

American-Canadian Genealogical Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Sunday, January 11, 1981

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Recording Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Site Search Status
  - b. Spring Conference Up-date
    1. Letters From France
    2. University of Montreal Reply
  - c. Editor's Report
  - d. Acadian Committee
  - e. Newspaper Clipping Committee
  - f. Lewiston Chapter Report
  - g. Library Board Report
    - ✓1. Status of Finances
    - ✓2. New Book Acquisitions
    - ✓3. Bookbinding Quote
    - ✓4. Research Fee proposal
    - ✓5. Photostating of Remaining Books
    - ✓6. Progress of Library Cataloging
    - ✓7. Need for more Librarians & Typists
    - ✓8. More Missing Books
5. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Laconia Marriages
  - b. Franklin Marriages
  - c. Other old Business
6. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. New Supplement to Membership application
  - b. Information Meeting for City Librarians
  - c. Any other New business.
7. Date for next meeting: Sunday February 8th, 1981.
8. Adjournment

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society was held on Sunday, January 11, 1981, at the library headquarters at 172 Belmont Street in Manchester, N. H. at 1:30 P.M.

The President, Richard Fortin, called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. The following officers were present: Richard Fortin, Robert Gaudet, Mark Gauthier, Denise Pelletier, Rev. Fernand A. Croteau, Jean Pellerin, Jeannette Pepin, Louise Fluet, Richard Gagnon, Donald Scott and Roger Lawrence. Absent were Marie Mailhot, Julien Olivier, Blanche Mahaleris and Lucille Lagasse. In the absence of the recording secretary the President appointed Jeannette Pepin to serve as secretary pro tem for this meeting.

In the absence of the recording secretary the minutes of the last meeting were not read and no report given.

The treasurer, Mark Gauthier, gave his report in writing, a copy of which is attached herewith and made a part of these minutes. The balance in the checking account as of December 31, 1980, was \$1,694.55.

No progress was reported in the search for a new site. Richard Gagnon reported that the renting of the old St. Edmond School was not feasible because of the amount of rent demanded. Mr. Fortin suggested that someone might talk to the City Planner, John Grogan, about the availability of space in a city-owned building and Mark Gauthier volunteered to do so. Another suggestion was made that someone contact Jeanne Poisson as to whether or not she might have a building that we could rent, and Jeannette Pepin volunteered to do that. Another suggestion was made that we might rent a two or three-room apartment; however, the weight of the metal cabinets might prove a problem.

Mr. Fortin made a report on the Spring Conference, which will be held on May 2 and 3 at "La Maison Française" on the campus of Assumption College in Worcester. He has been in touch with the French Cultural Counselor in New York and has been getting good responses from French societies. The campus cafeteria will be available to us and also an on-campus caterer. He has heard from the people in Montreal who publish "The University of Montreal Genealogical Review" and they will be present at our Spring Conference. They will hold a workshop on how their Review works. We are waiting to hear from the French Genealogical Society and from someone from the archives.

Since Gerard Beaupre, the editor of "The Genealogist" was absent, no report was made on that matter.

Robert Gaudet, Chairman of the Acadian Committee, gave his report on the meeting of the Acadian Genealogical and Historical Association, which was held on January 10, 1981, in Fitchburg, Mass. He reported a very successful and entertaining meeting. Ten new members were recruited at the meeting, bringing the present membership to 105 members. Attendance at the meeting was estimated at 110. He reported that the Association now has an editor and two co-editors. He received a letter from Phyllis of the R. I. State Archives, who suggested that the next meeting of the Acadian Committee be held in Rhode Island. He reported that Doris Legere, of Waltham, Mass. has a list of 670 Acadian families who have come directly from New Brunswick to Waltham, involving approximately 5,000 persons.

Louise Fluet, of the Newspaper Clipping Committee, had nothing new to report.

Dick Fortin reported on the Lewiston, Maine Chapter of the Society. They now have a location for their library. With regard to compiling the records of St. Peter and St. Paul parishes in Lewiston, the Dominican Fathers are working on that project, but it would appear that there will be a delay of about two years before their work is published. Mr. Fortin made the <sup>Society</sup> a proposition that perhaps we could furnish them with the 3 x 5 cards if they would agree to do all the typing in duplicate and give us one copy of the records. It would involve about 40,000 cards. The Maine Chapter will have their meeting on January 30th and will take the matter up then and report back to us. Mr. Fortin made the suggestion that perhaps one of their officers should serve on the Board of Directors of our Society as a sort of liaison officer. After general discussion it was concluded that that would require a change in the By-laws, and that matter should be brought up at the Spring Conference.

Jean Pellerin, Director of the Library Board, then gave his financial report in writing, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these records. Mr. Pellerin made the suggestion that since the Canadian Government is paying for 1/2 of all books we buy in the Province right now it might be a good idea to buy two sets of Tanguay, one for the library and the other for a raffle to be held in conjunction with the Spring Conference. Mark Gauthier suggested that perhaps the Acadian Committee could do something similar to help their funds.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED it was unanimously voted to authorized Mr. Pellerin to order two sets of Tanguay Dictionaries.

The problem of collecting monies due from CETA was brought to the Board's attention by Mr. Pellerin. Since the new contract in October, payments have lagged, and he has been forced to withhold wages from the CETA worker until he collects from CETA.

Mr. Pellerin reported that the University of Montreal Genealogical Reviews won't be available till October. He is contacting people in Canada who have had their genealogies published in "La Societe Genealogique Canadienne Francaise' de Montreal during the last five years and asking them if they would consider sending us a copy for our library.

Mr. Fortin reported that he can get books bound in Sherbrooke for \$5.00, and that he would be willing to take the books to Sherbrooke when he goes up to Colebrook once or twice a month.

Don Scott reported that during the last month he had received \$60.00 for genealogical research requests, \$10.00 of which he had to refund. A discussion was held as to whether or not the monies collected for research should be applied towards the binding of books. It was decided that monies thus collected just become part of the general funds, but that Mr. Scott would keep tabs of income thus generated. Mr. Scott also mentioned that the copying machine needed to be serviced and that we needed supplies, and he was given authority to take care of the matter.

Mr. Fortin brought to the Board's attention that help was needed to photostat the remaining books that Father Croteau borrowed from Bisailon. It was suggested that the CETA employee and Dick Gagnon would help with this project.

Mr. Gagnon reported that cataloguing of the books is progressing very well and that only the bottom shelf remained to be done. Don Scott volunteered to come in next week and finish the job. Everything has been indexed and posted on the inside of the cabinet doors. A suggestion was made that when the next listing of repertoires and books is prepared it might be done in an alphabetical sequence instead of by counties in order to facilitate locating different parishes or locations. The suggestion was taken under consideration by the Board.

The need for more librarians and typists was brought to the Board's attention by the President. The problem of having someone available when the library is not ordinarily open was brought to the Board's attention, especially for people coming in from distances greater than 50 miles away. Don Scott volunteered to be on call for such occurrences. Regular library hours are now Tuesday through Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M., Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. and Friday from 9:00 A.M. through 9:00 P.M. The CETA employee's working hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. every day. All appointments for use of the library should be cleared through Dick Gagnon. Typists are also needed to copy the cards from the Rivet collection.

Mr. Fortin reported that more books have been disappearing from the library, and at present seven volumes of the French and Canadian Genealogical Review are missing. The cost of replacing these books is \$60.00. Mr. Fortin stated that he might try to get Mr. Roland Auger, of Canada, to give us another set, which he (Mr. Fortin) would take to Sherbrooke and have them bound.

Mr. Fortin reported that he had Father Kemmery's permission to copy the Laconia marriages, and that he, in cooperation with Don Scott, would attempt to do that.

The Franklin marriages are all on stencils and ready to be mimeographed, and the copying can be done on our machine. Don Scott volunteered to take the machine home with him and run off these copies. Mark Gauthier was authorized to buy two cases of paper to run off 60 copies of the Franklin marriages.

Mr. Fortin reported that he had approached Rev. Bellefeuille as to the possibility of doing the Colebrook records, which would also include parts of Vermont, i.e. Island Pond.

A supplement has been prepared to be mailed with new membership applications giving information about our Society.

Mr. Fortin reported that he had met with John Hallahan, the Manchester City Librarian, and a suggestion was made that three members of the Manchester Library might visit our library to familiarize themselves with our inventory of records and books. Another suggestion was made that arrangements should be made with the N. H. Historical Society to have someone from that group visit our library for the same purpose.

A discussion was held as to items to be raffled off at our Spring Conference. A suggestion was made that we should probably give away about five prizes, three of which could be books and the rest genealogical supplies, or memberships, etc.

With reference to Mr. Pellerin's earlier suggestion that he contact people who have previously donated their genealogies to the Montreal Genealogical Society and ask them for a similar donation to our Society, on motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously VOTED to allocate the required funds for this project.

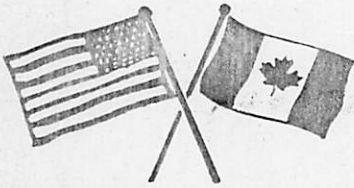
Prof. Lawrence suggested that we should perhaps extend an invitation to associated chapters to send a representative to our meetings of the Board of Directors, i.e. the Maine chapter. Since this would require a change of the By-laws the matter was tabled until the Spring Conference. The Maine Chapter has agreed to send us written reports and a list of their members.

Prof. Lawrence suggested that we should have a committee to collect archival materials, such as old photographs, etc. He and Mr. Pellerin agreed to serve on this committee. A suggestion was made by Mr. Lawrence that perhaps the Society could buy old record books of different towns covering the period between 1700 and 1800 covering births, deaths, marriages, etc.

The date for the next meeting was scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 1981 at 1:30 P.M.

On motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn.

*Marionette L. Pellerin*  
Clerk Pro tem



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LIBRARIANS REPORT

RECEIPTS:

\$2121.55	Balance in checking as of 12-14-1980
\$ 37.40	December allotment
\$ 1.09	Interest for December

\$2160.04

EXPENDITURES:

\$502.96 Total expenditures from 12-16-1980 to 01-11-1981

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

\$156.25

Balance in checking minus "Expenditures" - - \$1657.08

Balance in checking minus "Outstanding Bills" - - \$1500.83

Respectfully Submitted

*Jean L. Pellerin*

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Librarian