May 6 & 7, 1978 St. Anselm's College

Our two day meeting met with great success with at least 160 members attending during the two days.

President Jean Pellerin opened with a welcoming address and introduced the Officers and Board Members. An itinerary for both days was given plus a progress report.

Edgar Geoffrion gave the Treasurer's Report and Dick Fortin reported on his trip to Quebec. He also explained the papers that members were given to be filled out.

Roger Lawrence reported on the extracting of marriages of Canadian Ancestry in Concord, N.H.

Members were told about the photo-reduction that can be made of the ten generation fan chart by Father Croteau, and Mark Gauthier explained our card files.

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Pauline Methot spoke on extracting and Publishing marriage repertoires.

A talk was given by Robert Bisaillon on the prisoners taken to Quebec following the Deerfield, Massachusetts massacre. Mo

Three new committees were formed as follows:

Acadian Committee - under Jean Pellerin. Name Change Committee - under Roger Lawrence. Repertoires on File Cards - under Father Fernand Croteau.

Workshops were held and research went on in the afternoon and evening. Sunday was devoted entirely to research the whole day.

Respectfully Submitted,

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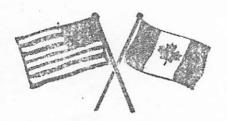
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Dear Massachusetts Member:

"Legislative Alert" a copy of the proposed new law which would close all the records in Massachusetts to the public including the index to the records.

If this should become law, I do not have to tell you what this will mean to us as genealogists! Also we have to keep in mind the genealogists of the future who might not be able to complete their ancestry due to the "stupidity" and narrowmindedness of the proposers of this bill!

We as the "American-Canadian Genealogical Society of New Hampshire" do not carry a strong voice in your State but you as constituents do, and therefore I strongly urge you to get on the phone and write to your representatives and tell them not to endorse a bill which would limit access to public records - and they are public records! Furthermore, we have a "Right to Know" the contents of these records. A strong point to mention is that we as genealogists do follow a code of ethics and that is that we respect the privacy of the records as well as that of the individuals contained therein.

So please, act today! Get on the phone, get your pens and papers going, urge your friends to do the same! Remember - it's up to you, the people of Massachusetts to voice your opinions and to let your opinions known to those who could do us the most good.

Yours is a grave and immediate task, to do everything in your power to see that the Vital Records in the State of Massachusetts always remain open and accessable for all generations to come! You have our support here in New - Hampshire and if there is anything that we can do to help, do not hesitate to ask!

Yours In Genealogy Jean L. Pellerin

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