

CALGARY BRANCH

1964 November

We held our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on April 21st.

Our new Executive is:

President: Mr. Barrie Robison, 31 Slocan Road.
Vice President: Mr. Douglas F. Fitch, 2816 Capitol Hill Cres.
Secretary: Miss P. L. Pue. 723 5th Ave. S. W.
Treasurer: Mr. M. W. Brock, 11 Willow Crescent.

At our meeting in February, we forwarded to the Prime Minister a resolution. "that the Red Ensign be retained as our distinctive Canadian flag". We hope that it might inspire other U.E.L. Associations to rally to the defence of our flag.

Mr. Pearson's reply was a short note from his secretary "that Mr. Pearson appreciated your having made your views on this issue known to him."

In March also our Association, purchased a new floor lamp for a ward which it maintains in the Veterans' Hospital.

by Miss P. L. Pue

1966 Autumn

U.E.L. Scholarship – Calgary Branch Award

The Calgary Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association adopted as a Centennial project, the establishment of a \$50.00 scholarship, to be awarded annually to the student at the University of Calgary receiving the highest marks in a course in Canadian History. The scholarship will be endowed with a \$1000.00 Trust to be raised by members of the Association within the calendar year. Miss P.L. Pue, Secretary of the Calgary Branch, reports that this scholarship will, to some extent, perpetuate the U.E.L. tradition in this area.

1967 Spring

The United Empire Loyalists' Association Calgary Branch History Prize will be awarded to the student who achieves the best record in any course in Canadian History given at the University of Calgary, provided that his mark in such a course is not lower than 80% and that the student is registered in a full program of studies. Please make cheques payable to 'University of Calgary' and mail to Mr. M. W. Brock UE, Treasurer, 11 Willow Crescent, Calgary. Donations are deductible from income tax.

1967 Autumn

The Calgary Branch held their Annual Banquet on May 18th to commemorate the landing of 30,000 Loyalists in New Brunswick in 1783. Dr. George N. Self, Professor of History at the University of Calgary, was the speaker taking as his subject, "Some Reflections on a Canadian

Identity." In his address Dr. Self traced the long history of uneasy relations between the French and English in Canada. He concluded, in substance, "New occasions teach new duties and Canada's destiny depends upon the harmonious acceptance of each race by the other.

At this meeting a cheque was presented to Dr. Self, to make funds available to establish the History Prize donated by the Calgary U.E.L. Branch.

1968 Autumn

The Calgary Branch held their Annual Banquet at the Calgary Professional Club on May 16th. This is held yearly to commemorate the contribution to the development of Canada by one of its important founding groups - that of the 30,000 Loyalists who landed in 1783 at St. John, N.B. The Speaker, Mr. Harold L. Gunerson, a Canadian of Norwegian descent, is a member of the Calgary School Board, and is well known for his outspoken views on national values and national symbols. His topic was -"Red, White and Grey".

1969 Spring

Following is a summary of the address of the speaker, Mr. Harald Gunderson, on the topic, "Red, White and Gray", at the Annual Meeting of the Calgary Branch:

Mr. Gunderson expressed real concern about Canada's future as a nation. "Canadian nationalism is on the way out," he said, "unless there is a fundamental rethinking of our whole purpose and destiny. Our schools have failed to foster national pride. Canadians are deadly dull in expressing pride and patriotism, and unless we quickly develop a particular fervour for our country, Canada will not exist in two decades." He pointed out in some detail, the huge investments of the United States in Canada's resources.

1969 Autumn

The Annual Meeting of the Calgary Branch was held on May 15th and took the form of an informal gathering at the home of the President, Mr. Douglas Fitch, and was attended by fifteen members, in addition to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. R. Thomson (a member of the Bay of Quinte Branch). The primary purpose was to decide whether the branch should go into suspended animation or continue operating for another year, at which time-say May 1970 - a further consensus would be taken. After some discussion it was moved and seconded, and unanimously carried that operations be continued for another year.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. R. Thomson, D.E., M.B.E., E.D., 835 Rideau Road S. W., Calgary, was admitted to membership and elected to the Branch Presidency to act for the ensuing year. Mrs. A. M. Harradence, 4803 14A St .S.W., Calgary, was elected Secretary. Mr. M. W. Brock (not present), 11 Willow Cres., S.W., Calgary remained as Treasurer.

This Annual Meeting commemorated the landing on May 18th, 1783, of 30,000 Loyalists at St. John, New Brunswick, and notes the contribution to the development of Canada made by this important founding group.

Mr. A. E. Jackson presented slides and films entitled "Some Western Scenes" and noted the work of the Loyalists in that area.

These energetic officers make a strong appeal to all branches and to all members to send to them names of prospective members in Calgary and Edmonton, in fact, living anywhere in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Expressions of ideas for ways and means to bring interest to meetings and projects of the Calgary Branch will be welcomed by these new officers.

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Following are recent new members of the Calgary Branch: Mrs. Dorothy Stab Weber (ancestors: Stata, Annable, Smith); Mrs. Audrey Elliott Clark (ancestors: Stata, Empey, Rupert); Mrs. Kathleen Hymas (ancestors: Ben Foster, John Canniff, Roblin); Mrs. Helen Thomson McIlveen (ancestors: Thomson, Ruttan, Grant, Philipse, Steel, McKay, Barthe); Lundy Ross Mcilveen (ancestor: Lundy); Helen Worden Adams (Mrs.) (ancestor: Worden); Mrs. Patricia Terrill Jones (ancestor: Terrill).

1970 Autumn

THE ALBERTAN (April, 1970) of Calgary Urges Pride in U. E. L. Membership

"In Calgary, there must be hundreds, perhaps thousands of people, who should be proud to trace their ancestry to the United Empire Loyalists who laid the foundations of modern Canada when they moved to this country to escape the persecution and confiscation of property that faced them after the American War of Independence, 1775-1783.

For them, that war was a personal tragedy. The line between the people who rebelled and those who did not in the original 13 American colonies was very fine indeed. The vast majority of Loyalists were just as critical of British government policy of that era as those who led the rebels. They were fully aware of the need for change- -but they stopped short of violence.

As losers in the struggle, most were left destitute as a result of confiscation of their properties in contravention of terms of the Treaty of Versailles. Relief came only when they migrated to Canada to take up homesteads in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec with the help of grants of some livestock, rations and farm implements provided by the British government.

From that start they worked to build Canada, finally achieving by peaceful means the kind of self-government and independence that the United States had established by force. In Alberta, perhaps because of the influence of American texts used in the schools, the United Empire Loyalists have been generally down-graded.

They have been pictured as land grabbers, displaced persons, imperialistic jingoists and traitors to the American cause.

The opposite is more the truth.

It is estimated that between 40,000 to 50,000 Loyalists moved to Canada, and they included people of many origins. Many were French. There were Dutchmen and Germans as well as

English. The Six Nations Indians, led by Joseph Brant, joined the movement north and were granted crown lands in 1784.

They were a peace-loving people who had just as strong ideas of justice and human rights as did their more militant counterparts--and they deserve to be honoured by Canadians as much as are their more impatient pioneer neighbours by Americans today. They suffered far more than did the militant: ones.

Descendants of the United Empire Loyalists should be proud of their ancestry--and Lt. -Col. Thomson, President of the Calgary Branch, hopes that more of that pride will be stirred in the hearts of modern and younger members of those families who officially distinguished in the late 1700's by the affixing of the letter "U. E. " to their names.

U. E. Loyalist descendants in Calgary and district, young and old, are invited to contact Colonel Thomson either at his home, 835 Rideau Road, or at the Riveredge Foundation.

You who can claim such ancestry have a proud heritage. Why not show your pride?"

CALGARY

A very successful annual dinner meeting of the Calgary Branch took place on May 15, 1970, at the Ranchmen's Club. Our special guest was Tom Moore the Calgary Albertan columnist who was of such help in publicizing the organization of our Branch in his column of April 21st. Our speaker was Mr. A. M. Harradence, Q. C., a distinguished criminal lawyer who is spearheading an investigation into the possibility of the four western provinces being economically self-sufficient. He is an associate member of the branch and the husband of our secretary for the last year, Mrs. Catherine Harradence.

Mr. Harradence, a young man, made a forceful speech which met with the approval of those present, who while they are members of the U. E. L. Association, are nevertheless, westerners--people who have a sense of fair play, and feel that the preponderance of eastern votes in shaping Federal administrations, as well as the U. E. L. Association, might cause trouble. The speech will be reported in The Albertan.

Officers for next year 'Will be President: Lt. - Co!. J. H. R. Thomson, U.E., M.B.E., ED; Vice-president: Dr. R. G. Williams, UE; Secretary: Mrs. Helen McIlveen UE; Treasurer: Mrs. Kathleen Hymas UE; Genealogist: Lt.-Col. J. H.R. Thomson.

Attending for the first time were: Mrs. R.G.S. Currie, 7th generation Canadian, and senior official in the I.O.D.E.; Mrs. S. W. T. Jones (Terrill of Wooler); Miss Margaret Howson and her sister who will "probably join; Mrs. Kathleen Hymas (Canniff) and her husband, and associate; Mrs. Ronald Hart (Baker) of Edmonton; Mrs. J. R. Muse of Calgary, whose application we are processing; Mr. Charles Grant, Q. C., of Edmonton, a member of Toronto Branch, with his wife and daughter, and Mrs. John C. Bury of Calgary, a member of the Toronto Branch. Mrs. Richard Rice of East Wenatchee, Washington, a member of the Hamilton Branch, and Mrs. Audrey Clark of Taber, Alberta, formerly Governor Simcoe Branch, were unable to attend. Mrs. Howard Stoner (Thomson-McKay Honsinger) and her husband (Stoner) of Alliance, Alberta, submitted applications but were unable to attend.

The President reported that old members are hard to retain and new members hard to get. He asked the audience not to take the irreverence of their children and grandchildren too seriously,

but to go along with it so long as these children are fully aware of the historical and genealogical significance of their ancestry, and of what went on in the last quarter of the eighteenth century. They will get in line in due course if the information is made available to them. Then he read for the benefit of those who do not subscribe to The Albertan, the last two-thirds of Tom Moore's column. This was well received, and Mr. Moore was given a well deserved hand. Mention was made of a letter from Mr. Brian Cummins of Calgary, the 1969 recipient of the U. E. L. Association of Canada History Prize.

Life Memberships were voted with respect to veteran members: Miss Pansy Pue, Dr. J. W. Richardson, Willard Cumming, and L. H. Barnes. This refers, of course, only to the Calgary Branch.

At the conclusion of the speech the meeting was moved adjourned.

1971 Spring

LOYALISTS LOOK FOR MEMBERS THROUGH THE PAGES OF THE PRESS

A pedigree is necessary and an interest in history is helpful if you want to join the United Empire Loyalists. But, if you qualify, the Calgary Branch is searching for new members. Colonel Tommy Thomson, Branch President, estimates there are 1,000 Calgarians eligible for the Association. It now has 40 members.

One of the benefits of belonging to the historical organization is the right to use the initials "UE" after your name. To belong, you must be descended from a Loyalist family that came to Canada from the U.S. in the 1780's and up to 1796.

Mr. Thomson can be reached at Riveredge Foundation, Telephone 245-3781.

1972 Autumn

The Calgary Branch of The U .E.L. Association held their Annual Meeting on May 15 at the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Old-Timers Association Hall. There were approximately 35 members present to hear Dr. Ruth Gorman speak on Women of the U.E.L. their trials, problems and courage. She also spoke of the importance of recognizing our history and appreciating our heritage. The talk was extremely enjoyable.

Mr. Len Barnes, in his ninety-first year, was recognized as the oldest member of the Calgary Branch present at the meeting, while two girls, ages 16 and 19 were at the other end of the age scale. All reports were duly given and accepted.

The Secretary, Mrs. H. Mcilveen, resigned as she is leaving the city, and Mr. J.H.R. Thomson, Branch Genealogist, has also resigned since he, too, has left the city.

The slate of officers remains the same as last year with the exception of the new Secretary who is Mrs. S. W. Jones, Box 26, DeWinton, Alberta.

At present there is no Branch Genealogist, however any correspondence in that regard may be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. Howard G. Hymas, 1014 - 34 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

1973 Autumn

The annual general dinner meeting of the Calgary Branch was held on May 25, 1973 at the Ranchmen's Club. A social cocktail hour preceded the gourmet dinner, after which a toast to the Loyalists was proposed by Past President Douglas Fitch, who referred to the march this year from New Brunswick to Quebec, repeating that made in 1813 by fifty-five men. "Two hundred years after the War of Independence, we must admit republicanism isn't all that great; we can say we like ours."

During the business meeting that followed the banquet Dr. R.G. Williams, President, presented his report and Mrs. Kathleen (Cannif) Hymas hers, as treasurer. Election of officers resulted in last year's officers being persuaded to remain for another term: Dr. Williams (Day) as president, Mrs. Betty (Chrysler) Fladager of Edmonton as vice-president, Mrs. Hymas as treasurer and genealogist; Mrs. Patricia(Terrill) Jones as secretary, and Miss Pansy Pue as historian. The president announced that Mrs. Helen (Ozburn) Muse had had a painting accepted for the "Flare Square" exhibit at this year's Stampede; and that Mr. and Mrs. Buchan (Sherwood) Smith were that night celebrating a wedding anniversary.

Dr. Williams introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. C. George Crosland, Q.C., who took as his subject "The Kingdom of Canada". This proved to be extremely interesting, and was obviously the result of very deep and painstaking research.

In his opening remarks Mr. Crosland said he rather thought Dr. Williams wanted to get a speaker who would not be unduly bound, by tradition or sentiment, to either side -- to the Loyalists or to the rebels. Being a native Westerner, it might be reasoned that he would stand half-way between these opposites; "although another George, I would be neither a George Washington or a George the Third."

He continued, "However, I would suggest that when it comes to issues involving nationality and ancestry, few can be found who are wholly impartial or indifferent. Perhaps national prejudices are born within a person or at least absorbed into the system at a very early age. They may indeed lie dormant and unsuspected; then when challenge or provocation arises, they leap out like a tiger -- and like a tiger they bite and claw.

Some 200 years ago, under weighty circumstances and extreme provocation, your ancestors converted into action their national sentiment at the risk of their property and their lives. Although it would have been quite easy to seek safety by joining with the rabid crowd, they refused to take the oath of abjuration. They refused to live under an alien flag. They migrated to a northern wilderness.

I would remind you of certain astounding features of the American Revolution. No new liberties were involved -- the rebels did not seek or gain any liberties or rights which were not already established in England as the undoubted right of the people of England, whether at home or in the colonies. These began with the Magna Carta in 1215, followed by the calling of Parliament by Henry III in 1265; the Great Protestation in 1621 directed against James I; the Petition of Right, 1628, against Charles I; the Grand Remonstrance of 1641, also directed against Charles I; and the Bill of Rights, 1689, in the reign of William and Mary, definitely transferring the last vestige of ultimate sovereignty from the Crown to Parliament and the people.

The American Revolution was not a popular uprising of the people. It had to be organized, and was, by supplanting reason with sentiment, prejudice and emotion. by a small and competent group which included George Washington and Patrick Henry. The rise of m:Jtual hatred was

fostered by the brutality of the rebels. which was encouraged by their leaders; George Washington refused to take any steps to prevent gross cruelties. An attempt to stop the mobs, he said, would be an injury to the cause of liberty, and anyone who attempted to do so was an enemy of the country. Some loyalists left the colonies and settled in Britain and other places, but the United Empire Loyalists, your ancestors, differed from these.

They resolved not only to remain British but to establish a new country in the wilderness of the north half of the continent. In a real sense the excesses of the radical rebels not only created the American Nation but by engendering reciprocal national sentiment in the Loyalists, steeled them to found and preserve a second country -- the Kingdom of Canada. This, and their inherent and fierce pride of race. In those 40,000~odd men and women was instilled a hatred for republicanism which would not fade out in 200 years; and also an intense regard for the Monarchy, for our :3W, for our literature and for our political institutions -- and for the Kingdom of Canada, where they took a large part in establishing these concepts here in the New World.

Your ancestors were from the first arrivals, engaged in the task of the defence of Canada; from 1774 for several years the rebels attempted to invade Canada, unsuccessfully. As early as 1776, John Adams, Cato-like, said Canada must be destroyed. He said, "The unanimous voice of the Continent is that Canada must be ours." This appears to be one of the first official expressions of the American idea of Manifest Destiny -- the occupation of the whole continent. The army of General Grant at the conclusion of the American Civil War could have invaded Canada in half-a-dozen places, as Sir John A. Macdonald feared they might, but there was no invasion. As late as 1911, Champ Clark, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, said, "I hope to see the day when the American Flag will float over every square foot of British American possessions clear to the North Pole."

Then came the two Great Wars, which undoubtedly changed the American advisability of territorial expansion to the north into the great expanses of Canada. The bitterness of the Revolution was changing into a feeling of friendship. By a dozen miracles Canada was saved. The incredible border remains. For some reason the Northern Thrust of Manifest Destiny stopped at the 49th Parallel before a straggling line of Canadians. "Somehow the fragile, the invisible, the impossible line was held through the forests of New Brunswick, along the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes, across the Pre-Cambrian badlands, the Central Plains, the Rockies, and the coastal forests to the Western Sea, without a fort or hostile gun on its 3986.8 miles."

Mr. Crosland went on to say that the safety and survival of these sharers of the North American Continent demands that the Manifest Destiny of the one shall be the Common Destiny of both. The New Canadian Nationalism is coming; the Flag- the Canadian Ensign has been replaced with a "tailor-made" flag. The National Anthem used to be the Maple Leaf Forever, which recognized the four first nations (Lily, Shamrock, Rose and Thistle), the unity of the country from sea to sea, the Crown, and paid homage to our warriors. "O Canada" avoids all this tradition. There is now a Federal Bill of Rights and also one in Alberta. There is a downgrading of historical military units that have British associations. Arguments for the superiority of the Monarch are not based on sentiment but are entirely practical -- as it applies to our continent, with both forms of government, as Historian Mr. Bruce Hutchison said, "To maintain that queer unity arising out of separateness; if the Americans can't have a Monarch they will at least be able to live next door to one." The great argument in favour of the monarch, plus responsible government is that it is a safeguard against dictatorship.

All power resides in Her Majesty, who can do no wrong. However, a President CAN do wrong, but there is no way of defeating him except by violence, all of which has been amply illustrated -

Napoleon, Hitler, Mussolini, or currently Franco and Castro.

Concluding, Mr. Crosland said, "If I could make a forecast, it would be that the element favouring republicanism will sooner or later mount a constitutional battle. Canadians may be much in the situation of the colonists of the 1770's.

An active minority for a republican form.

An active few against, absolutely.

An indifferent majority who can be led.

Led by such sophistries as: "if it's going to unite the country we should go along" or "in the long sweep of history it won't make any difference."

And I suggest that you as the descendants of the illustrious U.E.L.'s you should be one of those groups making a loud noise of protest. As St. Paul said: "If trumpet gives an uncertain sound who then shall prepare himself for the battle."

Long live the Kingdom of Canada.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. Len Barnes, who was President of the Calgary Branch about forty years ago.

New members of the Calgary Branch are Mr. Fred Wyers; Mr. A. L. Miller (Garrett Miller); Miss Alberta Wehards; Mrs. M.C. Brownlee (Ketchison); Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green (Carscallen); Miss Lillian Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Craig Reid; Mr. and Mrs. Neville Lindsay; Mrs. E. MacKay; Mrs. Lois Currie; Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Connell (Carscallen).

1974 Autumn

Once again the Calgary Branch was most fortunate in being able to hold its annual general dinner meeting at the Ranchmen's Club, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Harradence, on May 24. A delicious dinner followed a social hour, retiring president Dr. R.G. Williams saying grace and leading in the singing of "The Maple Leaf Forever". A toast to the Loyalists was proposed by Dr. Arthur C. Steeves, whose forebears were pre-Loyalist settlers in New Brunswick. His very humorous address included a most apt quotation from George Brown's book on Canadian History, continuing with praise of the qualities of the Loyalists which had left an indelible impression on the emerging nation.

The business meeting was then called to order by Dr. Williams, who thanked Mr. and Mrs. Harradence for arranging the locale of the dinner, especially Mrs. Harradence for her further assistance in contacting members prior to the meeting. The Secretary, Mrs. Patricia Jones, read the minutes of last year's meeting, also the Treasurer's report, Mrs. Hymas being in Eastern Canada where she was able to attend the annual general meeting of the Association in Toronto. Both reports were adopted as read. Dr. Williams' report was presented, also the information that Mr. Michael Robison, son of Mr. Ivan C. Robison and brother of Past President Barry Robison, had consented to be the incoming President of the Calgary Branch. He also announced a new Life Member, Mr. M.W. Brock, who expressed his appreciation of the honour. The other members of the executive--Mrs. Betty (Chrysler) Fladager as vice-president; Mrs. Kathleen (Canniff) Hymas as treasurer and genealogist; Mrs. Patricia (Terrill) Jones as secretary; Miss Pansy Pue as historian--were persuaded to continue in office for the ensuing year.

Dr. Williams then introduced the speaker of the evening, a past president of the Calgary Branch, and a prominent lawyer of this city, Mr. Douglas Fitch, who was later thanked by Mrs. RL. Simpson on behalf of those present. The excellent speech by Mr. Fitch on "Canadians--First Class, Second Class" appears in the Loyalist Gazette Supplement (Newsletter) .

History of the Calgary Branch Branch by Miss P. L. Pue

The Calgary Branch of The United Empire Loyalists' Association was organized in 1928. Its Honourary President was Lieutenant General Sir A. C. McDonald, R.C.B., G.M.C.. D.S.O., and its first President was Mr. Clifford Jones, K.C.

Among its Charter Members were Bishop Ralph Sherman, Honourable R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P.; Judge Tom Tweedie; Dr. G. W. Kerby; L. F. Clarry, K.C.; Isaac F. Fitch; Hugh Farthing; L. U. Fowler; Mrs. M.L. Bowen; Mrs. A.E. Freeland; Mrs. A.P. Patrick; Mrs. A. R. Dauncey; Mrs. J. W. Bullough; Mrs. H. D. Marr, Arthur Maybee.

Membership quickly grew to over 200. Regular monthly meetings were held in the Board of Trade Rooms and frequent picnics and social gatherings were held.

Among the Presidents during the years have been Dr. J. W. Richardson; L. F. Clarry, K.C.: Mr. J. T. North; Mr. M.W. Brook; Colonel J. E. A. Tidswell; Mrs. Ray Farquharson; Mrs. Helen Robinson; Mrs. L. M. Bowen; F. C. Colborne, M.L.A.: Barrie Robison; Douglas Fitch; Colonel J. H. R. Thomson; Dr. Guy Williams.

Outstanding speakers during the years were Brigadier General V. R. Pearkes, V.C.; Dean G. B. Snell; Hugh John McDonald, M.L.A.; A. R. Smith, M.P.; Mr. Justice Hugh Farthing, Rev. George W. Kerby; Professor W. Angus, Assistant Professor of History University of Alberta; Lieutenant Governor Grant McEwan; Dr. Ruth Gorman, M.S.

In 1934 the Association furnished Room 224, Ward A.3, in the Colonel Belcher Veterans' Hospital, in honour of Edith May Allison, an overseas nurse, who was Matron-in-Charge of the hospital from 1919 to 1933.

During the Prime Ministership of the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, the Association sent the Government a Resolution conveying "uncompromising opposition to any proposal to discard the Union Jack from a position of prominence on the National Flag of Canada."

Again in 1965 the Association sent a resolution to the Government urging the retention of the Union Jack in the National Flag.

In 1963 the Association requested the local School Board to promote an Essay Contest throughout the schools, "on the part played by the United Empire Loyalists in the history of Canada" and offered a substantial prize for the winning contestant.

As its Centennial project the Association established a \$50.00 Annual Scholarship at the University of Calgary "to be awarded to the student receiving the highest marks in a course in Canadian History." At its May meeting, 1967, a cheque for \$1050.00 was presented to Professor George E. Self, Professor of History at the University, to establish the Scholarship and provide the money for the first year's award.

1976 Autumn

The weather cooperated on May 14, 1976 to make the drive to the country for the annual dinner meeting of the Calgary Branch, a very pleasant experience, as was the delicious home-cooked meal provided by the ladies of the DeWinton Community Association. A social hour preceded singing of "The Maple Leaf Forever" to the piano accompaniment by Miss Dorothy Currie, followed by Life Member and Past President Dr. J.W. Richardson pronouncing Grace. The Toast to the Queen was proposed by President Michael Robison prior to his introduction of the head table, followed by his thanks to the Community Ladies, complimenting them on the excellence of the dinner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Patricia Jones, and adopted; Mrs. Kathleen Hymas presented her report as treasurer. The President then announced the Executive for the coming year: Mr. Michael Robison remaining as President, Mrs. Betty Fladager of Edmonton as Vice-President, Mrs. H.G. Hymas as Treasurer, Mrs. Jones retiring as Secretary and being replaced by Miss Margaret Howson.

Mrs. Hymas announced the 1976 winner of our "1967 Centennial Project" scholarship (in History) as being Mr. Martin H. Thiessen of Yellowknife, North West Territories. The resolution proposed by the New Brunswick Branch, regarding a proper commemoration by all Branches of our bicentennial in 1983, was approved; moved by Mr. Neville Lindsay and seconded by Mrs. R.L. Simpson.

Miss Alice Howson suggested we suggest a 200-year commemoration stamp be issued, seconded by Mr. Barry Robison. Mr. C.L. Miller of Edmonton moved that the Government be asked to strike a special gold coin in commemoration of the Loyalists' Anniversary, seconded by Mrs. Kathleen Hymas. Past President, Dr. R.G. Williams, suggested that this motion be tabled for a year, which was agreed upon.

Mrs. A.C.E. Cook was complimented upon being present at this meeting; she has been a faithful member for so many years, as well as having served several terms as Secretary and as Treasurer. A toast to Absent Members was drunk, mention being made of Miss Pansy Pue in particular, who is very much missed as Historian since she is now living in British Columbia. The President introduced Mr. Neville Lindsay, who proposed the Toast to the Loyalists, Miss Alberta Richards replying.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Stanley S. Schumacher, was then introduced; he has been M.P. for Palliser since 1968. He chose to discuss a comparison of our Constitutional Monarchy with the government of our American neighbours, a topic especially timely these days.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Miss Alice Howson, seconded enthusiastically by all those present. The meeting closed with the singing of God Save The Queen.

In a rousing speech delivered to the Calgary Branch Mr. S.S. Schumacher M.P. compared the parliamentary system of Canada under the Crown with the constitution of member of the United States to the disadvantage of a republican the advantages of our system of parliamentary government of which the representative of the Crown is the Head of State, he pointed out that Parliamentary government of which the Crown is an integral part distinguishes between the Head of State and the Head of government. The Monarch (i.e. the Crown represented by the Governor

General of Canada) is a continuing presence, representing all the people rather than the fleeting tides of party popularity and the adulation stemming from the politics of carefully controlled charisma.

Thus, the people effectively continue to control the Head of government by determining the mix of parties in parliament, but the Monarch (i.e. the Crown represented by the Governor General) united the nation. The Crown advises and warns. He may, in exceptional circumstances even oppose the measures of the government of the day without undermining the institutions of the State. Thus, as Mr. Schumaker said: The disaffected, the minority groups, the young, can continue their role as tuggers of conscience without being accused of disloyalty to the country they love as well as anyone else.”

1977 Spring

A September gathering of members and friends of the Calgary Branch was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hymas (Canniff). It was a get acquainted party for the thirty-five persons who came. Mr. Michael Robison, President, and his wife Barbara (Good) hosted the party with Mr. and Mrs. Hymas, Dr. Robert Guy Williams (Day), Immediate Past President and wife Mary were among those at the party, as well as Miss Margaret Howson, Secretary, and her sister, Alice. Others present were: Mrs. Evelyn De Mille (Orser), Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Weber (Stata) , Miss Alberta Richards (Hagerman), Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lough (Day), Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cohoe, Mrs. Pat Mitchell (Carscallen), Mrs. Lillian Reid (Flieger), Mr. and Mrs. A.C.E. Cook (Wing), Mrs. Gwynne McCullough (Cameron), Miss Lillian Jones, Mrs. Evelyn Paterson (Hanes), Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Muse (Ozburn), Miss Jessie Ackland, Miss Gertrude Ackland, Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Steeves, Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Robison (Weeks), Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Evans (Dunn), Mr. Dennis Shaver, Mrs. J.J. Street (Macdonell), Mrs. Wm. Allan (Schram), Mr. Donald Mallory, and his cousin Mrs. Paton of Vulcan.

Obituary: **Hazel Wing Cook**

Mrs. A.C.E. Cook, a long time member of the Calgary branch, died November 16, 1976, at 83 years of age. She served for many years as the Treasurer and then the Secretary of the Association. She was Hazel Wing, daughter of Anna and Abel Wing of Westport, Leeds County, Ontario. The family came West to Calgary early in the century. As a small child Hazel Wing attended Sunday School at Knox Presbyterian Church, and all her life was a member of the church that later became Knox United Church. Her burial service was conducted by the Rev. A.E. Morrison of her church.

1977 Autumn

The annual meeting and banquet of the Calgary branch was held in the penthouse of the Palliser Hotel on May 27, 1977 with 49 present. Guests gathered for a social hour followed by dinner, after which a brief business meeting was held. The slate of officers for the year 1977-1978 was accepted: President. Mr. Michael Robison; Vice-President, Mrs. Betty Fladager of Edmonton; Secretary, Miss Margaret E. Howson; Treasurer, Mrs. R.G.S. Currie; Genealogist, Mrs. Kathleen Hymas.

Those members who had passed on during the year were remembered: Mrs. A.C.E. Cook (Hazel Mary), a former secretary; Mr. L.H. Barnes; Mrs. Marjorie Jordan; Mrs. Helen Warden Adams and Mr. Dean H. Babcock of Edmonton.

The toast to the Loyalists was proposed by Dr. R. G. "Bud" Williams and replied to by Dr. Ruth Gorman who took us in fantasy back to scenes in the lives of two of her UE ancestors, Elizabeth Rose, and her daughter, Mrs. Fulton, then brought them into the present to look at today's world. An excellent and detailed report was given by Mrs. Hymas, Genealogist, on the progress made by members in their search for *V.E.* entitlement. We were happy to have with us a new member from Edmonton. Mrs. M. Caroline Boyd, ancestor Hartle.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. John Ralston Saul, introduced by our president, Mr. Michael Robison. Dr. Saul received his B.A. Honours, from McGill, and his Ph.D. from King's College, London. He spent seven years in France during the regime of General DeGaulle. At present he is assistant to Maurice Strong of Petro Canada, and is one of four signatories to the energy strategy report. This fall Dr. Saul will teach a course on Quebec at the University of Calgary. He is the author of a book, *Birds of Prey*, published by Macmillan.

Dr. Saul's topic was "Quebec and Confederation". We were treated to an extremely lucid and fluent lecture in which Dr. Saul remarked that the Loyalists and Quebecers had a lot in common - both took part in a defeat. He feels that the election of the P.Q. government has cleared the air and that this government is the best in Canada at the present with seven or eight first class ministers. The question is how well is this government going to do, and what are we going to do. Mr. Saul feels that the onus is on us. Westerners should visit Quebec and get to know the French, Quebecers should visit the west, especially the youth of our country .

The speaker was thanked by the secretary after which the evening closed with the singing of "The Queen" .

Calgary Branch Centennial History prize awarded annually to the University of Calgary this year was given to Miss Karen E. Stewart of Calgary.

1978 Spring

The annual banquet of the Calgary Branch was held in the Lincoln Park room of Mount Royal College, where a most varied smorgasbord was provided. Head table guests were President and Mrs. Michael Robison, Secretary Miss Margaret Howson, Treasurer Mrs. Lois Currie and husband Bob, and honoured guest Mr. Stuart Gilmor, piped in by Ian Robison, son of Mr. and Mr. S. Barrie Robison. The toast to the Queen was proposed by the president, and grace was said by Mr. Milton W. Brock, oldest charter member in Calgary. Minutes were read by the secretary and seconded by Barrie Robison. Michael reported on the doings of John Ralston Saul, last year's speaker, who is rapidly bringing distinction to us all. The treasurer's report brought the good news that we have 61 members. Mrs. Howard Hymas then presented the genealogist's report. The following received certificates: Evelyn DeMille (Orser); Her father, Mr. Orser; Dennis Allan Shaver (Shaver); Helen Magdalene Wilkes (Daniel Servos); William Blake Whitmore (Kirby); John Whitmore; Marjorie Caroline Boyd (John Hartle); Pauline Beverly Huddleston (Adam Bower); Sarah Winnifred Kelly (Lucas Feater); Florence Enid Fielding (Lucas Feater); Ethel Mary Arnott <Overholt) ; Robert Foster Hymas (Cani(ff) and Jane Allison Hymas (Cani(ff)).

The new executive is as follows: President, Michael Robison; Secretary, Margaret E. Howson; Treasurer, Evelyn Peterson; Vice-Pres., Betty Fladager and Genealogist, Kathleen Hymas.

Greetings are to be sent to Dr. Richardson, who is now in a nursing home, proposed by Alice Howson. Proposals were also discussed re biennial 1983. The toast to the Loyalists was given

by Ruth Gorman, always to be counted on for an excellent speech, and the reply was given by Evelyn Peterson (Christopher Haines) who was thanked by the president.

The honoured guest, Stuart Gilmor addressed the meeting, remarking first of all on the splendid repast. It was a treat to have a guest from headquarters.

Special mention must be made of the very fine bagpipe playing of Ian who gave us intermission music enjoyed by all. Regretfully, the attendance was down because of the necessity to have the meeting during mid-week since most of our out of town members could not attend.

1979 Spring

The Calgary Branch is at work planning several projects. The annual banquet is to be held on 11 May, 1979, at Mount Royal College with the Ven. Archdeacon C. Swanson expected as the speaker. Mr. Swanson, a nonagenarian, has a reputation for his skill as a speaker on such an occasion. The Branch expects to participate in a youth works project using Mrs. Hymas's genealogical files to provide data for a history of some of the U.E.L. families who have settled in Alberta. The use of Mrs. Hymas's home as the headquarters for this project is greatly appreciated. This project will have support from the library and archives of Glenbow Alberta Institute. Looking ahead to 1983-84, the Branch has appointed its secretary, Margaret E. Howson, to act as the liaison with Glenbow Alberta Institute in the preparation of a commemorative Loyalist display.

With regret, the Calgary Branch records the death of two members: Mrs. Blanche Hart of Edmonton and Miss Josephine Phelan.

A happy event - after church on Sunday - provided an opportunity for some of the newly certificated members to enjoy a social time with others of the Branch. Mrs. Hymas opened her lovely home for this gathering.

Obituary: MISS JOSEPHINE PHELAN

Miss Josephine Phelan, Librarian, author and valued member of the U.E.L. Association, died suddenly February 13th, 1979. Miss Phelan obtained her B.A. (1926) and later her M.A. and B.Sc. degree in Library Science from the University of Toronto. After teaching in a High School for a year, she was employed by two publishing companies for a while, but eventually she joined the staff of the Toronto Public Library where she served for twelve years. Meanwhile, Miss Phelan was acquiring a reputation for writing stories for juveniles as well as scholarly articles and biographical studies, of which her *Life and Times of Thomas D'Arcy McGee* (1953) was probably her most important work. In 1952, she received the Governor General's Award for creative non-fiction, and also the University of British Columbia's Medal for Popular Biography. Miss Phelan served for years on the Publications Advisory Board of the *Loyalist Gazette*.

Her death is not only a great loss to the U.E.L. Association but also to the Canadian Authors Association of which she was a distinguished member. More recently Miss Phelan served on the Dominion U.E.L. Historical Committee assisting in the preparation of the Position Paper for this Association.

1979 Autumn

The Lincoln Park Room at Mount Royal College was the setting for the annual banquet of the Calgary Branch on 11 May. Thirty-seven members and guests were present. Their enjoyment was heightened by the skilful playing of the bagpipes by Ian Robison, nephew of the Branch President. Six new members attended; these were Mr. and Mrs. Ron Atkins, Mrs. Carl Rolf, Charles Henry Grant, Mrs. Lois E. Cummings, and Mrs. Evelyn Paterson.

The programme included the film, "A Question of Identity," followed by colour slides and a movie produced by Dr. Art Steeves. Mr. Neville Lindsay presented a special toast to the Loyalists, entitling his remarks "Great Migrations". Mr. Lindsay is developing these remarks into a script to be presented at the Branch's fall tea scheduled for 30 September at the home of Mrs. Hymas.

Members of the Branch regretted to learn that Dr. and Mrs. R.G. "Bud" Williams were moving from the province, and that a Past President of the Branch, Dr. J. W. Richardson, had died.

Obituary: **Dr. James Wilson Richardson**

On September 1, Dr. James Wilson Richardson passed away at the age of 97 years, beloved father of one son, Dr. Thomas Albert Richardson and his wife of Calgary; one daughter, Mrs. A. Milton (Catherine) Harradence of Calgary; and one sister, Mrs. Vida McDonald of Fort St. John, B.C. Dr. Richardson practised medicine and surgery in Calgary from 1911 until his retirement in 1972. Dr. Richardson served with the British Imperial Army Medical Corps and became a captain in the CAMC 1917 to 1919. He also held FACS and FRCS (C) degrees. Dr. Richardson was a senior life member of the Canadian Medical Association and the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons, past president of the Calgary District Medical Society. He was also past president of the Calgary U.E.L. Branch.

1980 Spring

Obituary: A Tribute to **Pansy Pue**

The Calgary Branch lost a respected and well-loved personality when Pansy Louise Pue died January 21, 1980.

Pansy Pue was a member of the Branch when it was organized in 1928, and in 1973 she was able to record a history of the Branch up to that time, naming charter members and early presidents. She served as Secretary several times over the years.

She was born at Keene, Ontario, the daughter of Isabel Howson and John Thomas Pue. When a young girl in Brantford, Ontario, she was horrified to hear U.S. President. Wm. Howard Taft. declare that the Stars and Stripes would float over the North Pole. It was the year 1911 and Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier and President Taft were talking reciprocity. The Conservative leader, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden. opposed the U.S. policy. As a staunch Canadian with Loyalist ancestry. Pansy was converted and for the rest of her life was a Conservative. She became very active in politics at a higher level. serving in an executive capacity in both federal and - provincial Conservative associations.

The family came West to Calgary in 1914, where her four brothers joined the armed services of the First Great War. At this time Pansy was a member of a Girls' Hockey team, being the fastest skater, she was the Rover on the team.

In 1930 she was a charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Calgary and the first president. Encouraged by Nellie McClung to run for City Council after the famous Parsons Case in 1929 conferred legal status on women, she was elected, the second woman as a Councillor in Calgary. All her life she worked on behalf of her church, Central United. She was a member of the Banff Alpine Club, served on the executive and was an avid mountain climber.

In 1974 she retired to Coquitlam, British Columbia, but several times she came back to Calgary to attend Loyalist meetings and in October, 1979, she attended the Women Celebrate Women event at the Calgary Inn, where six hundred women celebrated the legislation of 1929.

In Vancouver she kept in touch with her many interests until a few days before her death. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

She was cremated and her ashes are to be scattered on the graves of her mother and father in St. George's Cemetery, Banff.

Her many friends feel it was indeed a privilege to have known Pansy Pue. In a quote from Eva Reid of the Calgary Morning Albertan "She was a woman of integrity, intelligence, wit, wisdom and a fund of knowledge."

1980 Fall

Obituary: **A Tribute To John Alfred Chrysler**

A long-time member of the Calgary Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, John Alfred Chrysler, who died 23 November, 1979, at the age of 101, was fittingly remembered at the annual dinner meeting of the Calgary Branch on 9 May, 1980. Evelyn Peterson, in a reply to the Toast to the U.E.L., paid tribute to his memory and recalled his Loyalist heritage.

John Alfred Chrysler was born at Shandoss, Ontario, on 12 June, 1878. He married Jane McInroy and moved to the West in 1908 to homestead near Irma. His wife and he later moved to Mannville where they resided until they moved to Edmonton in 1941. Upon retirement in 1954, the couple returned to Mannville. For seventy-two years, John Alfred Chrysler was a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge. He was an active member of the U.E.L. Association of Canada for many years and remained a member until his death. His wife and three sons predeceased him. A grand-daughter, Mrs. Betty Fladager of Edmonton, is a vice-president of the Calgary Branch.

John Alfred Chrysler's Loyalist ancestor, Col. John Chrysler, was a drummer boy in Butler's Rangers during the Revolutionary War. Col. John Chrysler served as a member of the Legislative Assembly from 1808 - 1824. He was a Colonel in the Dundas militia during the War of 1812 - 1814. One of the important events at this time was the Battle of Chrysler's Farm on 11 November, 1813. The headquarters for the defending forces were established in the Chrysler farmhouse and the battle itself took place on a field of the Chrysler farm where the Americans held a disadvantageous position. After the battle, the Chrysler farmhouse was converted into a hospital where casualties from both sides were cared for.

In concluding her remarks, Evelyn Peterson mentioned the fact that Jacob Christopher Hanes, her great-great grandfather who was a son of the Loyalist Christopher Hanes who owned a farm near

Crysler's, had taken part in the Battle of Chrysler's Farm at the age of fifteen. He lived until 1882 at which time John Alfred Chrysler was three years old. Through his long life, John Alfred Chrysler was thus able to provide an actual tangible link ' with the Loyalist period.

CALGARY BRANCH

The annual general meeting of the Calgary Branch was held on May 9th in the Cougar Room of Mount Royal College. A congenial refreshment hour was followed by an excellent dinner. Mr. B. H. Corey presented an outstanding outline of history of the New Brunswick Coreys and Whites and concluded with the Toast to the Loyalists. Mrs. A. B. Peterson made an appropriate reply, incorporating a tribute to John Alfred Chrysler who died in November 1979 at age 101 years. We count ourselves fortunate indeed to have at the University of Calgary, Dr. Frank MacKinnon, pleased that he consented to be our speaker of the evening. (The text is available>. Mr. I. Michael Robison was re-elected President. Mrs. Betty Fladager of Edmonton, Vice-President; Mrs. Lois Currie, Secretary; Mrs. Evelyn Peterson, Treasurer, and Mrs. Kathleen Hymas, Genealogist and Librarian.

The following members received certificates: Miss Marion Durham of Calgary, ancestor John Secord of Niagara; Berry Barrington of Cromer, Man., ancestor Augustus Seelye of Elizabethtown; Miss Marion Foster of Vancouver, ancestor John Canniff of Thurlow, Hastings County, Ont.; Keith Gilker, Sherwood Park, Ancestor, Geo. Gilker, New Richmond, Que., Earle Irvine of Edmonton, ancestor Samuel D. Chatterton, New Carlisle, Que.; Kenneth May of Lethbridge, ancestor, William May of Niagara; Cleve Miller of Edmonton, ancestor Capt. Garrett Miller of Ernestown; Miss Linda Parker of Edmonton, ancestor John Parker of Wainfleet; Clinton Stata of Lethbridge, ancestor Philip Stata of Osnabruck; Mrs. Dorothy Weber of Calgary, ancestor Philip Stata; Mrs. Patricia Weir of Calgary, ancestor John Canniff; Mrs. Faye West of Edmonton, ancestor Andrew Jones of Beverley.

We regret to record the death of: Mrs. Lillian Reid (Fleiger of New Brunswick) survived by a sister Mrs. Louis Augade; Alvin L. Miller "Family Tree-Path of Destiny" traces back to Garret Miller.

Those wanting to join our branch should write to Mrs. Kathleen Hymas, 914-34 Ave., S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2T2A4.

1982 Spring

The Calgary Branch was pleased to be visited by Mr. John A. Eaman, President of the Dominion Council and especially treasured his quote "Our tradition should be a rudder, not an anchor".

The winner of the Canadian History Prize given by the Calgary Branch at the University of Calgary this year was Dana L. MacRae.

The following members received certificates: Alameda Wianko Paterson (Ancestor Agt. John Yound - Niagara): Sharon Smith Wakelam (Ancestor David McCready Eliabethtown, Leeds Co., Ont.): Ivan Michael Robison (Ancestor Dr. Wm. Dougal N.S. and Prince Edward Co., Ont.): Myles Stanford Faeder (Ancestor Lucas Faeder, sometimes Vetter, Matilda Township, Dundas Co., Ont.); His sisters Flo. Fielding and Winnifred Kelly came from Saskatoon for the occasion.

Gordon Bjorkman (Ancestor Bemslee Buell of Elizabethtown, Leeds Co.) : Mary Elizabeth McSparron (Mrs. Wm.). (Ancestor Jacob Eaman, Osnabruck Twp.) : Dorothy Van Velzer (Mrs.

Louis), (Ancestor Lucas Vetter - Matilda Dundas Co.): Barrie St. Louis Robison (Ancestor: Dr. Wm. Dougal- Hillier. Prince Edward Co., Ont.).

More applications are in process and our Annual Dinner is planned for May.

1985 June

The Academic Awards Committee at The university of Calgary announced the recipient for Canadian History prize of \$100.00 given annually by the Calgary U.E.L. Branch is Mr. Michael John O'Brien of Calgary.

Mrs. Kathleen Hymas, branch genealogist reported several new members of recent months: Mary Gertrude Davidson of No. 204313066 Ave. S.W. Calgary T3E 5K8 (Ancestor - Robert Flowers of New Carlisle, Quebec); Laura Mabel Jones of Box 1522, Stettler, Alberta TOC 2LO (Ancestor - Robert Flowers of New Carlisle, Quebec); Richard Thompson of Niton Junction, Alberta (Ancestor Robert Flowers of New Carlisle, Quebec); Vonna Thompson Whittemore of Box 523, Hanna, Alberta TOJ IPO (Ancestor - Robert Flowers of New Carlisle, Quebec); Ian Avery of Box 74, Crossfield, Alberta TOM OSO (Ancestor - William Avery of Elizabethtown); Shirley Nelson of 52 Springfield A venue, Red Deer, Alberta T4N OC7 (Ancestor-Capt. John Hatfield of Fox River, Nova Scotia); Victoria Kenton of 11403-164 Avenue, Edmonton T5X 3W1 (Ancestor - Philip Eamer of Cornwall); Dr. Ruth Gorman of 203 Roxborough Rd., Calgary T2S 0R2 (Ancestor - Alexander Rose of Williamsburg); Annetta Starratt of 307 Willowridge Place S.E. Calgary T2J IN2 (Ancestor - Joseph White of Eliabethtown); Loretta Danielson of Box 180, Barrhead, Alberta TOG OEO (Ancestor - James Burwell of Bertie Twp. Welland Co.); Jeannette Holms of No. 256 - 1111 Glenmore Trail S.W. Calgary T2V 4C9 (Ancestor - Capt. Samuel (Soyle) MacDonald of North Carolina and Shelburne, N.S.); Mary Barker of 90 Lake Christina Close S.E. Calgary T2J 2R9 (Ancestor Capt. Samuel (Soyle) MacDonald of North Carolina and Shelburne N.S.); Gordon Barker of 90 Lake Christina Close S.E. Calgary T2J 2R9 (Ancestor - John Belyea of Philips Manor N.Y. & Belyea Point, New Brunswick); Margaret Hess of 916 Durham Ave. S. W. Calgary T2T OP6 (Ancestor - John Belyea of Philips Manor N.Y. & Belyea Point, N.R).

1985 December

The spring Annual Meeting was held at the University of Calgary with a good attendance. Genealogical certificates were presented which was followed by an address by Sheilagh Daly who is associated with the Glenbow Institute. She spoke regarding the restoration of the Fort Calgary site - at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers. This was where the R.N.W.M.P. detachment, despatched from Fort Macleod and under the command of Inspector Brisebois chose it as its headquarters. As a Centennial project - 1967 - restoration commenced which is now a major attraction. Of interest to us, was the revelation that members of this force were of Loyalist origin suggesting that we have early roots in this area. Sharon McKay - ancestor: James Clement and Chaterine Crysler of Niagara; Anna Mabel Barker - ancestor John Belyea of King's Co., New Brunswick; Dorothy Eileen Clayton - ancestor John Belyea of King's Co., N.B.

On the 6th of October, approximately twenty-five members spent a pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Kay Hymas, our genealogist, ingesting all manner of table-goodies and sipping wine. This has been an annual ritual for some years and is always well attended. Aside from the social aspect, a visit with the squirrels provides an added attraction. Their origins go back to the early 1930's when six emigrated from Ontario - a gift from that Province to the Calgary Zoo. Either by accident

or design, they escaped from this confine, and made their way up the Bow River; and as trees replaced the prairie landscape have multiplied and flourished in many areas of the city. Repeated efforts to determine whether or not there were Loyalist members in the advance guard have been unfruitful. Possibly some of our Ontario branch members could shed some light. Any information would be gratefully received.

1986 December

The Academic Awards Committee at the University of Calgary is pleased to advise that Ms. Fern Lianne Gallon-White, 1009, 73 Glamis Dr. S.W., Calgary, has been selected for the \$100 prize. Thanks are expressed from the University to the Calgary U.E.L. Branch for this annual award.

1990 Spring

The Calgary Association met for an informal meeting Nov. 20, 1988 at the home Kay Hymas. There were 35 members present.

The president Lois Cummings introduced the speaker Lorna Laughton, who is a genealogist. She gave a most interesting description of the methods she uses, and the books she refers to to trace family histories, stressing the necessity of keeping accurate records of where each item was found. Lorna is a member of the Family History Association.

Lois Cummings thanked the speaker and then announced with regret her resignation as of January 1, 1989. Her husband Hal has accepted a position with the government of Libya for an indefinite period. We will miss our enthusiastic president and wish the Cummings a successful and safe sojourn in Libya.

Vice-President Phillip Thorpe has taken over as president, as of January 1st, 1989 and Mr. William E. Thomson has assumed the position of 1st Vice-President. An informal tea was held January 22, 1989 to honour Lois Cummings, our departing president and her husband.

By Pat. L. Weir UE, Secretary-Treasurer

1990 Fall

HISTORY OF THE CALGARY BRANCH by Miss P.L. Pue, Calgary, June 27, 1973

The Calgary Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association was organized in 1928. Its Honourary President was Lieutenant General Sir A.C. McDonald, RC.B., G.M.C., D.S.O., and its first President was Mr. Clifford Jones, K.C.

Among its Charter Members were Bishop Ralph Sherman, Honourable RB. Bennett, K.C., M.P.; Judge Tolm Tweedie; Dr. G.W. Kerby; L.F. Clarry, K.C.; Isaac F. Fitch; Hufh Farthing; L.U. Fowler; Mrs. M.L. Bowen; Mrs. A.E. Freeland; Mrs. A.P. Patrick; Mrs. A.R. Dauncey; Mrs. J.W. Bullough; Mrs. H.D. Marr; Arthur Maybee.

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Outstanding speakers during the years were Brigadier General V.R Pearkes. V.C.; Dean G.B. Snell; Hugh John McDonald, M.L.A.; A.R Smith, M.P.; Mr. Justice Hugh Farthing, Rev. George W. Kerby; Professor W. Angus, Assistant Professor of history, University of Alberta; Lieutenant Governor Grant McEwan; Dr. Ruth Gorman, M.S. (Canada Service Medal).

In 1934, the Association furnished Room 224, Ward A.3, in the Colonel Belcher Veterans' Hospital, in honour of Edith May Allison, an overseas nurse, who was Matron-in-Charge of the hospital from 1919 to 1933.

During the Prime Ministership of Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, the Association sent the government a resolution conveying "uncompromising opposition to any proposal to discard the Union Jack from a position of prominence in the national flag of Canada.". Again in 1965 the Association sent a resolution to the government urging the retention of the Union Jack.

In 1963 the Association requested the local School Board to promote an Essay Contest throughout the schools, "on the part played by the United Empire Loyalists in the history of Canada" and offered a substantial prize for the winning contestant

As its Centennial project the Association established a \$50.00 Annual Scholarship at the University of Calgary "to be awarded to the student receiving the highest marks in a course in Canadian History". At its May meeting, 1967, a cheque for \$1050.00 was presented to Professor George E. Self, Professor of History at the University, to establish the Scholarship and provide the money for the fast year's award.

By Mrs. Kathleen Hymas, Genealogist, Calgary Branch, May 31, 1990

1991 Spring

The Calgary Branch held an afternoon get-together at the home of Branch Genealogist, Kathleen Hymas, on October 10, 1990.

The occasion was prompted by the visit of the Dominion President, Mr. Arnold Nethercott and Mrs. A Nethercott. An enthusiastic group of twenty-five enjoyed having an opportunity to welcome and speak with them.

The Canadian History Prize, donated annually by the Calgary Branch, to the most deserving student of Canadian History at the University of Calgary, has been won this year by Lana Shimp of Granum, Alberta.

Submitted by Mary Ungar, Corresponding Secretary, Calgary Branch

1993 Spring

Our Fall Tea has always been graciously hosted by Kathleen Hymas for as long as anyone can remember. But this year Kay moved into a condominium; thus our Branch President, Douglas Hall and his wife Dorothy, hosted the Tea at their lovely home, September 13,1992. This year's

winner of the History Prize (awarded annually by Calgary Branch to a University of Calgary student) went to Ms. Siobhan Janet McNaught. Ms. McNaught was warmly received at our Tea and presented with *Loyalist Mosaic: Multi Ethnic Heritage* by Joan Magee.

We regret to report the passing of long time branch member, Dr. Thomas Albert Richardson. He passed away on Nov. 18, 1992 at age 74. Dr. Richardson, an orthopaedic surgeon, devoted much of this time to those affected with Cerebral Palsy. As a youth Thomas Albert attended UEL meetings with his parents, Dr. James and Elizabeth Richardson.

Our highlight of the year, the annual meeting with dinner and guest speaker, will be on May 14.

By Dominique Wilson

1993 Fall

Annual Meeting, May 14, 1993.

Our guest speaker this year was one of our own members, Dr. Roy Smith, who gave a very informative and entertaining audio-visual presentation of the history of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham. Particular reference was given to the 78th Fraser Highlanders and their ongoing Scottish influence on Canadian history. The members who attended this meeting all agreed that the speaker was very interesting and enlightened us all on this part of our Canadian history.

Every year the Calgary Branch provides a University of Calgary student with a History Prize through the Awards program at the University. This year's winner is Nichola Jane Whittle and the members wish to congratulate her on this achievement.

One of our long time associate members, the Honourable Justice A.M. (Milt) Harrandence, was named Honourary Colonel of the 416 Tactical Fighter Squadron at Cold Lake, Alberta and our congratulations go out to Milt and his wife Catherine.

By Dominique Wilson

1994 Fall

The Calgary Branch had a very special Annual Meeting this year. Our meeting was held on May 16, 1994 at the University of Calgary. Many members from Eastern Branches attended our dinner meeting on their way to the Convention in Vancouver B.C. The evening started with cocktails and getting to know each other and followed with a wonderful dinner. We were also very fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Max Foran. Dr. Foran is a noted Calgary Historian and author of many books on Calgary's History. The Calgary Branch found Dr. Foran to be an excellent choice in that 1994 is Calgary's Centennial. Dr. Foran's speech centered on the similarities between the early settlers who came to the Calgary area in the late 1800's, and the Loyalist families who fled the United States of America in the late 1700's. The speech was enjoyed by all and will be especially remembered by those members who are descendants of the early loyalists who helped to settle the west. One of our members, Bob Hymas, presented Dr. Foran with a book to thank him for a very interesting and enjoyable talk. Doug Hall, the Calgary Branch President did a wonderful job of chairing the meeting and Patricia Jones, our Past President, presented Okill Stuart with the Calgary Traditional "White Hat" in recognition of his becoming President of the Dominion Association. The evening was video taped by one of our members, Penny Colton. Penny had a roving camera and coaxed many members in attendance to talk about where they were from and about their ancestors. The video might be made available for purchase at a later date. Calgary

member Dorothy Weber was recognized by the chair as having been at one of the first Loyalist meetings, in Calgary, back in 1927. Also our branch genealogist, Kathleen Hymas, presented six certificates to Calgary members. The Calgary Branch will not soon forget this eventful evening with our fellow Loyalists from Eastern Canada.

Every year the Calgary Branch provides a University of Calgary student with a History Prize through the Awards Program at the University. This year's winner is Ms. Jodi-Lyn Marie T. Newnham.

Last, but definitely not least, the Calgary Branch would like to congratulate Gordon and Mary Barker on their 50th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on August 21st, 1994. Not only is this a fantastic milestone but also both Mary and Gordon are descendants of Loyalists. Mary's ancestor is Captain Samuel MacDonald and Gordon's ancestor is John Belyea. Wow!!

By Dominique Wilson, Corresponding Secretary

2000 Spring

Calgary Branch UELAC is justifiably proud of three members who hold Law doctorates. Each has garnered a slew of community and national awards as well as honorary doctorates from the University of Calgary.

Bookseller *Evelyn de Mille*, dubbed "bookseller extraordinaire" by the *Calgary Herald*, was the first woman president of the Canadian Booksellers Association. A true bibliophile, and gentle-natured, she generously donated her 'discriminating collections' to the Glenbow Museum, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and as well, has given some fascinating medieval manuscripts to the University of Calgary. Her Loyalist ancestor is Joseph Orser (originally Aeertse).

Margaret (Marmie) Hess is well known as a rancher, lecturer, and as a world authority on Native Canadian Art and culture. She has an amazing string of honours to her credit. Her Loyalist ancestors are Henry Bulyea and Azariah Perkins.

Milt Harradence QC, is a distinguished jurist, lawyer and leader who served as an RCAF pilot during World War Two. Rated one of Canada's top defence lawyers, he has authored leading cases in the areas of equality and human rights. His wife Catherine is a descendant of James Jackson UE. Catherine Harradence is a daughter of a pioneer Calgary doctor, James Wilson Richardson, who was a former president of Calgary Branch UELAC.

Submitted by Dorothy Hall UE

1990 Fall

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Membership grew quickly to over 200. Regular monthly meetings were held in the Board of Trade Rooms and frequent picnics and social gatherings were held.

Among the Presidents during the years have been Dr. J. W. Richardson; L. F. Clarry, K.C.; Mr. J. T. North; Mr. M. W. Brock; Colonel J. E. A. Tidswell; Mrs. Ray (Jean) Farquharson; Mrs. Helen Robinson; Mrs. L. M. Bowen; F. C. Colbourne, M.L.A.; Barrie Robison; Douglas Fitch; Colonel J. H. R. Thomson; Dr. Guy Williams.

Outstanding speakers during the years were Brigadier General V. R. Pearkes, V.C.; Dean G. B. Snell; Hugh John McDonald, M.L.A.; A. R. Smith, M.P.; Mr. Justice Hugh Farthing; Rev. George W. Kerby; Professor W. Angus, Assistant Professor of History, University of Alberta; Lieutenant Governor Grant McEwan; Dr. Ruth Gorman, M.S. (Canada Service Medal).

In 1934, the Association furnished Room 224, Ward A-3, in the Colonel Belcher Veterans' Hospital, in honour of Edith May Allison, an overseas nurse, who was Matron-in-Charge of the hospital from 1919 to 1933.

During the Prime Ministership of the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, the Association sent the government a resolution conveying "uncompromising opposition to any proposal to discard the Union Jack from a position of prominence in the national flag of Canada". Again in 1965 the Association sent a resolution to the government urging the retention of the Union Jack.

In 1963 the Association requested the local School Board to promote an Essay Contest throughout the schools, "on the part played by the United Empire Loyalists in the history of Canada" and offered a substantial prize for the winning contestant.

As its Centennial project the Association established a \$50.00 Annual Scholarship at the University of Calgary "to be awarded to the student receiving the highest marks in a course in Canadian History". At its May meeting, 1967, a cheque for \$1050.00 was presented to Professor George E. Self, Professor of History at the University, to establish the Scholarship and provide the money for the first year's award.

Submitted by Mrs. Kathleen Hymas, Genealogist, Calgary Branch, May 31, 1990

1991 Spring

The Calgary Branch held an afternoon get-together at the home of Branch Genealogist, Kathleen Hymas, on October 10, 1990.

The occasion was prompted by the visit of the Dominion President, Mr. Arnold Nethercott and Mrs. A. Nethercott. An enthusiastic group of twenty-five enjoyed having an opportunity to welcome and speak with them.

The Canadian History Prize, donated annually by the Calgary Branch, to the most deserving student of Canadian History at the University of Calgary, has been won this year by Lana Shimp of Granum, Alberta.

Submitted by Mary Ungar, Corresponding Secretary, Calgary Branch

1993 Spring

Our Fall Tea has always been graciously hosted by Kathleen Hymas for as long as anyone can remember. But this year Kay moved into a condominium; thus our Branch President, Douglas Hall and his wife Dorothy, hosted the Tea at their lovely home, September 13, 1992. This year's winner of the History Prize (awarded annually by Calgary Branch to a University student) went to Ms. Siobhan Janet McNaught. Ms. McNaught was warmly received at our Tea and presented with *Loyalist Mosaic: Multi Ethnic Heritage* by Joan Magee.

We regret to report the passing of long time Branch Member, Dr. Thomas Albert Richardson. He passed away on Nov. 18, 1992 at age 74. Dr. Richardson, an orthopaedic surgeon, devoted much of his time to those afflicted with Cerebral Palsy. As a youth, Thomas Albert attended UEL meetings with his parents, Dr. James and Elizabeth Richardson.

Our highlight of the year, the annual meeting with dinner and guest speaker, will be on May 14.

Submitted by Dominique Wilson

1993 Fall

Annual Meeting, May 14, 1993

Our guest speaker this year was one of our own members, Dr. Roy Smith, who gave a very informative and entertaining audio/visual presentation of the history of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham. Particular reference was given to the 78th Fraser Highlanders and their ongoing Scottish influence on Canadian history. The members who attended this meeting all agreed that the speaker was very interesting and enlightened us all on this part of our Canadian history.

Every year the Calgary Branch provides a University of Calgary student with a History Prize through the Awards program at the University. This year's winner is Nichola Jane Whittle and the members wish to congratulate her on this achievement.

One of our long time associate members, the Honourable Justice A. M. (Milt) Harrandence, was named Honourary Colonel of the 416 Tactical Fighter Squadron at Cold Lake, Alberta and our congratulations go out to Milt and his wife, Catherine.

Submitted by Dominique Wilson, Correspondence Secretary

1994 Fall

The Calgary Branch had a very special Annual Meeting this year. Our meeting was held on May 16, 1994 at the University of Calgary. Many members from Eastern Branches attended our dinner meeting on their way to the Convention in Vancouver, B.C. The evening started with

cocktails and getting to know each other and followed with a wonderful dinner. We were also very fortunate to have as our guest speaker Dr. Max Foran. Dr. Foran is a noted Calgary Historian and author of many books on Calgary's History. The Calgary Branch found Dr. Foran to be an excellent choice in that 1994 is Calgary's Centennial. Dr. Foran's speech centered on the similarities between the early settlers who came to the Calgary area in the late 1800's, and the Loyalist families who fled the United States of America in the late 1700's.

The speech was enjoyed by all and will be especially remembered by those members who are descendants of the early Loyalists who helped to settle the west. One of our members, Bob Hymas, presented Dr. Foran with a book to thank him for a very interesting and enjoyable talk. Doug Hall, the Calgary Branch President did a wonderful job of chairing the meeting and Patricia Jones, our Past President, presented Okill Stuart with the Calgary Traditional "White Hat" in recognition of his becoming President of the Dominion Association.

The evening was videotaped by one of our members, Penny Colton. Penny had a roving camera and coaxed many members in attendance to talk about where they were from and about their ancestors. The video might be made available for purchase at a later date. Calgary member Dorothy Weber was recognized by the chair as having been at one of the first Loyalist meetings, in Calgary, back in 1927. Also our Branch genealogist, Kathleen Hymas, presented six certificates to Calgary members. The Calgary Branch will not soon forget this eventful evening with our fellow Loyalists from Eastern Canada.

Every year the Calgary Branch provides a University of Calgary student with a History Prize through the Awards Program at the University. This year's winner is Ms. Jodi-Lyn Marie T. Newnham.

Last, but definitely not least, the Calgary Branch would like to congratulate Gordon and Mary Barker on their 50th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on August 21st, 1994. Not only is this a fantastic milestone but also both Mary and Gordon are descendants of Loyalists. Mary's ancestor is Captain Samuel MacDonald and Gordon's ancestor is John Belyea. Wow!

Submitted by Dominique Wilson, Corresponding Secretary

1999 Fall

We received the photos of Branch activities.

2000 Spring

Calgary Branch UELAC is justifiably proud of three members who hold Law doctorates. Each has garnered a slew of community and national awards as well as honorary doctorates from the University of Calgary.

Bookseller Evelyn de Mille, dubbed "bookseller extraordinaire" by the Calgary Herald, was the first woman president of the Canadian Booksellers Association. A true bibliophile, and gentle-natured, she generously donated her 'discriminating collections' to the Glenbow Museum, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and as well, has given some fascinating medieval manuscripts to the University of Calgary. Her Loyalist ancestor is Joseph Orser (originally

Aeertse).

Margaret (Marmie) Hess is well known as a rancher, lecturer, and as a world authority on Native Canadian Art and culture. She has an amazing string of honours to her credit. Her Loyalist ancestors are Henry Bulyea and Azariah Perkins.

2008 Spring

The Prairie Regional Meeting, 26 – 28 October 2007, was a great success with representation from the Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg and Toronto.

The program began at St. Andrew's Anglican Church Hall on Saturday, 27 October, with speakers Pat Adair on Family History, Margaret Carter on Historical Dress and Peter Johnson on Regimental Dress, all enlightening topics and speeches. A delicious lunch was prepared by Lorna Stewart. It was a great opportunity for Loyalist networking.

Reverend Mark Loyal, a new member of the Branch, is descended from the followers of Chief Brant and Pauline Johnson. He invited the Loyalists – some in historical dress – to attend his church service at St. Andrew's on Sunday, 28 October. The Loyalist presence was well appreciated by his parishioners.

The Annual Calgary Branch Fall Tea took place at the Stewart residence. The success of the Regional Meeting, the Fall Tea, the speeches, expertise and enthusiasm of the out-of-town guests and the gracious hosting by Lorna and Jim inspired a number of individuals to become members of the UELAC.

UELAC Certificates were recently presented at a Calgary Branch Executive meeting to Linda McClelland for her daughters and grandchildren. Barbara Hongisto, a cousin of Jim Stewart UE, received her UELAC certificate. Barbara's husband, David, is the Treasurer of the Calgary Branch. At least four keen new members are in the process of completing the research necessary for obtaining their certificate applications.

By Joyce Luethy UE, Calgary Chinook Branch Genealogist

2012 Fall

The Calgary Branch has experienced strong growth under the leadership of David Hongisto UE, Branch President. Formal membership is now about 50. Informal members who are in the process, or have realized their UEL Certificates, number about 25, for a total of 75 participants. The Branch has strong hopes that formal membership will increase to 75 and eventually 100 members as well as formal registration as a society under the applicable rules of the Province of Alberta.

A major current project for 2014 at our Branch is the Alberta Bound Project. Currently we have ten member stories that are near completion.

The Calgary Branch held the Annual General Meeting and Banquet at the Calgary Winter Club on 26 May 2012 and participated fully in the UEL Dominion Conference held 7 – 10 June at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Calgary Branch had several members attending the United Empire Loyalists' Dominion Conference in Winnipeg. The residence of the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Philip S. Lee, CM, OM, in Winnipeg was where a Welcoming Ceremony was held for the UELAC conference and it was a welcome sight for the Calgary Branch Loyalists attending the Conference. The Honourable Philip S. Lee, CM, OM was installed as Manitoba's 24th Lieutenant Governor on 04 August 2009.

The Calgary Branch believes the success of this Dominion Conference was the result of the enormous effort by the Winnipeg Branch as well as strong attendance from across Canada and wishes hearty congratulations to the Winnipeg Branch.

By David Hongisto UE, Branch President

2013 Spring

2012 has proven to be a successful year for the Calgary Branch. Membership is on the rise and there were twenty-two certificates issued to Calgary Branch members during the year. This may be a new record for the Branch, at least in recent years. More applications are pending at the time of writing this submission.

Our Spring event, consisting of the Annual General Meeting and Banquet, was held in May at the Calgary Winter Club. Thanks to Linda McClelland for making the arrangements. The event was well-attended and members and guests were entertained by Jeannie McCauley from the Famous Five Society with a fascinating historical presentation about Alberta's Famous Five women. Naturally, a good time was had by all.

Several Calgary Branch members attended the *Conference at the Confluence* in Winnipeg and participated in the various tours and activities.

In October, Branch President David Hongisto UE and his wife, Barbara Hongisto UE, travelled to England for the wedding party of their niece, Laura Mason UE, who resides there, and David presented Laura with her Certificate. On the same trip, David had the honour and pleasure to present a Certificate to Alwyne Loyd UE, age 92 years, an historian extraordinaire and cousin to Lynne Peacock UE of Calgary, another of our newly-certified members. The presentation took place at the home of Alwyne's son in London.

The Branch was represented at the Prairie Regional conference in Regina in October.

October also saw our Fall Banquet, again at the Calgary Winter Club. This event was also well-attended. Thanks to Sharon Terray UE, the entertainment for the evening was provided by Mr. Ryan Jones, a member of several re-enactment groups. Ryan, in a uniform of an 1812 soldier, spoke on the War of 1812 and clothing of the period. He also had artefacts to show. His enthusiasm for the subject was evident and the audience was greatly entertained.

Calgary Branch member, George Himann UE, has accepted nomination to fill a vacancy of one of the Trustee positions of the UELAC.

The future looks promising for the Calgary Branch. Membership queries continue to come in. We are hoping to increase the number of events held by the Branch.

By David Hongisto UE, Branch President

2013 Fall

Calgary Branch is managing to keep on the positive side of the membership campaign, having surpassed our 2012 total by the end of May 2013. Prospects are good for additional new members before the end of 2013.

On May 19 our Spring Banquet was held with forty in attendance. One of our younger members, Cynthia Miku Beer, led the assembly in singing the National and Royal Anthems. Other highlights of the evening included a performance of the skit, "The Loyalist Party Girls," the parts of which were read by members suitably costumed. All those present were well entertained.

Linda McClelland launched her book, United Empire Loyalists – Alberta Bound. Forty copies were printed and sold for \$20.00 each. [See cover below.] For information on how to obtain a copy, visit the website: <http://ourfamilylines.ca/the-making-of-loyalists/>. There you will also find links to download an e-book version or a pdf version of the book.

Sixteen certificates were presented. Recipients were attired in period headdress for the ceremony. None of the Calgary Branch members could recall when such a number of certificates were presented at one time.

Several members of the Calgary Branch were able to attend the Dominion Conference in Burlington, which again proved to be a rewarding experience.

By David Hongisto UE, Branch President

2015 Fall

The AGM and Banquet was held on 03 May at the Sheraton Hotel. Forty people attended. After dessert, Neil Lund spoke to us about his ancestors who settled in Glengarry. He gave a succinct, yet detailed, account of his Scottish ancestors and why they left for New York and the Glebe, in the Ottawa area.

Books of Loyalist content that have been donated to the Calgary Branch have been housed in the Alberta Family Histories Society Library.

Congratulations to George Tapley, Treasurer of the Calgary Branch, who received the Masonic Order of the Purple Cross with the Free Masons in Louisville, Kentucky, on 01 August.

For those people interested in old photos of Prairie Towns, <http://www.prairie-towns.com/index.html> is an Internet link sent in by Stan Clayton.

Calgary Branch members attended the Loyalists Come West 2015 Conference that was held this year in Victoria from 28 to 31 May at the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel.

By Linda McClelland UE,
Project Manager

2016 Fall

The Calgary Branch is moving into the 21st Century with a new web-site that was designed by our new President, Suzanne Davidson UE. On it you can find children's book reports written by a junior member, Haruna Beer UE

David Hongisto UE handed over the gavel and the President's Badge to Suzanne Davidson UE at this year's spring dinner that was held in the Canadian Room at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel on 01 May.

At this meeting, Neil Garlough UE, of Red Deer, received his UELAC certificate, and Lorna Laughton explained how our collection of books, donated by Evelyn DeMille, is all organized on the shelves of the Alberta Family History Society. There are ninety items catalogued, with a large Ontario collection, and local prairie histories. Suzanne gave us an update on possible places where a plaque could be established.

By Linda McClelland UE

2017 Spring

With our October dinner meeting we tried a new approach. This involved having a feature presenter give a speech based on her published books. Shirlee Smith Matheson gave an overview presentation of air terminals in Calgary over the years and the life story of Fred McCall, a World War I war ace, who also participated in World War II. One of his civilian claims to fame was landing on a merry-go-round at the Calgary Stampede when his engine failed.

Shirlee has written a number of books for all ages on flying and Western Canada. Her books and further information can be found on her website: www.ssmatheson.ca.

Calgary Branch presented three certificates. Jacquie McGowan UE received a certificate for her Loyalist ancestor, Abraham Woodcock Sr. UE, who settled in Fredericksburgh, Upper Canada. Ivy Trumpour UE received her third certificate, this one for her Loyalist ancestor, Richard Ferguson Sr. UE, who also settled in Fredericksburgh. The third certificate was presented to Pat McAdoo UE for the Loyalist ancestor, Conrad Gunter UE, who is also connected to Angela Johnson UE and settled originally in New Brunswick. His son then moved to Northumberland County, Upper Canada.

This fall I connected with the University of Calgary for the presentation of a history prize our Branch has sponsored since 1966. Unfortunately, the student receiving the award was not present, but it was interesting to see the other prizes awarded to a range of students in the History department. We hope to have the student, Emmanuel Mehr, at our spring meeting. We continue to search out contacts to enquire about erecting a Loyalist plaque in Calgary.

By Suzanne Davidson UE, Branch President

2017 Spring

Minutes of the AGM and Luncheon at the Coast Plaza Hotel 28 May 2017 by Barbara Hongisto

The meeting was delayed since some members were caught up in traffic because of the Calgary Marathon!

We sang O Canada.

Thirty-four members and guests were present. We were pleased to have Gerry and Pat Adair from Saskatchewan; Shona Wards from Edmonton; Pat Brown, Marion Snowden, and Sharleen Peterson from Lethbridge. Attending for the first time from Calgary were Cliff, Andrew, and Jeffery Lane, as well as Mona Charlesworth.

Linda then asked the people at each of the six tables to discuss their background with Loyalist Associations. We heard from each table about their own ancestors and others' ancestors also.

Next, Suzanne presented certificates to eight new members: Don Axford, Jonathon Himann, Jode Himann, Vega Himann and River Himann, Jill Rehman, Taymur Rehman, and Zahra Rehman. They received either a tricorn hat or a bonnet along with the certificate. A brief summary of each ancestor was given.

The minutes from last year's dinner were available at each table. George Himann moved and Jonathon Himann seconded their approval and they were passed.

In our Treasurer's absence, the Treasurer's Report was available at each table. David Hongisto moved the acceptance of the report, Linda McClelland seconded it and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Suzanne mentioned that other certificates are "in the works."

The Dominion requires funds for a scholarship but we already have one in Calgary. It is only \$200 so we are investigating the possibility of increasing it, through the university.

Establishing a plaque continues to be a work in progress.

Suzanne went over the roster for the Executive. David moved and Clair Lane seconded the acceptance of the Executive as it stands.

The speaker we arranged had to cancel for personal reasons so Suzanne intends to book her for another time. Suzanne is also considering a tour of the Military Museum with, perhaps, a meeting there.

We will also be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremonies. More details will follow.

Interest in attending fairs and other activities was gauged. To organize this, an educational volunteer is required. As no one expressed interest, this activity will not be pursued at this time. (If someone does have an interest, please contact us)

With the cancellation of our speaker, Suzanne gave a power-point presentation about George Kerby. The Kerby Centre is named after him. He also started Mount Royal College in 1910. He had quite a history and we all learned something from Suzanne's presentation!

Pat Adair gave a brief talk about the planned National Conference for 2018 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, from 07 to 10 June 2018 at the Temple Gardens. There are terrific tours planned and Peter Johnson UE will be speaking. It will be a special weekend of great activities. Hopefully, some of us will be attending.

The 2017-18 Executive will remain as follows: President: Suzanne Davidson Past-President: David Hongisto Secretary: Barbara Hongisto Treasurer: George Tapley Newsletter: Linda McClelland Members at Large: Pat Brown; Ivy Trumpour

We sang "God Save the Queen" and the meeting was adjourned.

By Suzanne Davidson UE, Branch President