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Link Up



Photo by Marlene Dance

A Message from the President

I am truly delighted that this “Link-Up” will be our first on-line newsletter! Marlene Dance has joined our Chilliwack Branch Executive and has taken on this important publication. Judy Scholz UE has done our Link-Up for a “myriad of years”. We are extremely grateful to Judy for her immense past service in this task. Marlene will also be assisting our Genealogist, Mildred Hall UE, with the preparation of member’s certificates.

Our upcoming June event is a Strawberry Social to honour the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. This celebration will take place on June 23, at Carman United Church Hall, beginning at 1:30 pm. Special Guests are being invited, including dignitaries and the Sons of Scotland. You are encouraged to wear Period Dress. (see the notice on page 4)

Thus far, our Branch membership is below last year. However, there is still an opportunity for you to renew your membership for the second half of the year. I am pleased to say four of our members will be attending the 2012 Conference being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

As I have previously mentioned, on many occasions, our Chilliwack Branch Executive is in need of helpers. There are so many things that we would like to be doing and should be doing in order to foster awareness of our rich Canadian History – particularly that of our ancestors, the Loyalists. However, we need many hands to make things happen. Can you help?

Just this past Saturday, May 26, I had the wonderful pleasure of being the Guest Speaker at the Victoria Branch of the UELAC. Carl Stymiest UE and Mary-Anne Bethune UE of the Vancouver Branch, accompanied me. The camaraderie of getting together with folks of our UELAC family, is always a joyous and heartwarming experience.

With this electronically sent newsletter, our communications with each of our members will be greatly enhanced. Those without e-mails, will be sent a copy in the mail.

Hope to see many of you at the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Strawberry Social.

Loyally,
 Shirley Dargatz UE

**United Empire
 Loyalists’ Association
 of Canada**

Chilliwack Branch

Your Executive 2012

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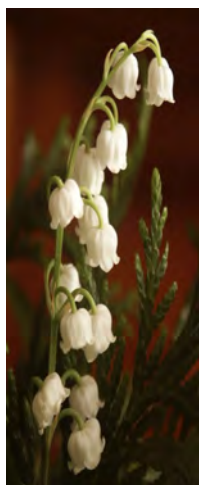


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From the May meeting:

Member Chris Hay UE, presented us with information on the Canadian Memorial Church at 1825 W. 16th Ave., Vancouver BC . This site is little known outside the Vancouver area by other than its own congregation. The background to its being built and the outstanding collection of stained glass windows make it a must see next time you are in the area. Of particular importance to our branch is the Loyalist window included in the historical panels. Chris showed us an enlarged beautiful picture of this window . Please go to the "Institute for Stained Glass in Canada" web site as they are featuring some 80 vignettes of the various panels in the church. Thanks Chris!



LAST POST

PERCY JUDSON DEPLISSEY UE

Percy was born on March 4, 1916. He passed away peacefully on May 3, 2012, at MSA Manor, Abbotsford, B.C.

Percy was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jean, on August 3, 1999; and by three sisters Marguerite, Mary and Belle and two brothers, Alfred and Carey. He is survived by daughters, Moray and Jesse-Marie, and several nieces and nephews. Percy loved teaching and golf at Ledgeview. He was a faithful Canuck fan and was one of the first season ticket holders.

He was a faithful member of the Chilliwack Branch of the UELAC until his health prevented regular attendance. Branch members remember him fondly

Women are like tea bags. You never know how strong they are until you put them in hot water.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

PACIFIC REGION EVENTS:

June 16th - Vancouver Branch Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

A Potluck at the residence of Carl Stymiest UE

June 30th - Highland Games in Port Coquitlam Display Booth
(other branches welcome)

August 3 - 6th Fort Langley Fur Brigade Days
Picnic together on Monday August 6th

Please contact Shirley Dargatz if you are interested in attending
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"Vignettes of Winnipeg: Past and Present":

St. Boniface Cathedral-190 avenue de la Cathedral

In the summer of 1817 Lord Selkirk visited the tiny Red River Colony he had founded in 1812. He brought with him mercenary soldiers from three regiments which had helped defend Canada in the War of 1812, the Glengarry Fencibles, the De Meurons and the De Wattvilles.

The De Meurons, made up of mostly Swiss and German soldiers, were to remain in Red River to protect the colony from further North West Company depredations. They were given lots along the Seine River in the hope that they would stay.

Before Selkirk left the colony he promised to provide for its spiritual needs by sending Presbyterian and Catholic missionaries. The Presbyterians would wait thirty years for a minister, but the Catholics would have priests within a year.

In 1818 Father Joseph-Norbert Provencher and two fellow priests journeyed from Montreal to be followed shortly by some 300 Francophone settlers. He built a small log chapel, the beginning of St. Boniface Cathedral. As many of his initial parishioners were De Meurons, he named the parish St. Boniface, in honour of the English missionary who Christianized the Germanic tribes, becoming the patron saint of Germany and Switzerland.

Over the next 150 years five successive cathedrals would be built on the site. Most succumbed to fire.

In 1832 Bishop Provencher had the first stone cathedral constructed whose "turrets twain" would be celebrated by poet John Greenleaf Whittier in his poem "The Red River Voyageur".

This edifice burned in 1860 in a blaze so intense that the beloved bells were completely melted. In 1862 Bishop Tache consecrated a new cathedral, a stone structure with a single spire. It served the community until being dismantled in 1909.

In 1906 the cornerstone of a magnificent French Romanesque cathedral was laid by Bishop Langevin. This imposing structure of grey Tyndall stone with its twin spires would become the iconic image of St. Boniface.

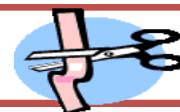
1968 was to mark the 150th anniversary of the St. Boniface diocese. In preparation, repairs were being done on the roof of the Cathedral. On a sweltering day, July 22, 1968, workmen descending for their noon break noticed flames shooting from inside the roof. By evening all that remained of the Cathedral were a shell and a spireless façade.

Prominent Franco-Manitoban architect Etienne Gaboury decided to preserve the ruin by building a [new cathedral inside the shell behind the façade](#). The former nave is now a courtyard where the graves of successive bishops remain. Herein lies [the grave of Louis Riel](#), marked by a monument. Around him lie many of his extended family, Riels and Lagimodieres. Many more fur traders, early settlers, and Franco-Manitoban leaders rest within the confines of this cemetery.

Taken from Conference web page.

Calendar of Events for 2012

Clip off and save on your calendar



Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall, Vedder Rd., Chilliwack, BC. Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served. Members are reminded to bring contributions to the food table. Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch. The meeting portion will commence at 12:30pm.

June 23rd - Strawberry Social in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

July 1st - CANADA DAY (no display this year)

July 28th - Chilliwack Branch Display booth at Kilby Historic Site @ 11:00am to 4:00pm

Sept 29th - Fall UEL Kick-off

Oct. 13th - Vancouver Branch's 80th Anniversary 11:00am to 3:00pm @ Royal Vancouver Yacht Club with UELAC Dominion President Robert McBride UE and wife Grietje as special guests.

Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Ceremony Chilliwack, BC (details to follow)

December - Christmas Luncheon and meeting. (details to follow)



**United Empire Loyalists'
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2012 Conference at the Confluence

We are pleased to announce that the following members are planning on attending the conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba from June 7 to 10th.

They are:

Shirley Dargatz

Jan Duquette

Marlene Dance

Leon Merchant



Loyalist Rose - Fair Maiden

Scholars Explain Large Loyalist Families

Two historians, Esther Clark Wright and Mary Beacock Fryer, have both made references to the large size of loyalist families in their books.

In her 1955 classic, *The Loyalists of New Brunswick*, Wright observed: "... Families which had been accustomed to three to eight children in their former homes had six to eighteen children after the move to New Brunswick. For the next two generations thirteen was a usual number of children in New Brunswick families, and it was not unusual for every child to reach maturity ... The early marriages, as well as the climate and the economic advantages, promoted large families. There was also a psychological factor which encouraged large families. Among a group set down in a new country, whether in the wilderness or among strangers, there is always the urge to increase the size of the group. The loneliness, the sense of being overwhelmed by the forest, the desert, or the strange races around, act as a powerful stimulant to family increase."

In her 1980 landmark study of loyalist settlement, *King's Men: the Soldier Founders of Ontario*, Fryer noted: "Both Stuart and Bethune {ministers in Cataraqui} were soon busy baptizing, for once the loyalist families knew they were secure, the birth rate went up rapidly. A social phenomenon evident in several families showed that even where wives were close at hand, no babies were born during the time of displacement in refugee accommodation. Husbands must have practiced a form of birth control."

Taken from *Loyalist Trails* May 13th Newsletter.

Send information to be included in the next publication to:

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A Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Strawberry Social June 23rd

Carman United Church Hall @ 1:30pm

Dress up for the occasion - Garden Party Hats, Period dress or Tiara's for a fun contest.

Special Guests include the Son's of Scotland & other dignitaries.

Refreshments and announcements

Cost is by Donation!