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TO BETTER KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Véronique Frigon at the World Social Forum of Porto Alegre

I - Our cousin

Pierre Frigon (4)

In June 2002, Georges E. Frigon (93) put us on the trail of a militant who works on the international scene, Véronique Frigon. We contacted her and she graciously accepted to share her experiences with us. This information permitted us to get acquainted with this cousin from Lac-St-Jean and her social commitment.

First of all, what is the World Social Forum?

While the strongest economic powers of the planet meet during the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland at the beginning of each year, the World Social Forum is the counter-summit of this international meeting that is highly protected and out of sight for the ordinary citizen. On the agenda at Davos: capital versus free-trade. On the agenda at Porto Alegre: the consequences of decisions that are strictly centred on the free-market economy.

capital and all forms of imperialism. They are committed to the construction of a world-wide society centred on the human being.

Véronique Frigon, an education agent at the International Solidarity Centre of Saguenay-Lac-



Since 2001, the World Social Forum has been an open one intended to deepen the democratic debate of ideas, the formulation of propositions, the exchange of experiences, and the articulation of

effective actions between the associations and movements of civil society that are opposed to neo-liberalism, to the domination of the world by

Saint-Jean (CSI), (www.centreso.saglac.org), is one of the 27 young Quebec leaders that were selected

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gérald Frigon (116)

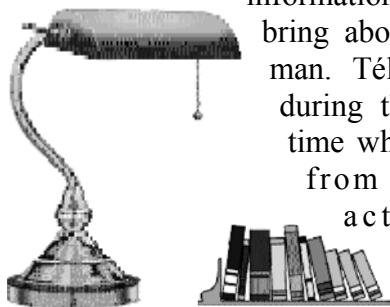
The current issue of our newsletter introduces us to two people who have fought for liberty: Véronique Frigon and Téléphore Frigon.

Véronique is a militant for social justice and liberty facing up to the power of capital and controlled information. Her objective is to bring about a society centred on man. Téléphore was a soldier during the First World War, a time when power suffered little from anti-establishment activity and when individual liberties had little value.

The Newsletter also appeals for a new column, to make known our grandchildren, the twelfth and thirteenth generation descendants of François and Marie-Claude “*The Garden of Marie-Claude and François - Our descendants*”.

In 2004, our annual assembly will take place in Gatineau (Hull), Saturday, August 21st. The theme will be: a tribute to the founders of our Association.

During this holiday season we wish you human warmth and good will, and for the New Year, joie de vivre and sincere friendship of those who are dear to you!



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by the *Office Québec-Amériques pour la Jeunesse (OQAJ)* to participate in the 3rd World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil, January 23 to 28, 2003.

The delegation consisted of 27 youths actively committed to 22 Québec organisations representing the different sectors of civil society and related to the themes that were discussed at the World Social Forum (WSF). These themes were: democratic and durable development, human rights and political power, diversity and equality, the media, culture and counter-hegemony, militarization and peace.



Véronique Frigon was the only representative from the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region at the WSF where more than 4960 organisations hailing from 121 countries were registered. Over 100,000 people attended the third edition of this important rendez-vous whose theme was «Another world is possible». This was Véronique Frigon's second participation.

Who is this extraordinary cousin?

Véronique's commitment began in 1998 while participating in an initiation to international cooperation training course in Nouna, a small village in Burkina Faso.

“It's as if I suddenly became aware of my lack of knowledge and my ignorance, social as well as political. When I returned home, I was shocked as I looked out upon this vast expanse of water (Lake Saint Jean) and realized that I knew more about my little African village than I did about my native land!”



she exclaimed during a telephone interview.

“That's when I became conscious of the opportunity that was offered to me to become a bridge between the North and the South and to restore the dignity of the true actors in development whom we more often than not look upon as poor Third-World peasants. The reality is that they are poor in extremely rich countries where large multinational companies drain out natural resources until there are no more. As I see it, this is the distinction that I must help people to understand, that I must denounce far and wide, after having lived with these people who are duped on a daily basis”.

Since then, she has been militating for social justice, equality among peoples, the fair distribution of wealth, freedom of speech, and especially in the battle against disinformation.

“The challenge of the 21st century will be to develop a 5th power. You remember that the 4th power was that of the people in its capacity to exchange and transmit information through the media. But today the power of the media has changed and the concentration of information through private networks deprives us of critique and even of analysis. The democratization of information will inevitably pass through a new kind of medium, through an alternative press that will give a true picture of the issues at stake. People are questioning more and more and want to understand. We are living in a time of openness to the world, aren't we? Therefore, why is information so poor and always aimed at exercising an hegemony on the peoples of the earth? I am not an “anti-mondialiste”, against the movement of openness to the world as the mass-media often state, I am FOR the world-wide democratization of information, FOR world-wide solidarity, FOR world-wide basic human rights, FOR world-wide responsibility of

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OUR HEROES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR (1914-1918)

III - Téléphore Frigon, soldier

Georges E. Frigon (93)

We have the enlistment papers of our cousins who participated in the “Great War”.
From this collection of documents we selected those of Téléphore Frigon.

“In the summer of 1914 there were hardly any French-speaking people in the Canadian Army. That is why, in September, after Canada entered the war, members of the French-Canadian elite agreed to finance the organisation of a francophone unit to fight in Europe. On October 15, 1914, the government of Robert Laid Borden authorized the formation of this unit, the 22nd Battalion.”

“This infantry unit became, in 1921, the Royal 22nd Regiment whose headquarters are situated at the Citadel in Quebec City. These soldiers, members of one of the rare francophone units of the Canadian Army, fought brilliantly in both World Wars and in Korea.”



GENEALOGICAL SKETCH

(Téléphore Frigon)

François and Marie-Claude Chamois

Jean-François and Gertrude Perrot

Antoine Pierre and M.-Anne Trottier

Pierre-Antoine and Josephthe Massicot

Olivier and Josephthe Trottier

Olivier and Virginie Vézina

Téléphore Frigon

g.e.f.(93), October 18, 2003

In 1914, all the official forms were in English, for the arrival of French-speaking personnel in the Canadian Army was new. This probably explains certain errors in the data collected on the forms.

A copy of Téléphore’s original enlistment document follows (next page), along with a few explanatory remarks.

La Citadelle de Québec



Analysis of Téléphore Frigon’s enlistment document

1. Téléphore enlisted in the Canadian army on October 24, 1914. This was at the beginning of the First World War (1914-1918).
2. The date and place of his birth do not correspond with the records of Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade and St-Prosper. His military file states that he was born on May 30, 1870, in Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade. He was actually born in St-Prosper on August 31, 1871, the son of Olivier Frigon and Virginie Vézina, and was living in Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade at the time of his enlistment. His family settled in Ste-Anne-de-la-Pérade, where his father Olivier died on July 15, 1920.
3. Since English was the language used by the army, this kind of error was frequent.
4. There is no mention of the birth of a Téléphore Frigon in Ste-Anne’s records.

The enlistment papers of the soldier Téséphore Frigon

Fiche d'enrôlement militaire de Téséphore Frigon
fils de Olivier Frigon et Virginie Vézina
de Ste-Anne de la Pérade

No. 61463
Folio.

ATTESTATION PAPER.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.
(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name? Téséphore Frigon
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? St-Anne de la Pérade
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? J. Frigon
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? St-Anne de la Pérade
5. What is the date of your birth? 20th 1870
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Cultivateur
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? Yes
If so, state particulars of former Service. 4th Régiment de Prévost
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes

T. Frigon (Signature of Man).
J. Frigon (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Téséphore Frigon, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

T. Frigon (Signature of Recruit)
J. Frigon (Signature of Witness)

Date Oct 24 1914.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Téséphore Frigon, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

T. Frigon (Signature of Recruit)
J. Frigon (Signature of Witness)

Date Oct 24 1914.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as required, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at St-Anne de la Pérade this 24 day of October 1914.

J. Frigon (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

J. Frigon (Approving Officer)

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Véronique Frigon at the World Social Forum of Porto Alegre

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individuals, but AGAINST the neo-liberal world-wide project being presently orchestrated in secret, far from the eyes, the consciences and hearts of all.”

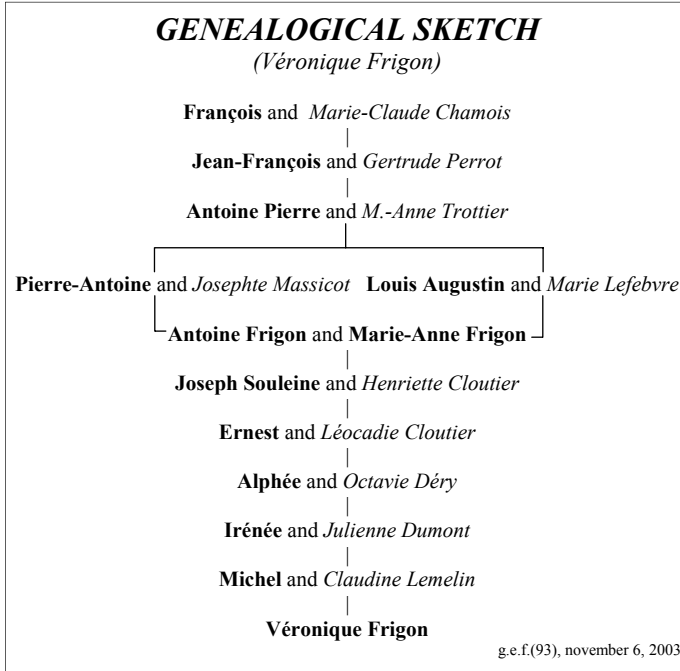


Photo taken during the Tam Tam Macadam Multicultural Festival during the summer of 2003. This event that takes place in Alma every two years is organized by the *Centre de solidarité internationale du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean*. The “tattoo” on her cheek refers to OXFAM’s “Fair trade” campaign.

In the next newsletter, we will read excerpts from communiqués written while Véronique was participating in the World Social Forum in Brazil in January 2003.

AN INVITATION TO GRANDPARENTS ... AND PARENTS...



From now on, a special space in the newsletter will be reserved for our offspring...our precious little ones of whom we are so proud! Send us the photos of your grandchildren or your children and savour the pleasure of seeing their refreshing little faces in the newsletter.

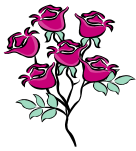


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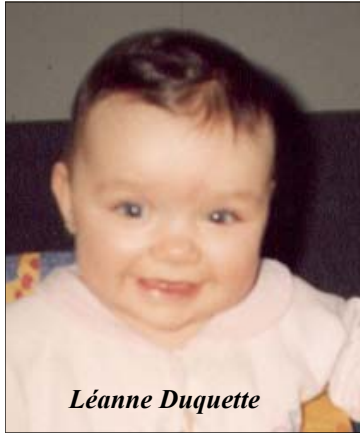
Let the members of the Association share the joys of your expanding family.
 Who knows, one of these little darlings may someday become a celebrity!

Cécile Brunelle who is in charge of this column, will make the procedure simple and easy for you.
 Get in touch with her; she will be happy to give you all the details.

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Our descendants



Léanne Duquette

Born on April 9, 2003,
daughter of Martin Duquette
and Sonia Beaulieu.

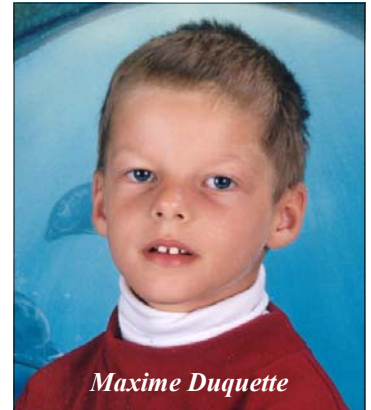
Léanne is linked to
the Frigon family through
her paternal grandmother,
Monique Frigon (18).



Thalyna Richard

Born on June 9, 2003,
daughter of Martin Richard and Annie Duquette.

Thalyna is linked to the Frigon family through
her maternal grandmother, Monique Frigon (18).



Maxime Duquette

Born on July 23, 1997,
son of Jacques Duquette
and Nathalie Larivée.

Maxime is linked to
the Frigon family through
his paternal grandmother
Monique Frigon (18).



Isaac Thériault

Born on February 1st, 2002,
son of Alain Thériault and Marie-Josée Frigon.

Isaac is linked to the Frigon family through his
mother Marie-Josée, daughter of Gérald Frigon (116).



Alice Gabrielle Holmes

Born on July 13, 2000.
daughter of Michael Holmes
and Frédérique de Launière.

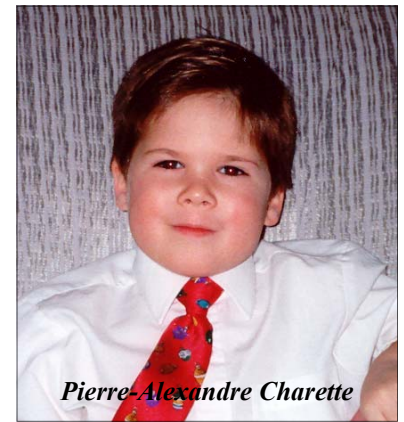
Alice is linked to the
Frigon family through
her great-grandmother
Gabrielle Frigon Gagnon (98)



Samuel Michaël Holmes

Born on April 8, 2003.
son of Michael Holmes and Frédérique de Launière.

Samuel is linked to the Frigon family through
his great-grandmother Gabrielle Frigon Gagnon (98)



Pierre-Alexandre Charette

Born on November 5, 1996,
son of Jean-François Charette
and Myriam Gagnon.

Pierre-Alexandre is linked to the
Frigon family through
his great-grandmother
Gabrielle Frigon Gagnon (98)

AN APPEAL TO ONE AND ALL
Digitization of the 1994 – 1999 Newsletters

The newsletter team needs help for digitizing the 1994-1999 Newsletters for the Quinquennial Collection.

This album of the Newsletters of the first five years of the Association was published to commemorate the founding of the Association of Frigon Families in 1994.

It testifies to the remarkable collaboration of the team of that time formed by Raymond Frigon (1) who was President of the Association and Editor of the Newsletter.

The digitization process consists in scanning each page of the French and English versions of the Newsletter. Each version has approximately 190 pages. The digitized pages will be collated to produce the 1994-1999 Quinquennial Collection which will have an interactive index for ease of consultation.



If you have the necessary equipment and are interested in this project, even on a part-time basis, please contact me:

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FAMILY NEWS

Georges E. Frigon (93)

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

***Sincere condolences to our members,
cousins and families who have lost a loved one***

Justin Frigon passed away in Shawinigan-Sud, QC on May 31, 2003, at the age of 74 years and 6 months. He was the husband of Cécile Ayotte of Lac-à-la Tortue.

Yvette Frigon, aged 77, passed away in Montreal on October 19, 2003. She was the wife of Armand Cournoyer of Montreal.

René Villemure, husband of Marie Héroux, passed away in Trois-Rivières, QC on October 23, 2003 at the age of 55. He was the son of the late Simone Frigon and the late Fernand Villemure.

Louise Provencher, aged 45, wife of Georges Frigon Jr of Trois-Rivières-Ouest, passed away on November 2, 2003 in Trois-Rivières, QC.

Jeanne Frigon, aged 91, passed away in St-Augustin-de-Desmaures, QC on November 7, 2003. She was the wife of the late Almas Tremblay.

Maurice Frigon passed away in Normandin, QC on November 17, 2003 at the age of 76 years and 2 months. He was the husband of Noëlla Chabot, formerly of Albanel.

Benoît Frigon, from Cap-de-la-Madeleine, husband of Marguerite Lincourt and father of René Frigon (75), passed away on November 25, 2003 in Trois-Rivières, QC at the age of 87.