



Newsletter

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1. A new logo

Established just last December, our Communications Committee has already launched a distinctive visual symbol to accompany our enhanced mission: our first-ever logo (see the top of this newsletter). Bishop's University's name will still figure in our official documentation, but we are proud to introduce our very own "signature" image. The puzzle piece bearing the map of the Townships illustrates our goal of being a key connecting element that invites collaboration across the region.

With the aim of better reflecting our mission and better serving our public, the Committee is now moving towards major changes on the ETRC website. While our contact details and our "Archival Collection" and "Photos" pages, with their search engines and databases, remain available for your consultation, the other sections are temporarily closed.

Please refer all questions concerning our academic journal JETS/RÉCE, the annual Robin Burns Lecture, or forthcoming colloquia to the office at etrc@ubishops.ca. We thank you for your understanding and hope to have the new and much improved website up and running before the end of this calendar year.

2. Dr. J. I. Little to Speak about "Skedaddlers and Fenians"

The Eastern Townships Resource Centre is happy to invite you to its twelfth annual Robin Burns Lecture on **Thursday, October 14, at 4:00 pm**. This event, to be held in the **lobby of the Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University**, will feature **Dr. J.I. Little**, Professor of History at Simon Fraser University and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

A native of the Townships and the author of eight books and over forty articles on the history of the region, Dr. Little will be speaking about "Skedaddlers and Fenians: Local Reaction to American Invasion Across the 45th Parallel, 1861-1870". A sequel to Dr. Little's book, *Loyalties in Conflict: A Canadian Borderland in War and Rebellion, 1812-1840*, this presentation focuses on reaction in the Eastern Townships to the Civil War and the Fenian threat.

Refreshments will be served following the lecture. For more information on the event and to let us know that you will attend, please contact the ETRC at etrc@ubishops.ca or by phone at 819-822-9600, ext. 2647.

Please note that due to a delay in printing JETS/RÉCE 35, we had no choice but to withdraw the launch of the Journal's upcoming issue from the program of the reception following Dr. Little's lecture. (See next item for JETS/RÉCE launch date.)

3. Launch of joint "Carrollcroft" issue of *Journal of Eastern Townships Studies* / *Revue d'études des Cantons-de-l'Est (JETS/RECE) Vol. 35* and *Stanstead Historical Society Journal*

The Eastern Townships Resource Centre and the Stanstead Historical Society will launch a special joint issue of *JETS/RECE Vol. 35* and the *Stanstead Historical Society Journal* devoted to the subject of **Carrollcroft**, home of the SHS and the Colby-Curtis Museum. The occasion is the 150th anniversary of Carrollcroft's construction in 1859-1860. The event will be held at the **Colby-Curtis Museum, 535 Dufferin Road, Stanstead, on Saturday, 23 October at 1:00 p.m.** Plan to come!

On the morning of the 23rd, before the launch, a lecture on "The History of Canada's National Parks" will be given by Tom Kovacs at Christ Community Hall, 550 Dufferin Street, Stanstead, at 10:30 a.m., and followed by a light luncheon. You are all welcome to attend this event marking the 125th anniversary of the birth of Canada's National Parks. The focus of the talk will be the history and development of the remarkable national institution known today as the Parks Canada Agency. For more information, call the Colby-Curtis Museum at 819-876-7322.

To confirm your presence at either event or both, please sent us an email at etrc@ubishops.ca or call the office at 819-822-9600, ext. 2647.

4. State University of New York College at Plattsburgh Internship

Thanks to the three-year agreement for a student internship between Bishop's University and the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh (SUNY Plattsburgh), the Eastern Townships Resource Centre was able to offer SUNY Plattsburgh senior student Tonya Russell a position in a heritage setting this past summer.

Tonya did her ten-week internship as the Executive Director's Assistant from 7 June 2010 to 13 August, 2010. During her internship, she prepared and researched material for the Executive Director. She also reorganized our storage room and updated our inventory. She became familiar with and successfully worked with our newsletter database, our online newsletter electronic database, and our filing system. Tonya showed a great deal of independence in organizing the mailing of our annual print newsletter and conducting research to find regional centres similar to

ours across Canada. She helped to organize meetings and took minutes and was very helpful as Editorial Assistant on the ETRC Newsletter. Her very good knowledge of French was a great asset in all of her tasks.

Under the guidance of our archivists, Chloe Southam and Jody Robinson, Tonya took part in research for the virtual exhibition. In cooperation with our Chair Cheryl Gosselin, she helped to develop a call for papers and grant applications and maintained correspondence with potential contributors to JETS/RECE.

We wish Tonya all the best on her return to the USA.

5. Accrual to the Joyce Marshall fonds (P047) processed by summer student

With the help of a Canadian Heritage grant under the Young Canada Works program, the ETRC was able to hire Amanda O'Connor, a Concordia student, for this past summer. Amanda processed a significant new accrual to the Archives Department's Joyce Marshall fonds (P047). Among the documents are manuscripts, research notes, personal diaries, and correspondence, which all contribute to a greater understanding of the life and motivation of Canadian writer and literary translator Joyce Marshall.

6. Acquisition of the archives of the Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation and of the St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club

Over the summer, the Archives Department also received the archives of the Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation and of the St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club. The Sherbrooke Hospital Foundation fonds (P179) consists mainly of information on the Sherbrooke notables who donated to the Hospital and the allocation and application of these funds. The St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club fonds (P178) provides valuable information on bird counts, field trips, and wildlife conservation in the Eastern Townships through the latter half of the 20th century.

7. Study on access to health care in English in the Eastern Townships to be conducted by a team of Bishop's University and Université de Sherbrooke professors

It is a particular pleasure to note that a team of researchers associated with the "Psychological Health and Wellbeing" research cluster based at Bishop's University and Université de Sherbrooke and led by Dr. Estelle Chamoux of the Bishop's Biology Department has been awarded a one-year grant of \$100,000 by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to study access to health care in English in the Eastern Townships.

This first-ever CIHR grant awarded to Bishop's is intended to open up an important but unexplored field in health research. Over the coming year, the researchers and their students will

collect data from both the French and English populations, as well as from health care professionals, to provide a clear portrait of the current situation. It is hoped that the results emerging from this study will help health institutions and their governing bodies to better target their actions towards the linguistic minorities and lead to positive measures for all residents of the Eastern Townships.

The ETRC wishes to congratulate Dr. Chamoux and her colleagues Claude Charpentier, Dale Stout, Steve Harvey, Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Paul Morin, Alexandre Morin, Francois Courcy, and Patrick Gosselin for this impressive success.

8. Subscribing to the *Journal of Eastern Townships Studies/ Revue d'études des Cantons-de-l'Est*

Since 1992, JETS/RÉCE has served to disseminate scholarly knowledge concerning the Eastern Townships region and its inhabitants to both scholars and a general audience interested in Townships issues. It is a refereed and peer-reviewed journal indexed in the Canadian Periodical Index, the Canadian Index, and CBCA.

If life in the Eastern Townships and the concerns of its residents interest you, this could be your journal too! We will be very happy to add you to our list of subscribers. The journal can also be obtained in the bookstores of several historical societies in the Townships and from Townshippers Association's offices.

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