



American-Canadian Genealogical Society

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

SPRING CONFERENCE:

Our "Spring Conference" held on the weekend of May 3rd was a huge success, through the efforts of many we recorded the largest attendance in our 8 year history. I would like to express my appreciation to the Officers, Board of Directors, and all the members who helped to make it such a success. SPECIAL THANKS goes out to our speakers: Miss Patricia Kennedy of the Public Archives of Canada, Father Julien Deziel, o.f.m., President of "La Societe Genealogique Canadienne-Francaise, Dr. David J. McDougall of the Quebec Family History Society, Robert B. Perreault, Author, L'Association Canado-Americaine and Paul P. Delisle, photographer for their interesting presentations. Thanks also to Roger Cyr of the Quebec Delegation in New England, Denis Cloutier of "La Federation des Societes d'Histoire du Quebec, Roger Lacerte of "La Librairie Populaire," Jean and Daniel Bergeron of "Editions Bergeron", Gibbs Publishing, L.D. S. Book Store, Bob Tarte and the Holbrook Research Institute for having displayed their materials.

QUEBEC GOVERNMENT GRANT:

Mr. Roger Cyr, Director of Communications for the Quebec Government in New England with offices in Boston announced on the occasion of our Spring Conference that ACGS has been awarded a \$1,000 matching grant for the purchase of Quebec genealogical books for our library. On behalf of the Society, I have written a letter of thanks to Mr. Jacques Vallee the delegation head.

DUES POLICY:

A reminder that dues will be due again in September and the renewal reminder will be sent with the next "Genealogist". Our policy is very clear. Membership covers the period from September 1st of each year through August 31st of the following year and the dues paid entitles the member to receive two issues of "The Genealogist".

The policy to date has been to accept dues throughout the year with the understanding that the dues paid by those who join in July and August will be for the following fiscal year. Those joining in those two months will not receive their first issue of "The Genealogist" until March of the following year.

New members joining in July and August may however purchase back issues when available at \$2.50 per issue, they may also have the option of having their dues cover the period from the previous September to the present Augusts 31st. In that case, membership dues would be due again on September 1st.

ANOTHER REMINDER:

Members who volunteered to type or write marriages on cards for Father Croteau are asked to complete whatever they have and return them ASAP. Those who are unable to do this are asked to return their sheets so that they may be given to others. Thanks again to all who have helped in this on-going project. Anyone needing more marriages and cards are asked to contact Father Croteau at the Society address.

TANGUAY RAFFLE TICKETS:

Enclosed with this letter are nine chances (three) books on a set of Tanguay Genealogical Books. This seven volume set of books contains the baptisms, marriages and burials of French-Canadians from the founding of the colony in 1608 to the end of the French regime in 1760. It is considered the Genealogical bible for those researching French-Canadian families.

Each member receiving this letter is asked to either sell or purchase these tickets. The purpose of this is to raise funds to purchase books and to provide us with the income needed to support the acquisition of a new location for our library. A new location is vital and we anticipate that a move will be necessary prior to our Fall Conference. This is an excellent way for the membership to reach individuals in areas where these books are not available. It is also recommended that the tickets be sold to friends for whom members have done genealogical research.

ANNUAL MEETING & FALL CONFERENCE:

October 4th & 5th is the date set for our Annual Meeting. The morning will be devoted to our business meeting and elections. Several officers have indicated that they will not seek re-election, the two definites as of this date are our Treasurer Ray Lavallee, and Recording Secretary, Jeannette P. Dinwoodie. Now is the time to start thinking of individuals to propose for the various positions.

The "Fall Conference" will begin in the afternoon and details on the program are enclosed as a separate sheet.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CHANGES:

At the June Board of Directors meeting it was voted to recommend the following changes to be proposed for adoption at our Annual Meeting:

1. To eliminate the "of New Hampshire" from the Society's official name. Reasoning; Since our Society membership now comes from all over the U.S. and Canada, dropping that part of the name would more accurately reflect ACGS's purposes.
2. Change Article V DISSOLUTION eliminating the part ; " shall be donated to the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord New Hampshire". The reasoning and wording will be outlined at the Annual meeting.

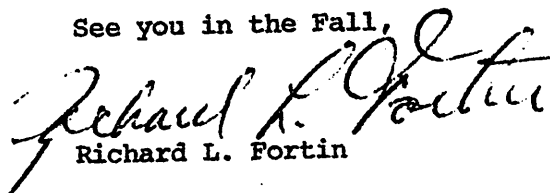
NEW OFFICERS APPOINTED:

Due to the ever increasing workload on our Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, I have appointed Miss Denise Pelletier as Assistant Treasurer and Mrs. Marie Mailhot as Assistant Corresponding Secretary, they will work closely with Ray Lavallee and Louise Fluet hopefully spreading the load a little more evenly.

BAD NEWS: LA SALLE EXPEDITION II A BUST:

I am sorry to report that, what was to have been our first large fund raising effort turned out to be a financial disaster, when all the bills are paid we will have lost over \$400.00. In spite of this, I would like to thank all the members who supported this project by their attendance and ticket sales and I would like to express my appreciation to the committee that worked very hard to make it a success: Ray Gagnon, Denise Arel, and Charles Martel.

See you in the Fall,


Richard L. Fortin