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**United Empire
 Loyalists' Association
 of Canada**
Chilliwack Branch
 Your Management Committee
 for 2023

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 Vicky Heibner UE and
 Rebecca Heibner UE

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Pacific Regional Councillor
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President's Message

Where has the time gone? My calendar has been full these past two months. Between the Conference, two family visits, genealogy workshops, a branch meeting, the Loyalist picnic and more family arriving today, the time has just flown. Firstly, the Conference. So successful and lots of fun. I have included pictures and a write up on pages six thru thirteen. So much to see and do. But see page nine, for the Dorchester Award winners and the first time presentation of the Sue Hinds Genealogy Award. In addition, the Pacific region Phillip E.M. Leith Volunteer award to Sandy Farynuk UE of Thompson/Okanagan Branch was a much deserved award. Our branch Berry Social in June saw a small group gather for a slide show of news from the Conference and an opportunity to say goodbye to Cindy Frizell UE. We thanked her for all her help as our Assistant Genealogist. Please see page three for a picture and comments. Then on to our annual Loyalist picnic at Queens Park in New Westminster BC. We joined Vancouver Branch for the festivities. Please go to pages four and five for pictures and a write up of both Queen's Park and the Victoria Br. celebrations. As July 22nd is BC Loyalist Day, I took the opportunity of presenting at the local library genealogy workshop, our Loyalist story in conjunction with a project our branch is working on titled "Pioneers of Chilliwack and the Loyalist Connection". This was well received and another new member with a "DeWitt" loyalist connection made contact with me. I would like to thank the Historical Society of Ottawa for permission to include the item on pages fourteen and fifteen. I thought you might find it interesting. In addition we would like to advise, that our branch has made a \$200 donation to the UELAC Scholarship fund.

In closing, I want to extend our congratulations to Carl Stymiest UE of the Pacific Region, who was elected the Dominion President for the coming term. We are proud and pleased for him, and know that we in good hands.

To you all, stay well and safe and see you soon.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE



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Calendar of Events for 2023

Print and save with your calendar



Meetings will be scheduled individually.

Chilliwack Alliance Church, 8700 Young Rd., Chilliwack, BC

Unless otherwise advised.

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about guest speakers will be sent via email and/or included in each edition of this newsletter.

Schedule for 2023:

October	Fall Fleet event TBA
November 11th	Remembrance Day and luncheon to follow
December 9th	Christmas Gathering to end the year TBA

Schedule for 2024:

June 6 - 9th Annual Conference in Cornwall, Ontario Canada

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to:

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Please visit our branch webpage: <http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack>



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

www.heritagechilliwack.org/

"On the Porch" - beautiful old homes in Chilliwack.
Just Google to find all eight episodes on YouTube.

Featuring:

Hazel House, Carmichael House, Higginson House, Gwynne
Vaughan House, Brock House, Skelton House,
Gibbons House.

As well as District 1881 - the new downtown rejuvenation.



CONGRATULATIONS KORALEE !

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, Koralee Heibner UE graduated from the

University of the Fraser Valley with a Bachelor of Science.

She majored in Biology.

Shown here with proud mother

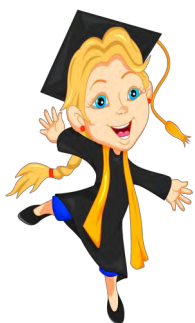
Vicky Heibner UE the day of the event.

Proud father is Kevin Heibner and proud grandmother is Judy Scholz UE.

What a wonderful accomplishment.

Your future is looking so bright.

We all take pride in your success!



Good bye to Cindy!

A special gift to say good

bye to Cindy Frizell UE.

Cindy has worked on the

Leadership team since

March of 2018 as our

Assistant Genealogist. In

learning the “ins and outs” of putting together an application and using proof arguments, she has been invaluable and will be missed.

Best of luck in your new venture moving up north. Stay in touch, and especially with your “new found” DNA cousin, Margaret.

Pictured at left to right: Margaret Strocel UE, Cindy Frizell UE and Marlene Dance UE.



Welcome home from the Conference !

Just a week after getting home from the conference, Carole Lefler UE saw this out her front door early in the morning, just a few feet away. This is the door the family uses daily to get to their cars parked in the driveway to the left (out of picture). He didn't stay very long, then meandered over to the neighbours' yard. Found nothing to eat - so back into the bush. This is a well developed area of housing, so a surprise to everyone. Thanks for taking and sharing the picture, Carole.

BC Loyalist Day - July 22, 2023 @ Queen's Park, New Westminster, BC



Above is the whole gang for the picnic gathering. Margaret Strocel UE and I drove down to enjoy the company of Vancouver Br. UELAC who host the picnic each year in Queen's Park. It is a great location and was a beautiful day. Not too hot. Lots of visiting and a variety of "door prizes" as part of the celebration. Also, a part of the program was the presentation of a Loyalist Certificate to Brad Cunningham UE (shown at left). His loyalist is Johann Ludwig DeBeck. In talking with Brad later and learning of his connection to New Brunswick, I mentioned my Loyalist names. We learned that we share "Morton" ancestors going back to the arrival of George Morton and Julianna Carpenter Morton in 1623 to the Plymouth Colony in

the new world. An email was waiting when I got home. With a bit of work comparing trees and lines, and using Family Tree Maker to create a quick family tree, it indicates that we are 1st cousins 8 times removed. What a wonderful surprise. Submitted by Marlene Dance.



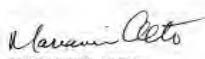
CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

"BC LOYALIST CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION DAY"

- WHEREAS** *As subjects in the new British Colony who had originally settled in the American Thirteen Colonies and maintained loyalty to King George III, that these settlers called "United Empire Loyalists" are considered Canada's first political refugees; and*
- WHEREAS** *That on September 9, 1789, then Quebec Governor, Lord Dorchester issued an Order in Council that gave recognition to Loyalists and their Descendants forever, allowing them to affix the initials "L.E." after their surnames in recognition of those who adhered to "the Unity of the Empire"; and*
- WHEREAS** *Descendants of Nova Scotia's Black Loyalists as allies to the British during the American Revolution became free men and women; their descendants migrated and settled on Salt Spring Island and the Victoria Colony; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Victoria Branch members wish to convey their recognition of the contributions of the eastern Indigenous Six Nations as allies to the Crown during the American Revolution; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Victoria Branch of the UELAC was established in 1927 and as the first branch established west of Ontario will celebrate its centennial in 2027; and*
- WHEREAS** *July 22, 1793 is the date when sons of United Empire Loyalists Alexander Mackenzie and his lieutenant Alexander Mackay completed the first crossing of the continent by Europeans north of Mexico; and*
- WHEREAS** *Our Lieutenant Governor in 2002, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, proclaimed that July 22nd shall be known as "Loyalist Day" in the Province of British Columbia; and*
- WHEREAS** *That said Victoria Branch members wish to convey the significance, as descendants, of their loyalist history; that they be recognized as "STEWARDS" of their ancestral heritage; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Victoria UELAC Branch members wish to recognize that many Vancouver Islanders are descendants of the first Loyalist arriving in Canada in 1783 following the American Revolution; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Victoria UELAC have identified that at least 1% of the approximate 30,000 buried at Ross Bay Cemetery are descendants of United Empire Loyalists; and*
- WHEREAS** *The Victoria UELAC Branch members wish to bequest and celebrate the new headstone at Ross Bay Cemetery in honour of William DeLong, the only known son of a Loyalist buried in British Columbia.*
- NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 22nd, as "BC LOYALIST CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION DAY" on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen People, the SONGHEES NATION AND the ESQUIMALT NATION, in the CITY OF VICTORIA, the CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 6th day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MARIANNE ALTO
 MAYOR
 CITY OF VICTORIA
 BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sponsored by:
**United Empire Loyalist Association
 of Canada, Victoria Branch**



Victoria Branch UELAC Proclamation and Dedication July 22, 2023

www.victoria.uelac.ca

President Mike Woodcock UE and Town Crier Ben Buss are shown as part of the Loyalist celebration and dedication at Ross Bay Cemetery.



Please go to the link above and click on the video for the presentation. As well, there is a link to view a video on UE descendants buried at Ross Bay. The dedication was the placing of a headstone on the unmarked grave of William DeLong and wife Eleanor Bunnell. William is the only known child of a United Empire Loyalist buried in British Columbia. But there are many others who are descendants of Loyalists.

When you click the link above, be sure to also click on the Branch History. It makes for a interesting read.

What a wonderful celebration!
 Victoria Branch was founded in 1927.



Happy 10th Birthday, Prince George

This photo was taken in Windsor earlier in July. He celebrated with his friends and family at a soccer themed party on July 22nd.

He shares his birthday with our BC Loyalist Day.

Always makes us proud.

Photo credit: Millie Pilkington.



UELAC Annual Conference - June 1 - 4, 2023, Richmond, BC

Hosted by the Pacific Region Branches: Chilliwack, Thompson/Okanagan, Vancouver and Victoria

I hope the next few pages will give you an idea of the wonderful four days we enjoyed at the recent Conference. It was a time to meet in person with our Loyalist friends for the first time in a number of years. A lot of planning went into making it a success, and the event included eleven virtual presentations that were later made available to all members.

Here is the planning committee as listed in the Conference Book.

Thank you everyone, for your time, devotion, dedication and good humour.

A great success all round!

2023 UELAC Hybrid Conference & AGM

“Where the Sea Meets the Sky” Planning Committee:

Vancouver Branch UELAC

Carl Stymiest UE
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 Judy Scholz UE
 And: UELAC Dominion
 Conference Chair: Ruth Nicholson
 2023 Conference Webmaster
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Thompson-Okanagan Branch UELAC

Sandy Farynuk UE
 Rev. Gloria Christian UE

Victoria Branch UELAC

Mike Woodcock UE
 Mary Anne Bethune UE
 Judy McMullen
 Frans Compeer



Sea Meets the Sky

By Kirra Little UE
Poet Laureate of Vancouver
Branch UELAC



I was born next to this ocean
Where sun sets paint the beaches red,
Mountains cast their shadows across
These sprawling cities

Waves course their salt water through
my veins
Crashing against shoreline in tune with
The pounding of my heart
Mountain soil in my bones
Tree roots in my sinew
Stitched together as a woven basket:
Precise and beautiful

I am an echo
We are an echo
Songs crafted by those before us
Sung to the music of sprawling water
And its mountainous audience

I was born next to this ocean
Using these mountains as my compass
Watching ships sail into the sun,
Off to where the sea meets the sky
And the adventures it brings.

Written to honour the 2023 Conference
"Where the Sea meets the Sky"

Richmond, BC

Presented by Kirra, on Friday evening at the
Welcome Reception.



The King's Shilling

The "Kings Shilling" was presented as a token of thanks to Glenn Smith UE for all his hard work "volunteering" himself and others at the conference.

In the 18th century, the British Army was a professional, volunteer service. Men were not "pressed" nor "sentenced" into the ranks, but were patriotic volunteers looking to serve King and Country and possibly find a little adventure along the way.



Glenn writes: At the beginning of the 2023 UELAC national conference planning process, I accepted a request from the Planning Committee to accept the role of Volunteer Coordinator to 'recruit' a number of UELAC Branch members to volunteer their services to ensure the planned schedule of conference events were delivered as seamlessly as possible.

As with any large event such as the 2023 UELAC conference, unexpected circumstances are sure to present themselves and this conference was no exception.

Several circumstances arose during the course of the 4 days (June 1-4), that required immediate attention and often included having to request assistance from Branch members 'at large' to assume a task to ensure things proceeded with minimal impact to the events. Often, these unexpected issues presented themselves at the most inopportune times and requesting assistance from conference attendees was not an option, so, in most instances, these matters were dealt with, either, by myself or with the assistance of my wife, Marg.

As a result, at the end of the conference, our current and new UELAC National President, Carl Stymiest presented me with the King's Shilling as a token of his appreciation for my 'conscripted' service to and for those that had attended the conference.

Marg and I were very happy to fulfill the duties and services required of a Volunteer Coordinator for the 2023 UELAC conference and am extremely pleased with the end result; that being, an event attended by members from across both, Canada and the USA and for the most part, an event that really did unfold with unexpected issues that were dealt with quite seamlessly and that was due in large part to the UELAC members themselves.



THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

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Volunteer Recognition	Diane Faris & Trish Groom	Vancouver & Toronto
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Advisory Positions to the Board of Directors		
Position	Name	Branch
Credentials	Diane Faris	Vancouver
Financial Manager	James Bruce	Gov. Simcoe
Legal Advisor	As required	
Office Manager	Rodney Appleby	
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Trustee	Sandra Farynuk, UE	Thompson-Okanagan
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Website Re-development	Doug Grant	Gov. Simcoe

Congratulations to the newly elected 2023 UELAC President: Carl Stymiest UE



Above centre: **Dorchester Award** - shared by **Barbara Andrew UE** and **Jerry Adair UE**.

Far right: **First time presented: the Sue Hinds Memorial Genealogy Award: Jerry Adair UE.**
Congratulations Barb and Jerry. So well deserved!

Think history is in the past?
You'll be surprised to discover...

June 6-9, 2024
Cornwall, Ontario CANADA



...THE STORY CONTINUES
UELAC 2024 | Immersive Experience Weekend

UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS: North Americans who remained loyal to the Crown in the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) and later settled in Canada.



Encampment of the Loyalists at Johnstown, a New Settlement, on the Banks of the River St. Lawrence in Canada, taken June 6, 1784
Painted by John Galt, 1800. Original in the possession of the British Library, London. Digitized by the University of Toronto.

1784 Loyalist founding of New Johnstown
uelac.ca



Conference pictures from Thursday and Friday June 1 & 2. Our branch was well represented.

Glenn Smith UE and Jacob Knudsen (Metis Dancer)



Ben Buss Town Crier



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Saturday, June 3rd - AGM (first two pictures)



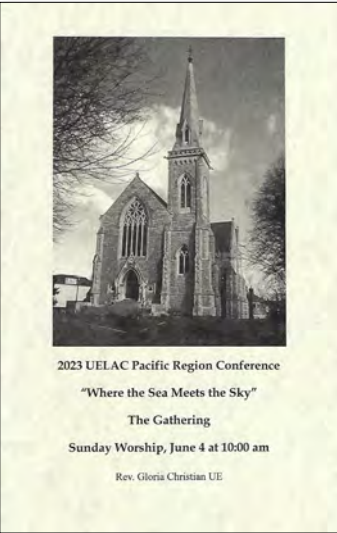
Gala Banquet evening of June 3rd



Various Banquet and Hospitality Suite pictures



Right: **Guest speaker Hon. Stephen Point**
Bottom: **Sunday Service Birthday Cake for King George III**



2023 UELAC Pacific Region Conference
"Where the Sea Meets the Sky"
The Gathering
Sunday Worship, June 4 at 10:00 am
Rev. Gloria Christian UE



The Historical Society of Ottawa



Sir Guy Carlton, Lord Dorchester

With permission from The Historical Society of Ottawa, we are pleased to present this item, on why the name “Carlton” appears in so many places in Ottawa.

Sir Guy Carlton, who’s declaration recognized the Loyalists commitment and created the title UE “Unity of the Empire” in 1789.



Who was this “Carleton” fellow so much has been named after in the Ottawa area? He was Sir Guy Carleton, a clever pragmatist who left an indelible mark on Canada’s past — and did much to shape the nation we know today . Carleton brought the Loyalists here. The Book of Negroes, that secured the freedom of thousands of former American slaves, was also Carleton’s doing.

Before that, Carleton had ensured that the newly conquered habitants of New France would be able to retain their French language, civil law and Catholic religion. The promise to be able to keep the Catholic religion was remarkable during an era when the British (none more so than those in the American colonies) were virulently anti-Catholic. This commitment would contribute to Canada becoming a rare refuge for other Catholics, including the Irish, for many decades to come.

Sir Guy Carleton’s many interventions would have numerous consequences for the future of Canada. Sir Guy’s name does seem to be everywhere, doesn’t it?

Many of us carry birth certificates attesting that we were born in Carleton County. We attended Carleton University or were students of Ottawa-Carleton school boards. The Queensway-Carleton Hospital offers us medical care — and we commute via OC (Ottawa Carleton) Transpo.

In addition to Carleton’s other achievements, Sir Guy was injured in battle three times — in war in France, in war in Spain — and helping General Wolfe defeat the French on the Plains of Abraham in 1759.

A decade and a half later, at the commencement of the American Revolution, Carleton directed the defence of Quebec, including defeating Benedict Arnold (who, at the time, was still siding with the Revolution). Carleton was Governor of Quebec from 1768 to 1778 and 1785 to 1795 and Governor General of British North America from 1782 to 1783 — and he was famously incorruptible.

It was Carleton’s recommendations that led to the Quebec Act’s protection of French-Canadians’ rights to their language, Catholic religion and code of civil law. (This may have actually helped precipitate the start of the American Revolution. In 1774, the members of the First Continental Congress were outraged — bitterly denouncing the Quebec Act as promoting Catholicism, particularly perturbed that Catholics could now hold civil service positions.)

As British Commander-in-Chief at the conclusion of the American Revolution, it was Carleton who, seeing how Loyalists were being abused by their victors, made arrangements for land (with provisions) to be set aside for the them in what would later become Canada.

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As well, Carleton angered George Washington by insisting that former slaves who had sided with the British, not be returned to their “masters”, but rather be granted their freedom and allowed to leave for new homes in Nova Scotia. Carleton directed the creation of a “Book of Negroes” where the names of the departing former slaves would be recorded, allowing the British to pay their former “owners” compensation in return. (It would seem that few accurate names were provided and little or no compensation was ever paid.)

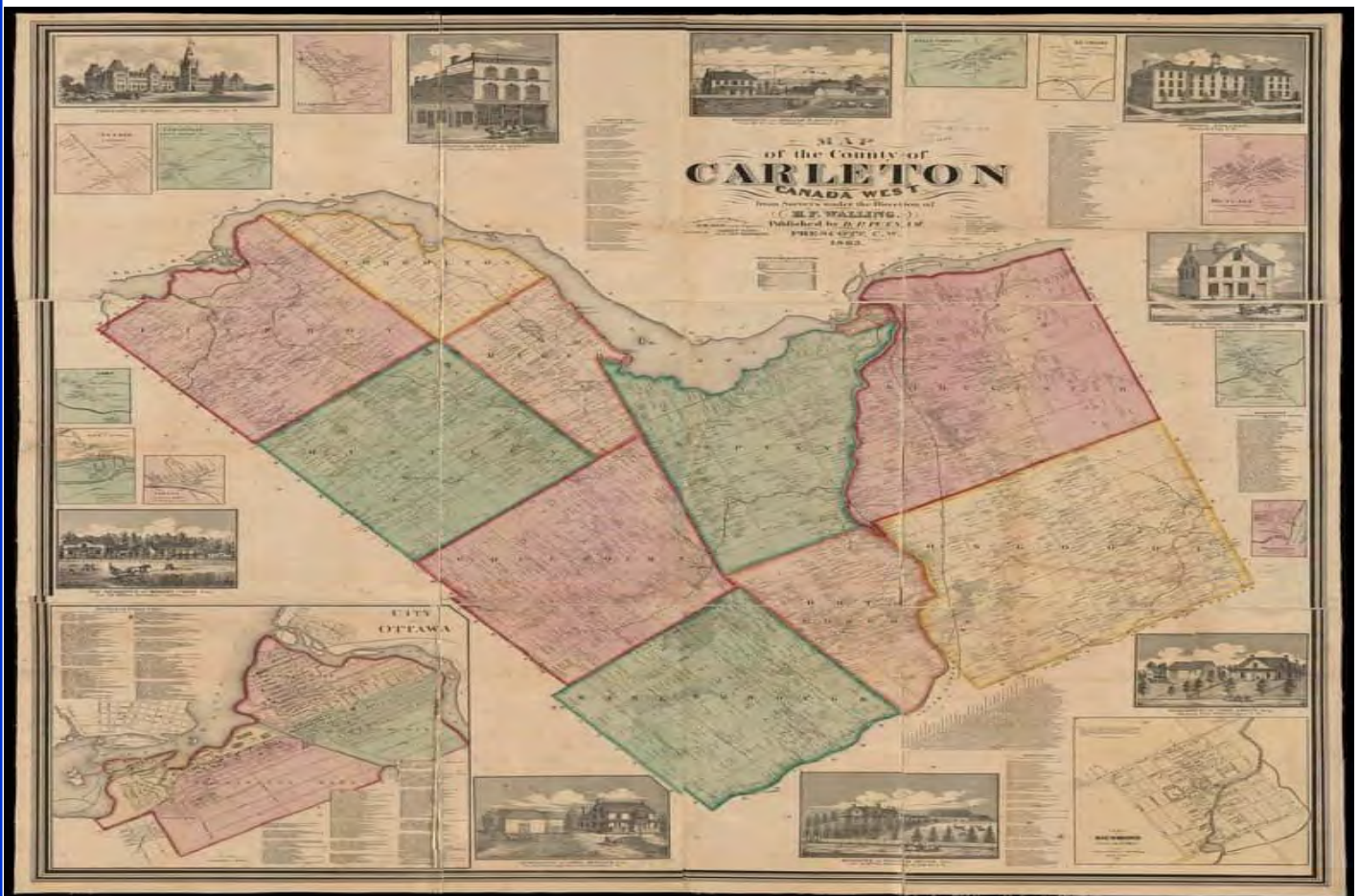
Sir Guy Carleton had an immense influence on our nation’s history. Carleton’s initiatives after the fall of New France kept Quebec (and ultimately Canada) within the British Empire. (Not on Britain’s terms, but those of the Québécois.)

Distrusting the rumblings of revolt emanating from the Thirteen Colonies, Carleton preferred the orderliness of the existing semi-feudal society he found in Quebec.

Carleton, in fact, pushed directly against his King’s Proclamation of 1763 which had insisted on the use of English law, abolished the Catholic church, and promised an elected legislature, after the British model. In Carleton’s mind, the best way to retain the loyalty of the Québécois was to let them live their lives their own way. He feared that an elected assembly would tilt power to the English minority to dominate the French-speaking majority.

Carleton had never been a favourite of King George III, but despite that had made his way through other strong connections. Carleton could be high-minded, autocratic and aloof. Sir Guy cared little for democracy. And of all those for whom Carleton advocated - North America’s Indigenous peoples seem not to have been included.

Sir Guy Carleton’s influence on our history (and our present) is, however, undeniable.



Map of the County of Carleton, Canada West by H.F. Walling 1863