I.B.M. system if we can use it but first a decision is to be made as to how we could best put it to use. This shall be investigated by John Pellerin.

Five Repertoires are available for purchase from Fr. Croteau for \$108.00. He also told us that duplicates of Canadian parish records are sent to the Archives.

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Pauline Methot reported on books of marriages, births and deaths from several New England parishes that were available and it was voted and seconded that we purchase the same.

Bob Bisaillon informed us that members are free to copy his

books on Yamachichi, P.Q.

Sherbrooke Guide to Genealogical Research in the U.S. and Canada has been donated. Dick Fortin also has donated to us a repertoire of St. George's Parish. He also had a rare copy of a 1894-95 French Canadian Directory of Manchester, N.H. loaned to us by the A.C.A. for the purpose of reprinting it by photo-offset, hopefully to be underwritten. Our old books, or rather old books now out of print, should be repaired until a new set can be purchased.

Dick and John are to speak with Dr. Beaudoin and Msgr. Verrette with regard to making the A.C.A. genealogical material more available

somehow in their building.

File cards to have make and female cards together alphabetically all on white cards, but American cards and Canadian cards are to be separated. Membership files should be separate from the others. Our late member, Lou Verrette, has left material to be looked into for possible acquisition by our society. It was voted to accept for referrence at our next general meeting the question of naming our files the <u>Lussier Verrette Vital Statistics File</u> in honor of the vast amount of cards our late member has already typed, as well as being the introducer of the system to our Society.

Roger Lawrence is to write for our Journal an article on the sources of non-Catholic; non-French records in Canada. He offers to be chairman on setting guide-lines for the use of the N.H. Vital

Statistics Records.

Dick Fortin is writing to the Secretary of the State of Connecticut for membership access to Connecticut records and have us recognized as a genealogical society for doing research. Lucille Lagasse reminds us we do have written permission from Atty General Rudman to enter the Manchester City Hall records to do research.

Further discussion was had on any possible changes with regard to what library or society our Library Collection should be given if our Society should some day be dissolved. Presently our Charter leaves our Library Collection to the New Hampshire Historical Society Library in case of such a dissolvement. This Historical Library are possessors of an already extensive genealogical and historical collection of excellent books that are made available to all persons, whether or not they are members of a society or none at all. Roger Lawrence reminded us that no provision had ever been made as to any possible funds remaining should we dissolve.

Dick and John are to speak to Mr. Hallahan of the Manchester Public Library with regard to the feasability of locating our library collection at the Manchester Library. He has told them that a library is to be set up, possibly in one and one-half years, on the West Side.

At 3:15 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

Unable to attend were:
Edgar Geoffrion
Rita Lippe'
Mark Gauthier
Eugene Tatro

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary

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