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THE 2001 GENERAL MEETING

The 2001 General Meeting, a fabulous day!

This year, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place at the *Seigneurie de la Nouvelle-France* in Saint-Paulin, about 25 kilometres from Louiseville. A *Feng Shui* place, if ever there was one! From the *manoir*, perched on top of a hill, spreads a magnificent panoramic view of the countryside with rounded, forested hills in the distance. Just below, tents of the *Compagnie Franche de la Marine*



are perfectly lined up in a small; up to the mountains and down in the valleys, fields of buckwheat and canola bordered by pole fences and clumps of trees are in bloom; on the left, there is a windmill; further, a wooden chapel atop a promontory; on the right, at the bottom of the hill, just about three hundred metres away, stands the large blacksmith shop; on the left, at about the same distance, an Indian encampment on the banks of a lazy river. A superb pastoral scene! There were also interesting activities: demonstrations by the *Compagnie Franche de la Marine*, horse-driven cart rides, footpaths through the woods and fields, bicycle rentals, a singing quartet at a bend in the road, a traditional orchestra, a demonstration of ancestral occupations, artists, etc.

There were about thirty happy vacationers at the annual general meeting, among who were three charming cousins from Kansas

who undertook the long trip to attend the AGM and to exchange notes on family origins. Mildred Frigon Burns, Bernadine Frigon, her daughter, and Gary Lentz, the latter's husband did indeed visit with us; Mildred also gave us a wealth of genealogical information.

Twenty-seven persons attended the General Assembly. Gérald (116) was re-elected as president. Raymond (1) continuned *ex-officio* as the founding president. The other members of the Board of Directors elected were: Cécile (181), Claudette (89), Claudette (126), Cyrille (180), Daniel (34), Georges E. (93), Jean-René (11), Nicole (191), Pierre (4), René (75), Robert (2), Roger (131), Suzanne (39).

Louise (83) and Thérèse (42) regretfully resigned. We thank them for their participation especially Louise who has been very active in the Association for the past six years. The part she played in the organisation of the Family Gathering and as secretary of the Association for two years is greatly appreciated. Since her retirement is temporary, we shall simply say "Au revoir, Louise!"

Thank you to all the participants. See you next year!

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Web Site

The revision of our Web site has progressed very well; as soon as we have put the finishing touches on a few remaining pages and have translated them, you will be able to have access to it. The principal sections of the site deal with the Association, the ancestors François Frigon and Marie-Claude Chamois, the state of our historical and genealogical research, and a list of our publications and promotional articles. The site will be available both in French and English.

While developing this site, we have kept in mind that we have two different clienteles: the members who want to know about the aims of the Association, its history, its logo, its administration, etc., and those who are just discovering us and might want to contact us, become members or just give us information for our genealogical database.

The presentation is simple and attractive, and quality is maintained throughout; we hope you will like it. It will be accessible at the beginning of October, at the same address as the present site:

www.genealogie.org/famille/frigon/

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Recipients of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Canadians Challenge Georges E. Frigon (93)

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Canadians Challenge



known internationally as *The International Award for Young People.*

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award *The International Award for Young People* is one of the most prestigious youth programmes in the world. It groups together 400 000 young people, 14 to 25 years of age, in over 100 countries, 2 000 of whom are in Quebec!

The aim of the Programme is to develop strength of character, leadership and personal discipline through projects in four sections: physical fitness, community service, expeditions/explorations and skill development. The participants define their own projects and objectives within one of the following three award levels: Bronze (6 months), Silver (12 months) and Gold (18 months).

At the international level, the Programme was instituted in 1956 by HRH Prince Philip, Doctor Kurt Hahn, (educator and instigator of the International Baccalaureate), and Lord John Hunt (first Mount Everest expedition leader). The success of the Programme spread rapidly and several countries wished to participate. In Canada, the Programme known as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award *Young Canadians Challenge* began in 1963, but it was really in 1982 that it became more prominent in Quebec. (You may wish to visit the organisation website: http://www.dukeofed.org/whoweare.htm)



The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Medal was awarded to Laurie Frigon, a member of Squadron 14 of the Air Cadets in Shawinigan, during the Commandant's Parade on May 26, 2001. She will receive her certificate from the hands of a member of the Royal Family at a later date.

GENEALOGICAL SKETCH (Laurie and Mélanie Frigon) François and Marie-Claude Chamois Jean-François and Gertrude Perrot Antoine Pierre and Marie-Anne Trottier Augustin and Marie Lefebvre Abraham and Josephte Dontigny Hubert and Sophie Cloutier Alphée and Délima Pronovost Charles-Edouard andt Cora Cayer Maurice and F. Provencher Georges E. and F. Béland Georges jr and L. Provencher Michel and F. Devault Laurie Frigon Mélanie Frigon



Mélanie Frigon, a member of Squadron 226 of the Air Cadets of Trois-Rivières-Ouest, received the Silver Merit Award from the hands of the Honourable Lise Thibault, lieutenant governor of Quebec. Mélanie received the Bronze Merit Award in May 2000.

Laurie and Mélanie distinguished themselves in community service, expeditions, physical fitness and skill development in the Air Cadets.

GEF(93)

Pierre Frigon (4)

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The Trade Contract (continued)

Transcription provided by Hélène-Andrée Bizier

The list of obligations completed the trade contract signed previously and sealed the commitments made by the voyageurs and the merchant. On the left is a free translation of the document. On the right is the transcription of the complete text provided by Ms Hélène-Andrée Bizier.

August 16, 1686

16 août 1686

Obligation of the aforementioned Frigon, Desrosiers and Obligation desdits frigon desrosiers Bellefond fils aud. DeFay Bellefond son towards DeFay. 1- Pardevt franç Genaple, not garde notes, du Roy Before François Genaple, the undersigned, notary and note-keeper 2- de la Prevosté de Québec en la Nouvelle france sous^{né} (sousigné) for the King furent in the Provostship of Quebec, in New France, were 3- present en 1 (eurs) personnes les s^{rs} françois frigon et Jean et present messieurs François Frigon, and the brothers Jean and Antoine Desrosiers, residents of Champlain, and Jean-François 4- ant^{ne} desrosiers freres habitants de Champlin, et Jean françois Genaple de Bellefond, son. Together, they acknowledged that they 5- Genaple de bellefond fils les quels ont solidairement reconnu dêowe to monsieur Jacques DeFay, represented by voir 6- au sieur jacques de fay a ce present stipulant et acceptant pour luy monsieur François Poisset de la Conche, his father-in-law, a resident 7- le sieur françois Poisset de la Conche son beau pere dem^t of this city, (demeurant) en cette ville the sum of seven thousand one hundred nine livres and six sols for 8- la somme de sept mil cent neuf livres six sols pour la vente the sale 9- de deux congés et marchandises mentionnés en la facture cy dessus of two trade permits and the merchandise listed on the 10- laquelle somme de sept mil cent neuf livres six sols les susnomaforementioned bill. The debtors promised, individually and as a group, to repay the entire més 11- ont promit et promettent solidairement comme est dit rendre pour sum of seven thousand one hundred nine livres and six sols tout in beaver pelts 12- sans (division) ny (discution) aux renonciations requises, payer to monsieur DeFay or to the bearer of the present document, audit in this city, without any discord or discussion concerning the terms, 13- S^r de fay ou au porteur des presentes pour luy en cette ville a leur when they return from their trading voyage to the Illinois. 14- retour du voyage de traite quils vont faire aux Illinois The value of the pelts will be determined by the *Bureau* and fur 15- en Castor au prix convenu du Bureau et magazin des Pelleteries warehouse. 16- a peine de tout depens domages et interets; des quelles A breach of these terms will lead to legal proceedings for damages 17- d^t marchandises (*néantmoins*) le d. Sieur de fay court risque and interest. 18- pour un sixième (de l'accord) de société fait le vingt six de Nevertheless, monsieur DeFay, assumes the risk 19- may dernier entre eux: (?) reconnaissant ledit sieur de for one sixth of the accord de société (group agreement) signed by 20- la Conche aud. nom que les deux congés mentionnés aud. Traité his representative, monsieur La Conche 21-de société sont compris dans lad. somme cy dessus: et ce faisant on the twenty-sixth day of last May, 22- ledit sieur Jean desrosiers et le d. antoine son frere ont en and acknowledges that the two trading contracts mentioned in the 23- outre reconnu devoir en l (eur) particulier pour avances de mses said group agreement are included in the above sum. Moreover, (marchandises) a eux messieurs Jean Desrosiers and Antoine, his brother, acknowledge 24- faits par led. S^r de la Conche aud. nom scavoir pour ledit S^r 25- Jean desrosiers la somme de cent soixante et quatorze livres that they have also received advances of merchandise for their 26- seize sols et son d. frere soixante et treize livres douze personal use 27- sols guils s'obligent chacun et doit luy payer et paiera from monsieur La Conche, in the name of M. DeFay. For 28- et dans le temps que dit et ci devant; et quant audit S^r Jean Desrosiers, the amount is one hundred seventy-four livres and 29- frigon qu'il doit aussi se (?) pour avances en son particulier sixteen sols; for Antoine Desrosiers, seventy-three livres and twelve 30- la somme de cent treize livres dix sept sols et le sols. 31- S^r Bellefond la somme de cinquante livres dix sept sols quils Each one is committed to repay these advances according to the above terms. As for monsieur Frigon, 32- promettent pareillement payer (dans le meme temps) en (castor) 33- au retour de ce dit voyage ainsy que les d^t S^r Desrosiers he also owes the sum of one hundred thirteen livres and 34- Promettant et obligeant et renonçant (et) seventeen *sols* for the advances given to him for his personal use; 35- fait et passé audit Québec maison dud. s^r de fay and monsieur Bellefond owes fifty livres and seventeen sols, sums which they also promise to pay in beaver skins and at the same time as messieurs Desrosiers, Notes: when they return from the said voyage. - (?): inability to read the word. Promising and obliging and renouncing, and In italics within parentheses, in the text on the right: replaces an drawn up and passed in Quebec, in the house of Mr. DeFay

empty space left in the transcription provided by Mrs. Bizier or gives

another interpretation of the text

The Trade Contract (continued)

in the Lower-Town, on the afternoon of the sixteenth of August, in the year one thousand six hundred eighty six, in the presence of <i>monsieur</i> François (Rivière?, Riverain?), merchant, and René Senard, master-baker of this city, witnesses, that, along with the aforementioned (debtors?), monsieur La Conche and the notary, signed		 36- en la basse ville apres midy le seize aout 37- mille six cent quatre vingt six presence de S^r (françois Riverain? Rivière?) 38- marchand et René Senard, m^{tre} boullanger en cette ville 39- tesmoins qui ont avec les dits (débiteurs?) S^r de la Conche 40- et no^{re} (notaire) signé 	
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Genaple Bellefond	Antoine Desrosiers R. Senard	Genaple Bellefond	Antoine Desrosiers R. Senard
	(Riviere? Riverain?) Poisset GENAPLE		(Riviere? Riverain?) Poisset GENAPLE

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The next article will treat of the very special context of the trading voyage of 1686-1687.

THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION - just off the press ...

The eagerly awaited *Collection of the First Five Years 1994-1999 of THE FRIGONS, the Quarterly Newsletter of The Association of Frigon Families,* has just been published. An important feature of this spiral-bound volume is the section entitled *Synopses of Articles,* which makes it an excellent research tool. Available from: Association of Frigon Families,

Price:

Canada: \$15.00 CAN, plus \$3 (postage). Total: \$18.00. USA: \$15US, plus \$3 (postage), plus \$2.50 (bank fees). Total: \$20.50. Australia: \$15.00Aus, plus \$3 (postage), plus \$2.50 (bank fees). Total: \$20.50. Available from: Association of Frigon Families, 304-2390 Henriette-Céré, Saint-Hubert, (Quebec), J3Y 9B6 or pfrigon@videotron.ca. (450) 678-9515.

WHILE SURFING THE WEB...

An update

Thanks to a Portuguese gentleman living in Ottawa, we are able to give you more information regarding the Brazilian bovine products listed on the web site http://www.frigon.com.br/index.html (Brazil) mentioned in our last newsletter.

If you explored the site, you saw "<u>FRIGON Frigorifico Irmãos Gonçalves</u>". We now know that "FRIGON" as used here does not refer to our patronymic, but is simply the result of the union of the first three letters of the Portuguese <u>Frigorifico</u> and <u>Gonçalves</u>. Portuguese is the language spoken in Brazil.

Tourism

Off the coast of Vancouver, you can visit the Frigon Islands by kayac! http://www.northislandlinks.com/campbell_river/archives/Issue2-01/12-2001kayak/KINETIC-KAYAKS.html

The Frigons

Shamus Frigon has worked on games as early as 1997 and as recently as 1999. Has been credited with Quality Assurance. Has worked with the following game development companies: <u>EA Sports</u>, <u>Electronic Arts</u> and <u>EA Canada</u>. http://mobygames.com/developer/sheet/view/developerId=7228/

Sylvie Frigon, lecturer at the 67th Assembly of the ACFAS, in Ottawa, May 11,1999, colloquium session (C-417) Violence and penal policies at the dawn of the new millennium:

15:40 hours Women, their bodies and imprisonment: from control to resistance.

16:20 hours Use of the premenstrual syndrome as a defence in the Canadian Courts of Justice: the stakes and feminist perspectives.

http://www.acfas.ca/congres/congres67/Coll417.htm

Ameublement Roger Frigon, dealer for W.C. Wood products http://www.wcwood.com/cgi_bin/can/can_dealer_profile.pl?serial=780235694188520062&id=G9km56Hf9n17



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PHOTOS TAKEN DURING DINNER at the *auberge along the river* on the grouds of the *Baluchon* SEIGNEURIE DE LA NOUVELLE-FRANCE (Annual General Meeting, July 20, 2001)



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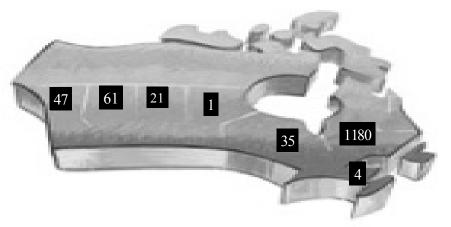




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WHERE ARE THE FRIGONS IN CANADA?

According to the last census, there are 1,349 Frigons of age to vote in Canada, distributed as follows: Alberta, 61; British Columbia, 47; Manitoba, 1; New Brunswick, 4; Ontario, 35; Quebec, 1,180;



The Association has 140 members in Canada. Therefore, we have recruited 10% of the Frigons of voting age in Canada.

Saskatchewan, 21.

The distribution of members in Canada is the following:: Alberta, 4; British Columbia, 2; Ontario, 11; Quebec, 123.

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There is no financial remuneration, but you will be part of an eager, generous, hard-working editorial team with a wonderful "esprit de corps". Are you the person we hope to recruit... or do you know somebody else who could be interested?



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