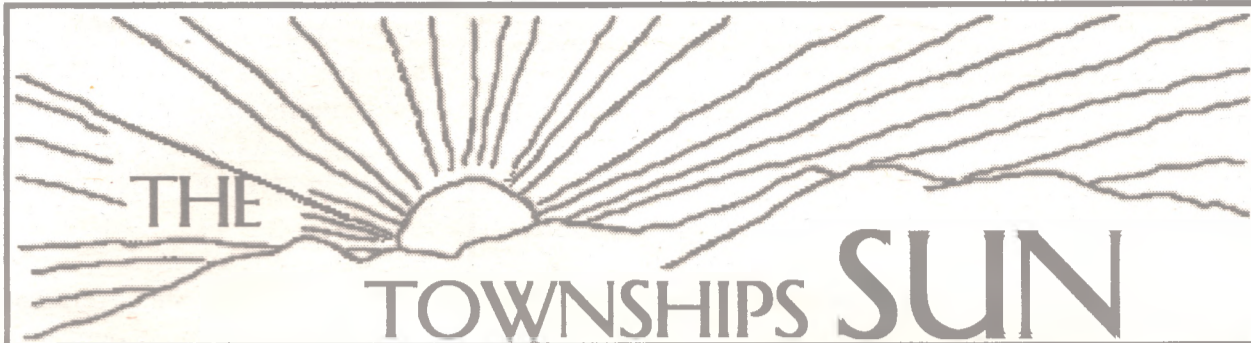


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Asa Belknap Foster & the Great Southeastern Railway

By: Bernard Epps

Even before the Champlain and St. Lawrence was completed, it was announced in The Montreal Gazette that the citizens of the Eastern Townships were determined to build a line from St. Johns on the Richelieu, through Farnham, Waterloo, Magog and down to the international Border near Stanstead. There it was to connect with an American line being built up the Connecticut and Passumpsic River Valleys to Newport and Lake Memphremagog. Montreal would then be linked to ice-free ports on the Atlantic and the Eastern Townships would find ready markets for their produce in both directions.

The St. Lawrence and Atlantic stole much of that impetus when it linked Montreal to Portland in 1853 and joined both to Levis the following year. Prosperity moved north and east. Fresh milk and cheeses were then shipped daily from dairy farms in Stanstead to doorsteps in Portland and Montreal had a winter seaport. The St. L. & A. then became the foundation of the Grand Trunk Railway all the way to Chicago and the American midwest.

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Passenger station and Superintendent's office, South Eastern Railway, Richford, Vermont

Nathalie Picard

By: Pat Campbell

A few months ago in one of my articles I said that music doesn't come from the knowledge of how to read it but rather from the heart being able to hear it. Merely mastering the reading and subsequent playing of notes does not a musician make. A true musician has an innate talent and love for the art. I see proof of this almost every month at the Bluegrass and Old Tyme Music Society's jam sessions.

A talent that caught my eye this month was a young lady by the name of Nathalie Picard and her fiddle. I had the opportunity to speak with her before and after her performance. She was outside gathering courage when I found her. This gentle spoken lady has a sweet smile and

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The Dogcatcher's Lament

By: John Viau

How would you like a job that pays \$425.00 per month and which requires you to be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, Christmas and New Years included. Well that's what my job as the Ormstown Municipality dog catcher pays. Oh yes, I really should mention that you get \$30.00 for each stray dog that you pick up and \$3.00 per day to board the dog for a maximum time of 3 days or 72 hours.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

David Wright, Editor of the Townships

Sunny has been hard at work**LACK OF COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS**

English Quebec anglos; do they really want English Newspapers?

On October 8th the Record reported on a public consultation of English community members and groups held in Lennoxville under the umbrella of Quebec's five year Global Development Plan, funded by Heritage Canada and spearheaded by the Quebec Community Groups Network representing 23 English community groups.

Halfway through the aptly titled article "Anglos take pulse of their community" I was shocked to read "Many rural regions were also concerned about the lack of a community newspaper that served as a voice and a mirror for English speakers. With a daily, two weeklies and a couple of monthly papers, that was not the case in the Townships - although one senior commented there was not enough coverage of the francophone community in the local English press." How can there not be a lack of community newspaper considering how hard it is to get the financial support and personal involvement needed from the English community members to ensure the survival of the already existing English newspapers ???

I do not consider myself an expert, but I certainly consider myself knowledgeable about the concerns and needs of the English population of Quebec. In my efforts to improve on the English community where I live I got involved in community projects and youth programs. In my efforts to promote the English community newspapers, in particular the not for profit community newspapers and find a way to improve on their precarious situation, I got involved; I have been a voting member of the QCGN as a representative of the Quebec Community Newspapers Association for two years. I have attended the Global Development Plan meeting in Ormstown. I am currently on the committee of "Canadian Heritage & Quebec Anglo Community", which meets in Ottawa twice a year - also sponsored by Canadian Heritage. I have also spoke on these subjects at many non-profit organizations meetings and I have set up booths at many events around Southern Quebec to increase the visibility of the Townships Sun and attract new subscribers. I GET INVOLVED - I CONTRIBUTE!

I just can not understand why Quebec's English newspapers, one of the last medium that actually gets the english message into every house (QCNA member papers enter 300,000 homes weekly) can not secure more support from the English population and the advertisers. At the risk of repeating myself; many do not seem to realize that there are English Newspapers in Quebec which are having a very hard time to make ends meet; and the Sun is no exception. Unless the trend is reversed, there will certainly not be an increase in English newspapers but rather a decline in their numbers and with the demise of each one, the English voice in this province will weaken and the mirror will tarnish.

As for the advertisers and government agencies they have been bombarding us with surveys and statistics to quantify the benefits of spreading their message to the english population. As far as I'm concerned they just don't get it; NEWSPRINT GETS THEIR MESSAGE OUT THERE.

The Townships Sun is fortunate to have loyal subscribers and advertisers who understand how important they are to the survival of our paper. When asked what benefits they get from our newspaper, the subscribers say they would not do without and our advertisers say that if they didn't they wouldn't be advertising; local newspapers is the best kept secret for them. If every subscriber encouraged a family member or an acquaintance to become a subscriber we could double our readership, attract new advertisers and improve our paper ... all would benefit.

Better yet! Christmas is coming and offers the perfect opportunity to give a subscription to the Townships Sun to a friend or family member living near or far away, a gift that will last all year and in doing so, give the gift of life to our non profit newspaper.

I encourage our subscribers to spread the word that NEWSPRINT GETS THE MESSAGE OUT THERE by letting our advertisers know, whenever they visit their place of business, that they have seen their ads in the Townships Sun.

**SUNNY'S NEWS**

It is with pleasure we advise you that the Townships Sun's annual general meeting was a success and we voted in our new board and thanked one of the past board member Pat Ball who, through her dedication and professionalism, has secured the Sun's existence for the future.

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As you can see the board consists of a diversified group; three past editors, one long time board member and one new member from the South Western Quebec. With this team we believe the coming year will be exciting and beneficial to the Sun.

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All this activity and enthusiasm left little support for a second line through Farnham and Magog but the promoters did not give up. The Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly Railway was incorporated in 1853 and got absolutely nowhere for six long years. Even then it might not have been built had it not been for a remarkable man from Waterloo named Asa Belknap Foster.

Foster was born in Newfane, Vt., in 1817, the son of Dr. Stephen Sewell Foster and Sally Belknap. His parents brought him with them when they pioneered the settlement of Frost Village and he was just five years old. He was raised at that place and given what little schooling was then available.

His first job was as a clerk in Cowan's store in Cowansville but he found himself restless and ill-suited to that sort of work. The world had great things in hand for Asa Belknap Foster and clerking in a general store was a job for lesser mortals. When he experimented one day in the back of the store with gunpowder and blew out a corner of the shop, his employer agreed and he was understandably fired. He then went into business with another young man in Waterloo but grew steadily more restless. At the ripe old age of twenty - the year after the first Canadian Railroad had been completed - he sold out his partnership and went to Vermont to join a maternal uncle, S.K. Belknap, in the infant and lucrative business of railway contracting.

He found his calling. Fortunes were being made. Men and material were being moved and managed on a scale seldom seen since the building of the great pyramids and Foster threw himself whole heartedly into learning everything he could about railways.

In 1840, he returned to Canada to marry Elizabeth 'Betsey' Fish of Hatley, a daughter of Champion Fish. She would give him ten children over their years together. The following year - he was just twenty-four - he landed a lucrative contract to build part of the Boston and Portland Railway (later the Boston and Maine) and did the job so well that he was soon awarded other contracts in central Vermont. He was on his way. In 1852, he won a contract on the St. Lawrence and Atlantic, then under construction, and returned to the Townships to settle in Waterloo.

Railway building in those heady times was not an occupation for the timid or the overly scrupulous. David Mills later said; "Corruption taints the majority of railroad enterprises from their conception to their completion". Governments could be persuaded to offer subsidies of so much cash and so much acreage per miles of track. Municipalities offered substantial bonuses if the railroad could pass through their town or village. Knowing just where the railroad could go, provided enormous potential for land speculation. Bribery was the rule rather than the exception and it was estimated that, between 1854 and 1857 alone, no less than one hundred million dollars of foreign capital poured into Canada for building railways - and while the railway companies continually teetered on the brink of bankruptcy, promoters, officials and contractors

made millions. Asa Belknap Foster was no innocent babe among those thieves and quickly laid the foundations of a fortune.

THE STANSTEAD, SHEFFORD & CHAMBLY

Asa Belknap Foster bought a good deal of land in and around Waterloo on the understanding that the Stanstead, Shefford & Chambly would soon be arriving to drive property values sky-high. That



Col. A.B. Foster, 1817-1877

railway, however, was getting absolutely nowhere. Foster managed to get himself appointed to the board of directors and very swiftly got things moving. He wangled subsidies out of the government and persuaded municipalities to vote substantial bonuses and even altered the line of the rails to swing far to the north when Granby came up with a handsome offer. Chambly, on the other hand, got left out altogether. He took the contract himself to build the line between St. Johns and Granby and that contract just about exhausted the entire financial resources of the SS&C. He then arranged to build the line on to Stanstead in return for a controlling

interest in stock, the municipal bonuses, company bonds and all unpaid stock subscriptions. By the time the railway reached Frost Village in 1860, Asa Belknap Foster owned it all - lock, stock and barrel.

He then turned it over to the Vermont Central Railway for a very handsome price just so the Vermont Central could put a halt to all further construction.

Back in 1851, the Champlain & St. Lawrence had extended its portage line to Rouses Point where it was joined by the Northern Railroad of New York from the west and by Vermont Central from the south and east. That railroad then had a link with Montreal and was eager to prevent its rivals - the Connecticut & Passumpsic - from getting the same access. By taking over the SS&C they could prevent it going any further and the Passumpsic Road would be stuck with a dead end at Newport. In the autumn of 1862, the SS&C came to a dead end.

Foster meanwhile had gone into politics. He became the first mayor of Waterloo in 1858 and was elected to a seat in the Legislative Assembly that same year. This was long before the secret ballot, when only men of property had the vote, when bribery was scarcely counted as an offence and both political parties resorted to it almost openly. Foster was quite at home but he was interested in politics only in so far as it provided the power and contacts he needed to build more railroads. Within two years he resigned his seat to get himself elected to the Legislative Council. He

resigned that seat, too, when he was safely appointed to the Senate in 1867.

He was also developing his property in Waterloo now that it had become the terminus of the railway. He built the Foster House Hotel, rows of houses and warehouses on both sides of the track and asked the town council to name the main street Foster Street. He also built himself a mansion which later became the Maple Wood Convent. A train carrying granite for that mansion ran head-on into another not far from Waterloo and that was the first wreck on the SS&C.

THE SOUTHEASTERN

But Asa Belknap Foster was first, last and always a railway man and he couldn't stop building them. The population of the Townships was increasing and the people needed a network of railways tying one community to the next. Foster was just the man to provide this network.

The Connecticut & Passumpsic had all the trade originating on or around Lake Memphremagog because the SS&C still hadn't reached Magog. They also had finally arranged a link with Montreal through the Massawippi Valley Railway and the Grand Trunk at Lennoxville. A railway from Farnham to Newport would bring back a lot of business that was not going around and that was the South Eastern Counties Railway.

The Vermont Central now had as president John Gregory Smith who also happened to be the governor of Vermont. He and Foster understood each other for they were cut from the same cloth and had the building of railways as the ruling passion of their lives. The South Eastern Railway would run from Farnham to Richford, Vermont (The taxpayers of Brome voted \$50,000 to get the rail through Bolton Pass

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A Great History for a Great Railway

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but those of Sutton outbid them with \$63,000 and the line took a sweep to the north and east). At Richford it would meet Mississquoi

Compton, the son of Seth Huntington of Waterville. He had begun a successful law practice in Waterville and had supported Foster in his first foray into politics in

detriment". These rails were fourteen feet long strips of maple, seven inches high by four wide. The ties were extra heavy, laid on 2 foot 4 inch centres and the rails

generous political contributions. It was the sort of arrangement that Senator Foster would understand - one of his favorite maxims was "what's the use of having friends if you can't use them?" - but he had been promised a piece of the Canadian Pacific himself.

Foster was shown incriminating letters between Allan and the Americans and learned they were on sale to the highest bidder. Lucius Seth Huntington stood up in the House and broke what came to be known as the Pacific Scandal.

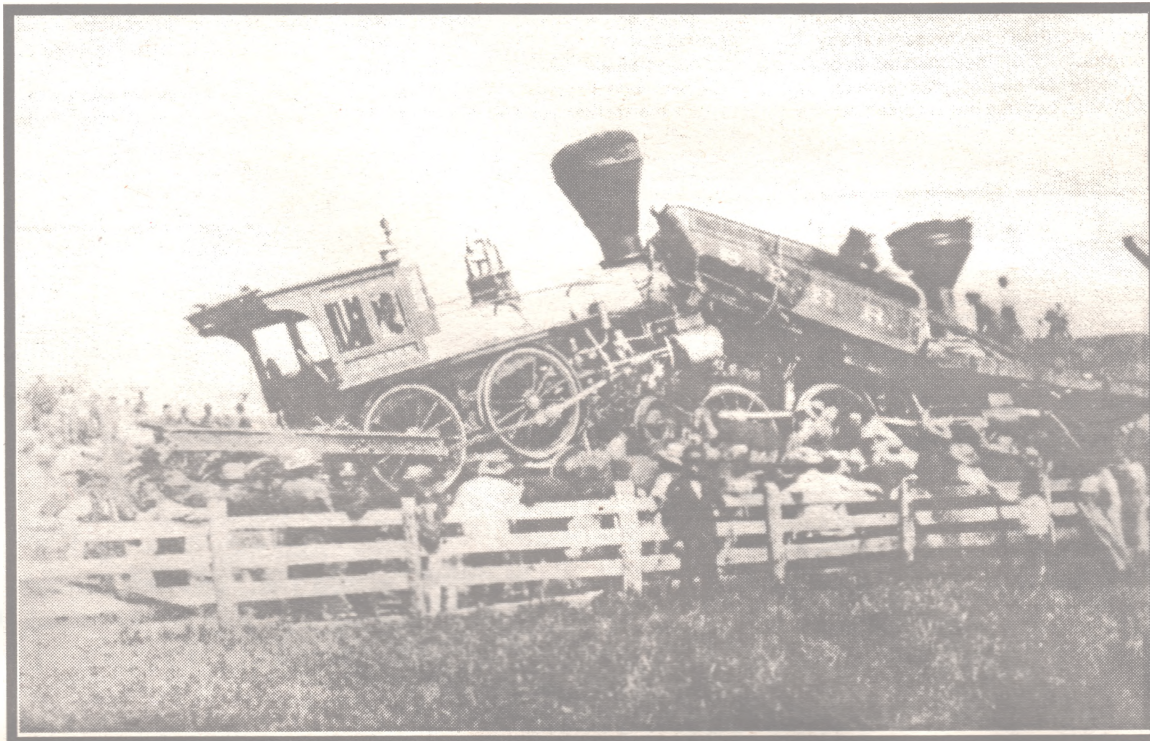
Hungtington was forty-six and according to Pierre Burton in *The National Dream* "a man of commanding presence, big-chested and handsome, with a classic head that a sculptor might covet - aquiline nose, poetic eyes, thick shock of light, wavy hair. He was a lawyer and politician of long experience, a polished speaker, resonant and melodious, but now there was a tremor in his voice and he spoke so softly that the backbenchers had to lean forward to catch his words. He had reason to be nervous for he was putting his career on the line. If he could not prove his charges, he would

was well aware of it and Allan had given them vast sums of money to aid the government in the elections, some of this money coming from the Americans, and that they had been offered the Canadian Pacific contract in return.

The government denied it, of course, and Huntington's call for an inquiry was defeated but those charges were proved a few days later when Foster outbid the Macdonald government for the incriminating letters, bought them for \$25,000 and had them published in the daily press. Macdonald was forced to resign.

John Graham Haggart later said; "it was a notorious fact that the information to turn out the late government was furnished by the Hon. Asa B. Foster, and everybody in the country expected that (he) would receive his reward... and he did."

His reward was in two parts. The first was the Canada Central Railway from Ottawa to Lake Nipissing. It was built with generous government subsidies - \$10,000 a mile and 20,000 acres - with the old scam of municipal subsidies and building sawmills along the right-of-



Wreck between Waterloo and Warden (cir 1879). S.E.R. train carried load of granite for the construction of Col. A.B. Foster's home in Waterloo. C.W. Foster gave the all clear signal when the train was on the right of way. This event ended his railway career. Engr. John daly was killed.

Valley Railway, chartered by John Gregory Smith, from the main Vermont Central line at Swanton. Then, from Richford to Newport, Smith and Foster would build the line together - Smith that part of the U.S. side of the border as the Mississquoi & Clyde River Railway, Foster that loop along the river in Canada as the South Eastern. Foster also gained control of the Richelieu, Drummond & Arthabaska Railway running from Sorel to Yamaska, Drummondville and the Grand Trunk at Acton Vale. This became the Northern Division of Foster's South Eastern Railway and a link from Acton Vale to Waterloo made that town the hub of it all when SS&C finally reached Magog and the northern end of the lake.

Lucius Seth Huntington was the secretary of the SS&C and a politician of some significance. He was ten years younger than Foster and had been born in

1858.

In the early 1860's Huntington had bought the copper mining rights in South Bolton and set up the Huntington Mining Company to develop the property. By 1865 he was shipping several carloads of ore each week to the United States but every pound of that ore had to be hauled fourteen miles by wagon and team to the railhead at Waterloo. Unable to persuade the Vermont Central to bring the rails any closer to his line, Huntington had obtained a charter of his own to build a wooden rail line from Waterloo to his mine with an extension on navigable waters of the Memphremagog.

Wooden railways were still considered economical even at this late date. In 1871, Railways of Canada reported that the Quebec and Gosford had run at least a thousand trains over 27 miles over wooden rails "without

were notched into each and "wedged hard and fast without the use of nails or iron fastenings of any kind". They were expected to last for five or six years.

But Lucius Seth Huntington was a better politician than a businessman and never seemed to have much luck making money. Copper prices fell, government subsidies failed to materialized (he was on the wrong side of the political fence) and wooden rails finally proved unfeasible.

The Macdonald-Cartier government was planning the Canadian Pacific around this time - the longest railway in the world - which they insisted publicly was to be an all-Canadian project. Sir Hugh Allan became involved as financier and had various secret American partners and associates and these, it appeared, tried to smooth their path to Canadian Pacific contracts with

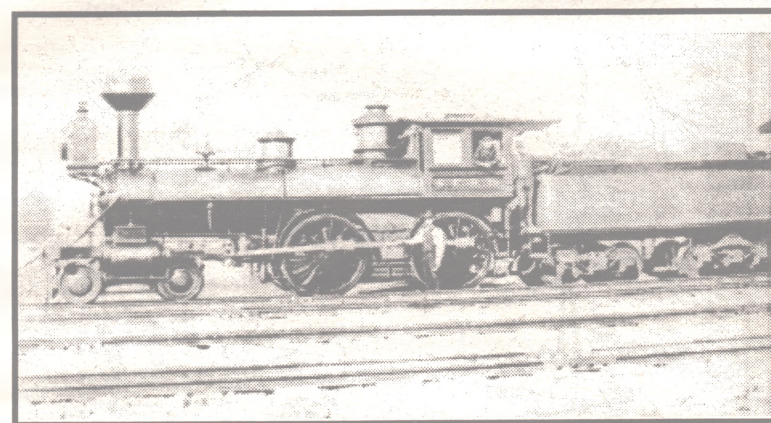
certainly be forced to resign; if he prove them, his name would go down in history."

He charged that the Allan Company was secretly financed by American capital, that the government

way to develop the cast timber limits.

The second was a contract to build the CPR line from Kale Nipissing - at the end

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South Eastern railway Engine No. 18, 'Richford', Built Rhode Island.

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almost no recognition of her own talent. I asked her why she was so nervous and she said she always gets nervous before going on stage. When asked if she likes playing in public her answer was, "I like it but I'm shy because I learn my pieces by ear and often don't know the names. I don't make a living with my music but it is my passion." As she was speaking the goose bumps were appearing on her arms.

Nathalie is from a family of six children. Three of her brothers play instruments as well and one of her sisters sings. At home her mother played the accordion and the piano. Originally from Lachine, she now lives in St. Hubert, Quebec with her boyfriend, Armand Labrie, who is also a very talented yet unassuming fiddler.

Her first public performance was in an amateur competition at the age of eleven with Julien Provencher and his family band. Although she had only been playing the fiddle for three or four months at that time, she won first prize. Nathalie plays other instruments but knew deep inside that the fiddle was the one for her from the first time she picked one up.

When Nathalie and Armand take the stage, a hush comes over the audience. At the sound of the first clear notes I started to shiver. They finished the performance with a song I believe was called The Mockingbird, in which Nathalie makes her fiddle sound like a real bird. It was simply amazing. Watching her face as she plays, it becomes apparent that her soul is not here with us at that moment but among the clouds, soaring with the birds.

Nathalie's mother always dreamed of her daughter being in the newspapers and becoming a well known musician. Maybe this article will be the first step toward that dream.

If you would like to catch their performance, join us at the Waterloo Legion Hall on the second Saturday of every month. In the afternoon the musicians get together and jam and around 7 pm the performances start.



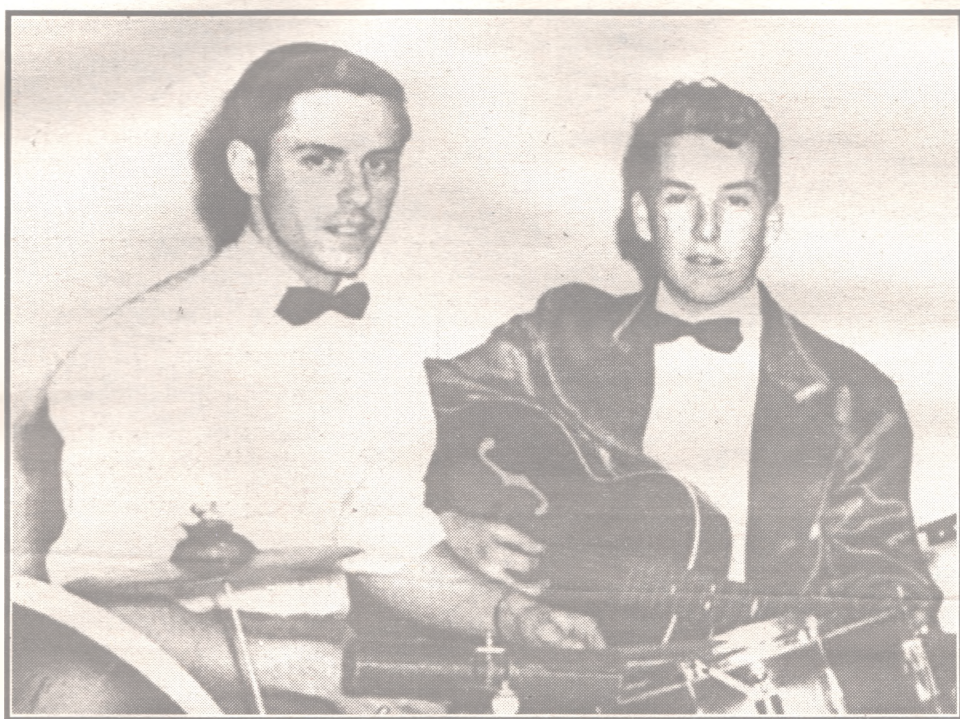
Photo Gilbert Gagné

Nathalie Picard rockin' on her fiddle.

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Townships

by Diane Wright

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It's Time to Meet Old Friends



Diane Wright (right) meets up with an old friend Janet Sears

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of the Canada Central - to Georgian Bay. The government would pay \$12,000 a mile and this line "was to be considered as forming part of the CPR" but would "upon completion be the property of the contractor". In short, the government would pay Foster handsomely to build a line which he would afterwards own,

With this juicy contract, Foster resigned from the Senate for he had no further use for his political friends. With the Canada Central Railway in his pocket, he would virtually control the entire CPR system from coast to coast. Also, while he was up, he consolidated his position by building the Brockville & Ottawa to link Ottawa and his Canada Central with the Grand Trunk and all the Lake Ontario business.

Lucius Seth Huntington, for his part in toppling the government, became president of the Council and Postmaster General for the Mackenzie Administration. He also, receive a charter for the Richmond, Melbourne & Mississquoi Valley Railway - another attempt to connect

his copper mines with the outside world. This line was to run from the Grand Trunk at Richmond through Eastman to meet the South Eastern at Mansonville.

Then came the financial panic of 1873. Governor Smith of the Vermont Central was also president of the Northern Pacific Railroad and had plans to build that line through the northwest so close to the Canadian border that it would forestall the construction of the Canadian Pacific by siphoning all its potential business. He over-extended himself and the Northern Pacific collapsed. That brought down the financial house of Jay Cooke which dragged into bankruptcy no fewer than five thousand banks and brokerage houses. Railway stocks plummeted. Thousands of investors lost their money and Canada followed the United States into a depression for which the railway builders were held accountable.

Lucius Seth Huntington found his charter next to worthless. Nobody would invest a penny in another railroad. The grade for his Richmond, Melbourne & Mississquoi Valley grew over and no rails were laid

until the depression had run its course - and then only ten miles of it to connect South Bolton to Eastman where the Waterloo & Magog had finally come to connect with the SS&C. But that railway ran for ten years only - 1877-87 - and then was taken over by the CPR which abandoned the track and built a new line in a different place. The ten miles of the Richmond, Melbourne & Mississquoi were isolated and useless.

Lucius Seth Huntington retired to New York and wrote a novel. He died there in 1887.

"PEANUT" RAYMOND

Asa Belknap Foster had over-extended himself with the South Eastern, the Canada Central and the Brockville & Ottawa and the depression suddenly landed him in deep trouble. At one point in the mid 1870's he owed over \$2,000,000 and one can multiply that by five for a comparable figure today. To tide things over he secured a loan from 'Peanut' Raymond, president of the Passumpsic Railway, and put the South Eastern up for collateral. 'Peanut' was to operate the line, pay a percentage of its earnings

toward the principle of his loan and return everything to Foster when all was paid off. When the time came in 1887, 'Peanut' Raymond refused to part with the South Eastern.

He was called 'Peanut' from the niggardly way he ran his railway - on a basis, people said, of 'catch'em and skin'em.' He charged all the traffic would bear and a little extra besides - and he wasn't the man to stand up to Asa Belknap Foster.

A meeting was arranged at Newport. Foster came down by train. The moment he set foot across the border he was arrested and dragged off to Irasburg jail.

'Peanut' Raymond had a crony swear out the warrant for a paltry debt of \$27. Even that, Foster claimed, had been incurred long ago by a sub-contractor and was nothing to do with him. Even so he languished in the Irasburg jail until his friends found out where he was and got him released.

Foster went to Richmond and borrowed a pile-driver from Governor Smith and the Vermont Central Railway. He sent to Farnham for an engine from the South Eastern's rolling stock and hauled that pile-drive out to

the tract on the Canadian side near Mansonville. There he tore up a hundred and fifty feet of rail and drove piles into the roadbed.

A Boston paper reported at the time that 'The work was done in a thorough manner and by a man who understands his business and is not afraid to stand up for his rights'.

And he had control of his South Eastern within twenty-four hours.

Foster was described as being of medium height 'and of portly, dignified bearing with an inclination towards stoutness as the years grew on him'. His battle with 'Peanut' and the Passumpsic, his problems with the financial panic, his plans for the Canada Central, the Brockville & Ottawa and his CPR contract all took their toll on his health. He died suddenly in Montreal in his 61st year.

His portrait hung for many years in Windsor Station in Montreal. It was transferred to the railway station in Farnham - a town he had virtually built with his railway - and installed there shortly before the great fire which gutted that station in February 1949.



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- New investments and better planning to close the gap between Aboriginals and other Canadians in terms of health

Shorter Waiting Times

The federal, provincial and territorial governments have committed to report clearly on the progress we are making in health care and, for the first time will report on progress in reducing waiting times.

✓ Comparable indicators ... so we can measure

- Federal, provincial and territorial governments will use comparable information to report their progress in improving access to doctors, and to diagnostic and treatment procedures

✓ Benchmarks ... so we know what we are striving for

- Federal, provincial and territorial governments will set medically acceptable waiting times – based on advice from medical experts – starting with cancer, heart disease, diagnostic imaging, joint replacement, and sight restoration

✓ Targets ... to drive change

- Provincial and territorial governments will set their own targets and report annually to citizens on progress in reducing waiting times

Canadians will see for themselves where their health care money is going and how it is making a difference.

Le premier ministre du Canada et les premiers ministres provinciaux et territoriaux ont de concert adopté un plan d'action décennal qui, grâce notamment à un nouvel investissement fédéral de 41 milliards de dollars, consolidera les soins de santé pour tous les Canadiens.

De meilleurs soins de santé :

✓ réduction des temps d'attente

- améliorer l'accès pour que les Canadiens obtiennent plus vite les tests cruciaux, les traitements et les chirurgies essentiels

✓ davantage de médecins, d'infirmières et d'autres professionnels de la santé

- élaborer des plans plus formels et recruter davantage de professionnels de la santé, et accréditer plus rapidement ceux formés à l'étranger

✓ élargissement des soins à domicile

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✓ meilleur accès aux services de santé à la famille et communautaires

- augmenter l'accès en tout temps à des médecins, infirmières et autres professionnels de la santé

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✓ amélioration de la santé des Autochtones

- investir de nouveaux fonds et mieux planifier pour combler l'écart entre les soins de santé offerts aux Autochtones et aux autres Canadiens

Réduction des temps d'attente :

Les gouvernements fédéral, provinciaux et territoriaux ont convenu de rendre compte des progrès accomplis dans le domaine de la santé et, pour la première fois, dans la réduction des temps d'attente.

✓ des indicateurs comparables... pour mesurer les progrès

- les gouvernements fédéral, provinciaux et territoriaux utiliseront des indicateurs comparables pour rendre compte de l'amélioration de l'accès aux médecins, aux services de diagnostic et aux traitements

✓ des jalons... pour préciser le but visé

- les gouvernements fédéral, provinciaux et territoriaux établiront des temps d'attente médicalement acceptables – fondés sur l'avis d'experts – d'abord dans les domaines du cancer, des maladies du cœur, de l'imagerie diagnostique, des remplacements articulaires et de la restauration de la vue

✓ des objectifs... pour susciter le changement

- chaque gouvernement provincial et territorial établira ses propres objectifs pour les temps d'attente et rendra compte annuellement aux citoyens des progrès réalisés

Les Canadiens pourront constater à quoi sert leur argent affecté aux soins de santé et les résultats déterminants qu'il produit.

To obtain a copy of "The 2004 Health Care 10-Year Action Plan at a Glance", call 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232) or, to see it on the web, click www.canada.gc.ca/healthplan.

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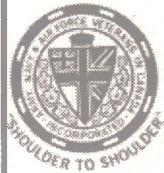
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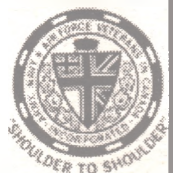
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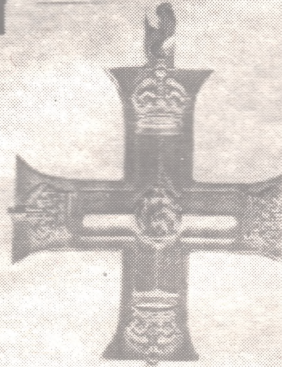
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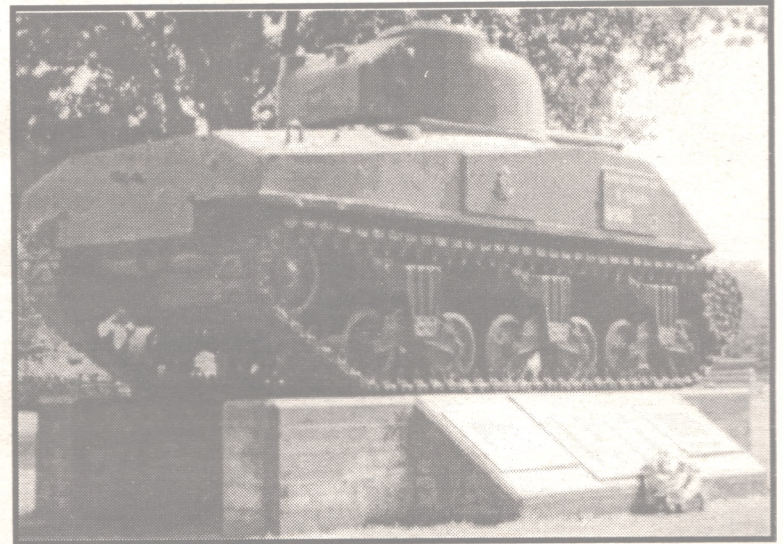
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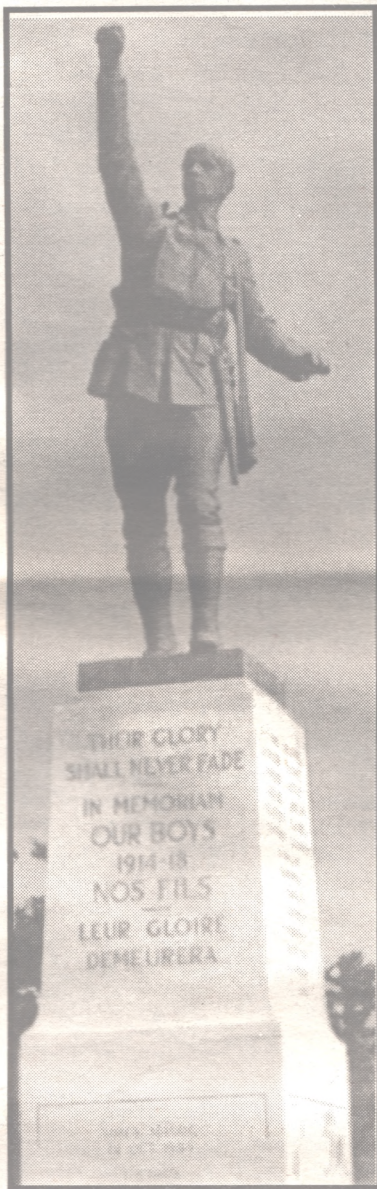
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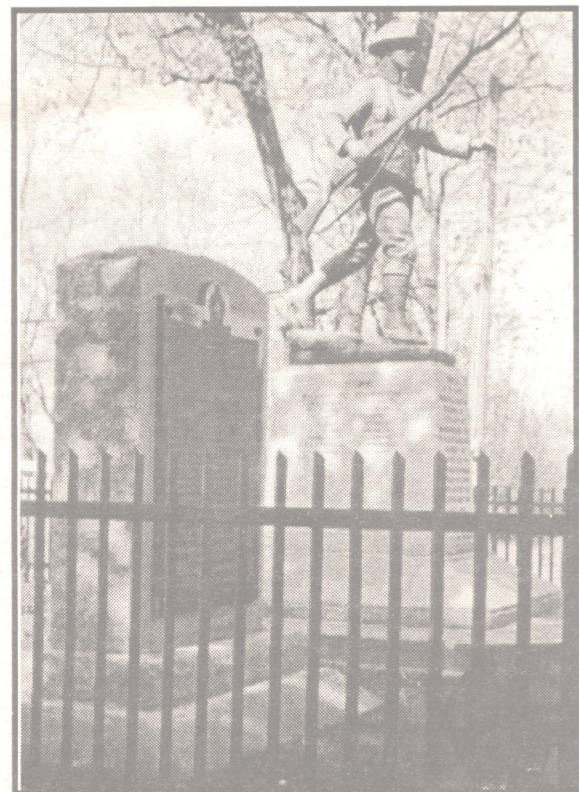
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The Victoria Cross was instituted by Royal Warrant on January 29, 1856, retroactive to 1854. The VC is awarded in recognition of the most exceptional bravery displayed in the presence of the enemy. In Queen Victoria's words, the medal is for "those officers or men who have served us in the presence of the enemy and shall then have performed some act of valour or devotion to their country." It was the first medal awarded regardless of rank or service.

Each medal is made from the bronze of Russian cannons captured during the Crimean War. The design, chosen by Queen Victoria and described in the Royal Warrants as a Maltese Cross, bears the words "For Valour" in a scroll and has the Royal Crown surmounted by a lion guardiant. The reverse is engraved, within a raised circle, with the date of the act for which the award is bestowed. The VC consists of the medal itself with a crimson ribbon. Provision is made for a "bar" to indicate additional awards of the same medal. London-based Hancocks & Co. (Jewellers) Ltd., established in 1849, has made all of the VCs awarded to date.

The first presentation of a Victoria Cross was made in Hyde Park on June 26, 1857, when Queen Victoria decorated 62 officers and men for actions during the Crimean War. To this day, the VC is awarded only by Royal Assent and is presented by the Monarch. Since 1854, the Victoria Cross has been bestowed 1,354 times (1,351 medals and three bars).

Ernest "Smokey" Smith, Canada's only surviving Victoria Cross recipient, received his award for action on the night of October 21-22, 1944 in Italy. Normally seen in Ottawa at the War Memorial on November 11, Smokey's presence at our annual Remembrance Day ceremony has come to symbolize the sacrifice and valour of all veterans. In a video that will be shown at the stamp's unveiling, Smokey told Canada Post receiving the Victoria Cross was "a great honour," and that "I never expected to get a VC. We used to say the VC was a soldier's dream." Mr. Smith added that he is "proud to be a Canadian and I hope that everybody that lives here is proud too." Mr. Smith will attend the Ottawa unveiling of the stamps before heading to Italy as part of the delegation of Canadian Second World War Veterans who are participating in the 60th anniversary remembrances of the Italian Campaign.

The first Canadian recipient of the Victoria Cross was Lieutenant Alexander Roberts Dunn, who fought at Balaklava during the Crimean War. Amid the withdrawal on October

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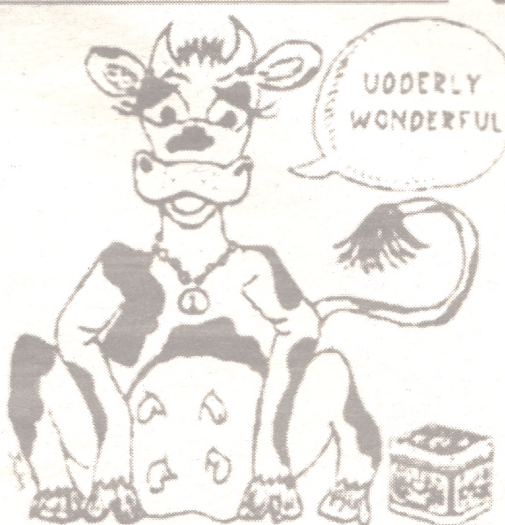



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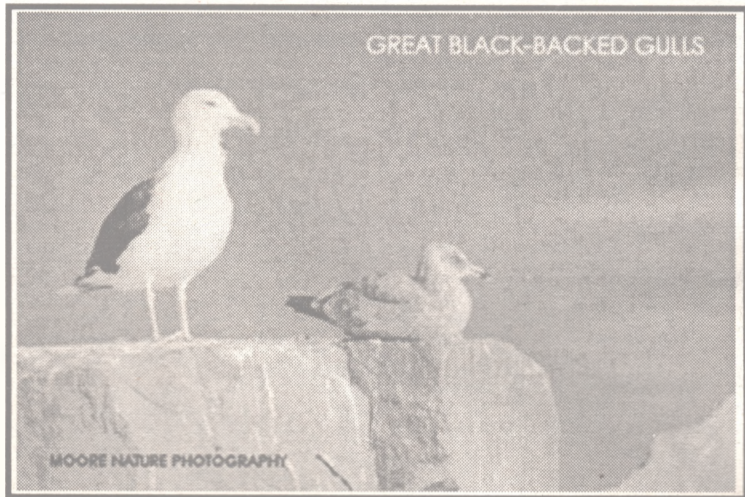
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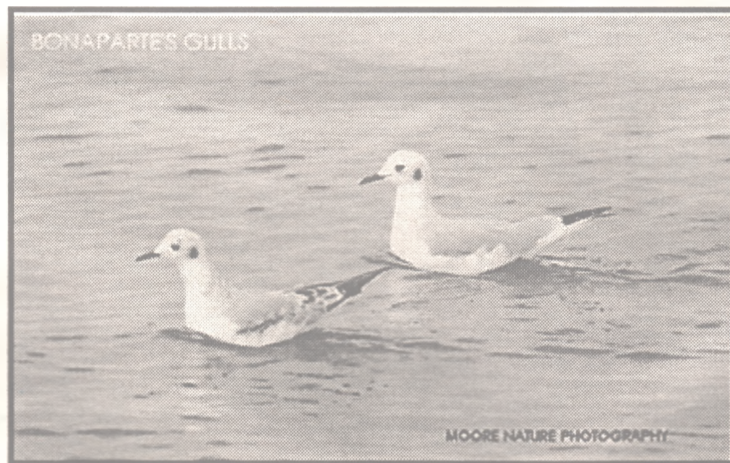


A closer look at any bird identification book reveals at least 15 different species of gulls that may be found in Northeastern North America. (A total of 27 species are found across the continent). As a birdwatching subject, there may be more of interest than first thought would indicate. Gulls gather in large groups, they have considerable age related variations in plumage, and are generally adaptable and fairly comfortable in the presence of humans (if not an aggressive nuisance!). With a little attention to detail, gulls might even become as interesting as sparrows.

The most common gulls in the Quebec region are the ring-billed gull and the herring gull. These are similar in appearance but the herring is considerably larger and the ring-billed has a black band around its beak rather than the common red patch found on the beak of many large adult gulls.

There are no endangered species of gulls in North America. Although hunted for food till the early 20th century, gulls have been protected from human predation for many years. Gulls will eat almost anything: small fish, small mammals, other birds, birds eggs, carrion, garbage, McDonald's potato chips. Their adaptability has enabled their population to increase significantly in the last century even as many other species have struggled with pollution, loss of wetlands, industrialization, and changing habitats. In some areas their numbers and nesting colonies become a nuisance and special culls of great black-backed and herring gulls have been instituted to protect endangered plover and tern species.

Keep an eye out for gulls. They're everywhere, and they're not all the same.



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Ecogifts...an innovative holiday idea.

By: Tammy Lévesque



November is a great month, don't you think? It is a month of change of remembrance and of burning our brains to think of what gifts to buy our family and friends for the upcoming holidays. Except for a select few that actually buy their gift in advance, when November comes around, the majority of us are left scratching our heads (and pocket books) trying to think of original and innovative gift ideas to give to our family and friends. I just so happened to come across a great holiday gift idea for not only a loved one, but for the environment too. Give the gift of an Ecogift.

What is an Ecogift and why would I want to give that as a gift? Well, it all started in 1995 when the Canadian government decided that it was high time to make more of an effort to protect Canada's vast biodiversity and protect our environment for the generations to come. Environment Canada founded the Ecological Gifts Program in collaboration with other governmental and non-governmental organizations.

An Ecogift is a piece of land that is donated by its owner to an environmental or governmental organization in an effort to protect Canada's lands a piece at a time. To date, over 35,000 hectares of land are now protected areas thanks to these Ecogifts. Approximately one-third of these lands are a part of a national or provincial park as well as areas where some species at risk are located. The Canadian landscape

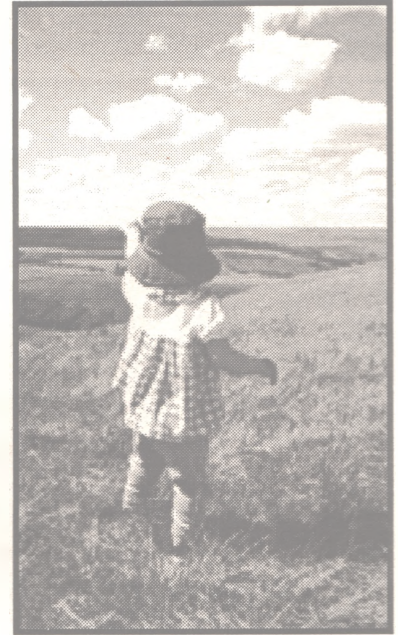
encompasses approximately 7 physiographic regions each with its own unique landscape and biodiversity. Considering that Canada occupies the second largest surface area in the world, 35,000 hectares of that is a good start.

Apart from the satisfaction of knowing that you made an effort to save the environment, those who donate a piece of land receive special tax deductions or credits from the federal government.

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the dogcatcher makes regularly scheduled patrols of all the roads in the municipality and investigate reports of dogs trespassing on private and public property. Also, dog owners have to be warned that their dogs cannot be allowed to run loose and use the neighbours lawns and shrubbery for a toilet.



If the owners of footloose dogs do not comply and keep their pets at home, then the dogcatcher has to serve the owners with a notice of infraction and somewhere in the next 4 to 12 months, they will have to go to court to answer the complaint, and the dogcatcher has to appear also to pursue the charges.

In almost 100% of the cases, the owners are fined a small amount, usually in the range of \$50.00 to \$100.00 and almost always the owner will keep his dog at home and tied up thereafter. But on 2 separate occasion in the last 5 years the complaints just kept coming and I kept serving the notices of infraction and in one case the fines totalled up to almost \$1700.00, and in the other about \$1250.00.

At times the job can be dangerous both from the standpoint of being bitten by a vicious or badly frightened dog or attacked by a belligerent dog owner. In the last 12 years, I've been bitten by dogs 8 times and had my life threatened by dog owners about a dozen times. Needless to say, I take all the required precautions to avoid being bitten, but sometimes no matter what you do to prevent being bitten, it just happens.

If you have been bitten, and have managed to catch the dog, then it must be confined for a period of 10 days to see if it develops rabies. But if you have been bitten and the dog escapes, then you must go to the local emergency room and sit there for up to 6 hours or more to be examined and the doctor will determine if you should be vaccinated to prevent a possible case of rabies.

During my career as dog catcher, I have picked up hundreds and hundreds of dogs of every size, shape, and breed. Strange to say, despite all the bad publicity about pit bulls, I have never had a problem with this breed of dog, and believe you me, I picked up a lot of them. They have to be handled prudently and sternly and you always have to be on guard at all times. But then all dogs, big and small, must be handled carefully.

I was once bitten by a little beagle puppy about 2 months old that opened my thumb right down to the bone and I never

lost so much blood in my life. The poor little fellow was terrified and after I had him for a few months, he turned into the most lovable pet you could find anywhere.

Many of the dogs I pick up have been badly mistreated, beaten, starved and neglected. Some of these animals are ruined irretrievably, and sadly there is no other choice but to have them euthanized. Mixed breed dogs over 6 months old are hard to get adopted but purebred dogs, puppies up to 8 weeks and small breed dogs up to about 3 years old can often be placed with new owners.

If you are looking for a dog I suggest you try your local pound or go on the internet and look over the websites of the numerous animal adoption agencies. They often have some really beautiful dogs available at a fraction of the price you would pay to a breeder. If you have a stray cat in Ormstown you are out of luck because the municipality does not pay me to pick up stray cats. I get on the average about 20 calls a week from irate citizens wanting me to pick up stray cats and kittens but there is nothing I can do to help them.

Once I returned home on a bitterly cold January afternoon with the temperature hovering around 20 below zero Celsius with a fierce west wind blowing about 40 mph to find a cardboard box with 4 tiny little kittens frozen solid as a rock. Aren't there some real bastards in this old world of ours? Yes, I guess there are! Every January my job requires that I go to every single residence on every street and every road in the municipality of Ormstown to sell dog licenses. A single dog license costs \$15.00 and a kennel license costs \$50.00. I make \$5.00 on a single license and \$10.00 on a kennel license.

If you could go to every house and find 100% of the people home and if everybody had the money to pay you on the spot, it wouldn't be too bad. But such is not the case. Usually on any given day, 50% of the people aren't at home. About 10% of the people hide and won't answer the door, about 10% of the people tell you to come back at the end of the month when their old age pension check comes in or on the first of the month when their welfare check arrives. Finally about 30% of the people have the money ready, pay you and get it over with. Three times last year while out selling licenses,

I had my life threatened and had to call the police to sort things out and warn the people who had threatened me that they couldn't go around threatening the poor dog catcher because he wanted them to buy a license for their dog. The police are very helpful and in some cases the only recourse is to call the police and let them handle the situation as they see fit. In some cases the people threatening me are

either drunk or on drugs and sometimes on both. Personally I find the dogs are usually easier to handle than are their owners.

A few years back I picked up 2 beautiful purebred Rottweilers and had them at my kennel for 2 days when the owner called me up and wanted to know if I had picked up his dogs. I told him I had his 2 dogs and he would have to pay the pick up fee of \$30.00 per dog and 2 days board at \$3.00 per day per dog, for a total of \$72.00. The gentleman then asked me if I could deliver the 2 dogs to his house and gave me the address. I said sure for an additional \$10.00 I'd be happy to deliver them.



He then started to curse and call me every dirty name in the book and told me he wasn't going to pay me one bloody cent and if I didn't deliver his dogs to him within half an hour, I was dead! This brilliant individual soon had the police knocking at his door and they handled the situation. I got my money, the big mouth got his dogs back and I got an apology and a promise to never bother me again.

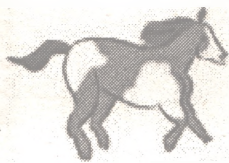


Don't get me wrong, there are some real jerks I meet in the course of my job, but you also meet some really nice people, many of whom have become good friends. All in all, I guess my job is like many others, it has its good points and its bad points. But to be perfectly truthful, I won't miss it too much when I retire.

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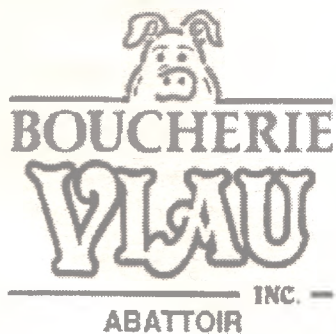
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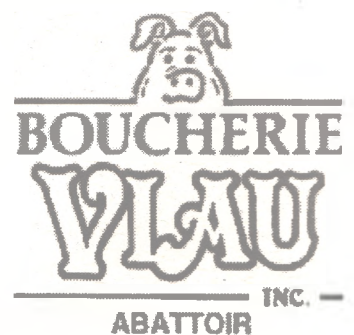
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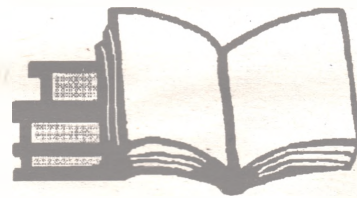
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MIRACLES & MYSTERIES

By: Kathleen Y. Rattigan
Special to the Townships Sun

Mysterious Ways, Touched by An Angel, Unsolved Mysteries, and Animal Miracles – all names of just a few of today's popular television shows that explore the inexplicable. Last month, at the end of my article, I introduced a new and special topic entitled: Miracles & Mysteries, in which I invited you to send me your stories. Every month, I will include some of your special events, or will feed you special tidbits of world wide happenings, past, present, and maybe – future. Why? I feel it is urgent that we balance our consciousness with positive, hopeful and happy information to counteract the continuous input of negative data that we are persistently receiving through the instant imaging of our news sources.

I confess that I am turning my daily attention away from the onslaught of dire news and have chosen to attune myself to the wondrous and beautiful aspects of life that surround all of us. Please be assured that I have not turned a blind eye to the sadness and tragedy that does occur and I do remain current on local and world affairs. However, I have chosen to limit the amount of time I listen to the news. Instead of lamenting the sad state of affairs existing in our world, I contribute to causes that work hard to alleviate suffering. I recently joined Amnesty International as a letter writer to heads of state where human rights are being abused. I feel that to become conscious of suffering is to become morally responsible for doing something to correct the problem.

Miracles and mysteries occur all the time, and yet too often we brush it off as coincidence, good luck or happy accidents. I ask you to open your eyes and all your senses to the lovely, magical events that come into your life. How about the unexpected money that falls like manna from heaven just when you most need it? Or, the kindness of a gift of clothes, or home baked goodies, or even a compliment that arrives unexpectedly. "When God extends a helping hand, (S)He does it through a friend," is a lovely quote I have on hand in my home, and it is so true. Often a miracle will arrive – and we push it away. We have this strange idea that we are supposed to do everything ourselves, and that it

is weak to accept help.

Is there such a thing as a perfect moment? Is perfection a miracle or a mystery? I remember having a spirited discussion with my Mother upon the meaning of perfection. My beloved Mother said that nothing is perfect and I heartily disagreed. I believe that there are stages of perfection. I will use the beautiful rose to illustrate my point. It is perfect as a bud, perfect as it opens, and there is the perfection of a blooming rose. Even after it has passed its prime, the discarded petals still smell heavenly. This example aptly describes different levels of perfection and can be applied to our lives. Instead of looking to the future, or dwelling in the past when everything was, or will be supposedly perfect – enjoy the unfolding journey of your life, and take time to smell the roses.

Then there are the ongoing mysteries that have yet to be solved, such as Big Foot, The Bermuda Triangle, and The Pyramids. UFO's, as a good example, are an ongoing mystery that has touched many of our lives. I have seen things in the sky that were alien, beautiful and unearthly. I am sure that there are many of you reading this article that have a story to share about sightings in the sky, and I would love to hear them. Please write or email.

In next month's article, the topic is about Angels. I would love to include some of your stories.

DAILY MIRACLES & MYSTERIES

Oprah is a miracle worker. She dares to tackle human issues that have been hidden for too long. She is truly a spiritual warrior.

CBS – September 2004 began a series called PSI (Past Life Investigations). A miracle because the investigative reporter is intelligent and thorough – there is no judgement or ridicule.

Montreal Gazette – dedicates one page in Saturday's gazette called "Soul Matters". This is a miracle because this news source has finally recognized that we have a soul.

The mystery of reincarnation – is life truly eternal?

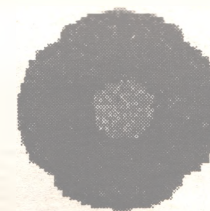
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*"Even the most
ordinary life is a
mystery if you
look close
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Kennedy Fraser



Dear Rose:

I was recently in the home of a dear friend of mine who is a married woman with 2 school age children. She works a 4 day week and owns a lovely home in the country. "Sheila" is a beautiful, intelligent woman who dresses well and is always spotless. What absolutely shocked me was the condition of her home. It was a pigsty, with clothes piled high against the walls, mixed with papers, books, and all sorts of odds and ends. I had to pick my way carefully through litter to reach the inner home. I really would like to say something to her, but I don't want to hurt our friendship. Is there a polite way to talk about this, or would it be better to ignore it? Now I know why this was the first time she had invited me over to her place, even though she has been to mine countless times.

Sign me, Shocked



Dear Shocked:

What a shame that this dear woman has not realized the importance of a clean, uncluttered home. Feng Shui, the ancient Chinese philosophy devoted to harmony in our environment, teaches that a well balanced home can help reduce the tension and stress of everyday life.

I, too have some friends that hate housework and live in a mess. I have chosen not to say anything about their lifestyle, except to drop little comments about Feng Shui. Perhaps you could offer a present of a maid for a day if you exchange gifts at birthdays or Christmas, but even that is walking on thin ice, for she could perceive it as an insult. It has been my experiences that there are some issues friends do not touch with each other, and this messy house business is her personal choice.

Perhaps our readers have a different view on this. Any opinions or advice out there?

Please email your questions to: townsun@abacom.com or write Ask Rose c/o The Townships Sun, 7 Conley St. P.O. Box 28, Lennoxville, Qc, J1M-1Z3

English Community News

For our non-profit organizations of Quebec

LENNOXVILLE & DISTRICT WOMEN'S CENTRE CALENDAR

Lennoxville
Nov. 01 Scrapbooking
Nov. 09 Making and understanding

Outlying areas
Oct. 27 Stained Glass Painting-Richmond

THE CANADIAN CLUB of the YAMASKA VALLEY

The Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley will meet at
The Auberge West Brome on Monday, Nov. 1st at 2 p.m.
The guest speaker will be Peter Brown PHD, professor of McGill;
University School of Environment.
Topic: Are there any Natural Resources?

The Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley will hold their
CHRISTMAS RECEPTION on Dec. 6th at 2p.m. at The Auberge
West Brome.

Entertainment and Refreshments

Coaticook MRC announces influenza vaccination dates

Influenza is a dangerous illness because it is a serious respiratory infection caused by a virus and can be much more severe than a common cold.

At the **Centre de santé de la MRC de Coaticook**, all seniors aged 60 or older can receive the influenza vaccine free. All persons with chronic lung, heart and kidney diseases, and those with diabetes, cancer, anaemia or immunity problems and every person that takes care of them can also receive the influenza vaccine free. For anybody else who would like to receive the influenza vaccine, there will be a charge of \$10.00.

It is also possible for all seniors aged 65 or older or for all persons with any problem here in above mentioned to receive the pneumonia vaccine (free); **You must know that this pneumonia vaccine, named Pneumovax, can not be given more than once in a lifetime. There will be influenza walk in clinics for all the population of the M.R.C. of Coaticook.**

Monday November 1st, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Centre de Jour, room number 3, at 138 Jeanne-Mance, Coaticook.

Monday, November 8th, 2004 from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Centre de Jour, room number 3, 138 Jeanne-Mance, Coaticook.

Thursday Nov. 9th, Wednesday Nov. 10th, and Thursday Nov. 11th, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Salle l'Épervier, 80 St-Jacques sud, Coaticook.

And on **Thursday Nov. 4th, 2004, from 10 a.m. to noon**, at the Manoir de Chez-nous, 4 chemin de la station - Compton

And on **Thursday Nov. the 4th 2004, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.**, at the Foyer de Waterville, 265, Compton est - Waterville

The influenza vaccine is the only way to prevent getting the flu. The most common complication is pneumonia, which can be fatal.

NOTES TO THE EDITOR FROM OUR READERS

From Mrs. Phyllis Gaylor-Shefford
Thanks a lot for caring. I loved the form (neglected animals) to leave for people who neglect their animals. I have printed some copies.

I would like to get this translated in French.
Editor note: We'll be happy to oblige. See our next issue.

From Mr. Jim Hosking-Sherbrooke

As always look forward to my enjoyable, newsy & informative issue. You are to be commended for local input, keeping us informed.

We truly need you & yours efforts!
Editors note:

Thanks for your support, I only wish more of the English Community thought the same way as you. But we are going to keep on trying. The Sun would not exist without a Team.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>If you would like your organization's upcoming event included in this calendar, drop us a note before the 18th of the previous month.</p>	<p>Until end of October Stanstead Historical Society/ Colby-Curtis Museum Present Frontier Heritage - 75 Years of SHS for info: 819-876-7322</p>	<p>OCTOBER 30 Stanstead Centenary United Church Open house to celebrate a successful restoration campaign 2 to 4 pm Guest speaker at 3pm Entertainment and refreshment</p>	<p>OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN</p> 
<p>NOVEMBER 6 Sherbrooke Plymouth-Trinity United Church Pre-Christmas Buffet Supper and Sale 380 Dufferin St. Sherbrooke 3 to 6pm Menu will consist of ham, assorted salads, baked beans, rolls and squares and fair - trade coffee. cost \$7 There will also be sales tables.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 6 <i>Dunham U.C.W.'S annual</i> Christmas BAZAAR Dunham United Church 9 am to 3 pm</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 13 Georgeville St.. George's Anglican Church CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Murry Hall, Georgeville 11 am. to 2 pm Sandwich Luncheon 11:30 am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 13 Lennoxville United Church Christmas Bazaar & Turkey Dinner</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 13 ORMSTOWN Centre Jean XX111 School 16 Cross street 9:00 am to 1:00 pm All proceeds will go to Home Start Rain or Shine as it is indoors</p>	<p>UNTIL NOVEMBER 13 Lennoxville United Church Women Gourmet Cookie & Muffin Dough Fundraiser For info:Tel. Patty Gilam 562-5013 Andrea Lothrop 569-7944 Helen Labreque 562-8024 Gwen Bayley 563-3901</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 13 Lennoxville Lennoxville United Church Christmas Bazaar & Turkey Dinner For info: Tel: Gwen Bayley 563-3901</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 27 Waterloo, QC St. Paul's United Church Luncheon - \$5 10 am to 2pm Wreaths, Exas decorations, home baking, candy, hand knit articles nearly new, ladies table DON'T MISS OUR HUGE SILENT AUCTION</p>



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