

# THE BLAZON

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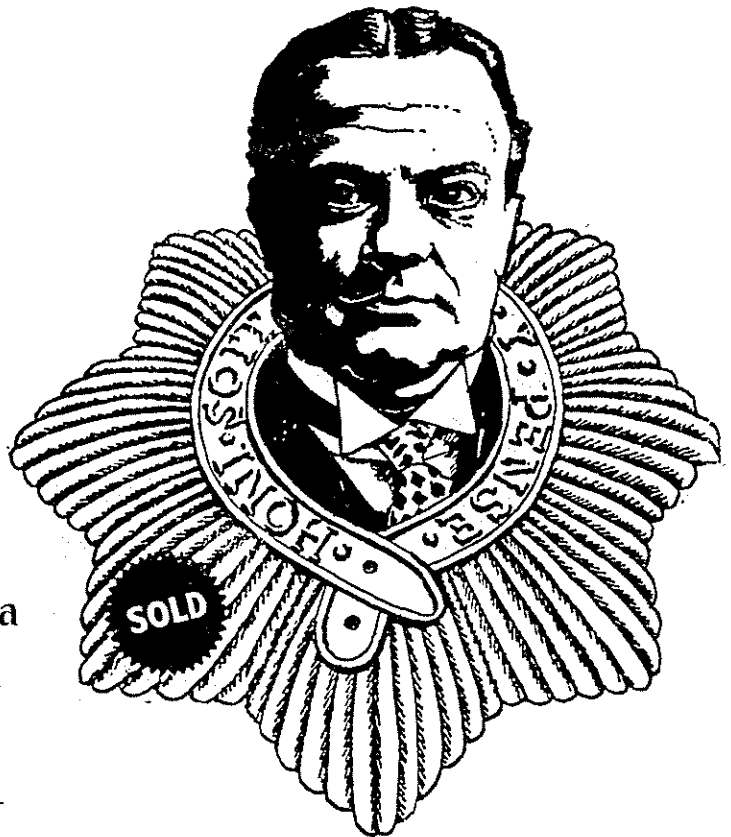
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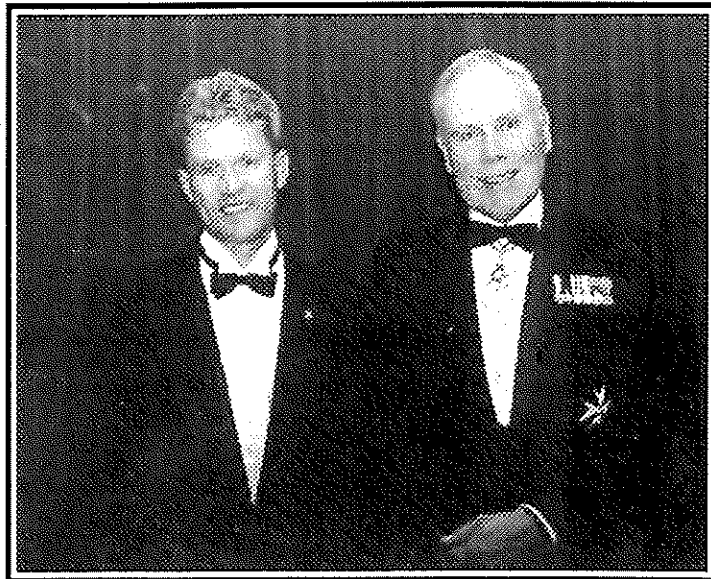


## HONOURS AND AWARDS

**David Watson**, our Friend-at-large and Calgary representative, has been notified he is the recipient of the Governor-General's Caring Award. The award comes under the Canadian Honours system and is for those persons who have demonstrated a long record of volunteering and helping the less fortunate in our country and abroad. The citation appears on the internet as follows:

*David Watson's concern for others was evident when he became an ambulance attendant at the unusual age of fourteen. He has volunteered hundreds of hours over the years to health-related organizations such as the Fairfield Health Centre's Project Medicycle, through which outdated and donated medical equipment is sorted, packed and shipped to Third World countries. He has served as a volunteer counsellor and bail supervisor with Youth in Conflict with the Law, and a volunteer heraldic researcher with the Canadian Scottish Regiment.*

**David and Cindy Watson** moved from Victoria to Calgary a year ago. Being armigerous and an avid heraldist it was through the efforts of **David** assisted by his wife and the late **Dr. Don Rae** that the Branch's newsletter was revived. The BC & Yukon Branch extend their congratulations to David on the occasion of his well-deserved award.



David Watson's arms were granted posthumously to his paternal grandfather by the Lord Lyon. He is shown here with the late Dr. Donald Rae, O.C. at the Branch AGM and Dinner May 31, 1997. Don Rae was a HSC 1st vice-president and president of the BC/Yukon Branch at this time.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

**T**he spring luncheon at Nanaimo was most enjoyable with seventeen members in attendance, including the Chief Herald and guest **Jim Terzian** of San Francisco. Jim attended the Heraldic Congresses held in Ottawa and Madrid. Following an excellent meal, **Jean and Evan Petley-Jones** took us across the street for a guided tour of the **Nanaimo Military Museum**. What a love of labour that project has turned into. The exquisitely displayed exhibits are fascinating and I encourage anyone passing through Nanaimo to stop by for a visit.

**George and Julie von Bothner** have very kindly offered to open their unique house in Rockland to the Branch for functions. I say unique because, apart from the size, the chapel was consecrated by an Archbishop of Canterbury many years ago when the house was a residence for elderly Anglican ladies. The Baron and Baroness are from Portland, Oregon where we have one other member from that state, **Leslie Schweitzer** of Tualatin.

**M**y belated congratulations to Editor **Bruce Patterson** and staff responsible for the winter edition of *Hogtown Heraldry* and its splendid, plentiful display of coats of arms and photos of Toronto Branch events, many of familiar faces, *in full colour!* Ah, to be rich and famous, and part of the Toronto scene, 'tis the life to be sure.

The presentation of municipal arms to the Village of Port Alice last June made the pages of Canada's other "national newspaper", *The National Post*. This paper is to be congratulated on its efforts at promoting heraldry by way of publishing grants of arms complete with illustrations and described in lay terms for the benefit of its readers. The editor has been sent copies of *The Blazon* and a letter of appreciation on behalf of this Branch. Keep up the good work Conrad! Sorry, we don't do peerages.

**Y**our executive is pleased with the increase in our Branch membership. New members receive all the newsletters for the year they join. To simplify book-keeping, those who join the Branch only, as opposed to joining the Heraldry

Society *and* the Branch, a reminder: **Branch memberships** run on a calendar year basis, i.e. January to December. Postage and printing costs prohibit us from sending more than one newsletter after a *branch* membership has expired.

Membership in **The Heraldry Society of Canada** entitles one to a tax receipt, the Society being registered as a non-profit and educational entity. Adding the cost of branch membership(s) to your Society dues makes for that much larger credit against one's taxes in April. That's only part of the bonus. The other is the variety and proliferation of heraldic news in branch newsletters.

**T**hose *not* belonging to the HSC/SHC are also entitled to a receipt for their \$10.00 branch dues. Since we are not a registered charity, branch membership does not qualify as tax-deductible.

Finally, as we approach the end of this millennium, and my term of office, thank you for your past support. The success of the B.C./Yukon Branch has been fostered by your participation at our AGM and our random get togethers. I feel confident 2000 will also be a great year for advancing the understanding and the enjoyment of heraldry.

**A**s I write this, the details of an annual general meeting have not been determined, but should appear as a separate insert. Please don't hesitate to proffer topics for the agenda. One idea we should think about is a Branch web site such as that of our Heraldry Society i.e. **WWW.hsc.ca**. The master of the website is **J. Stewart LaForte** of Bras d'Or Nova Scotia. Good work Stewart.

Newly joined members should not be shy about accepting positions on the executive. A computer-literate member to assist with this newsletter, and a P.R. and ideas person, would be much appreciated. ☺☺☺

**REM**

## NEW CAP BADGE FOR ARMY COLONELS

**I**t appears the Canadian Army has reverted to the former custom of officers of the rank of colonel using the Royal crest on headdress. In this instance it is the crest of the Royal arms for Canada i.e. a lion Or passant and imperially crowned, on a wreath of the official colours of Canada, holding a maple leaf Proper in its dexter paw. I am not sure what other senior officers in the Army are using.

Prior to unification of the Canadian Forces, Army colonels and brigadiers (yes, brigadiers, *not* brigadier-generals) wore the woven metal crest of H.M. arms used in the U.K. Following unification, great confusion arose as navy captains became colonels and admirals were called generals, etc., and the three services were "unified" and designated as the Land, Sea and Air Elements.

**U**ntil recently, full colonels wore the badge of their former regiment or branch. The three services have regained some of their former identity since they are now known as the Navy, the Army and the Air Force. However, the trauma of 35 years beginning with integration in 1965, culminating with unification in 1968, has heralded (no pun intended) a vast array of uniform and insignia changes, as well as the dropping of many customs and traditions.

The replacement of the former badges of rank in lieu of the current bell-hop stripes worn by commissioned officers, might help restore some of the lost prestige of which many of my generation who served, are very much aware. Readers' comments are welcome. ~~202020~~

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## A CANADIAN HERALDIC PRIMER

**T**he Heraldry Society of Canada is in the process of publishing a 33 page guide to basic heraldry entitled *A Canadian Heraldic Primer*. It is the work of **Kevin Greaves** of Toronto Branch and is illustrated by **Bruce Patterson**, the editor of *Hogtown Heraldry* (the Toronto Branch's newsletter), and well-known heraldic artist, **Gordon Macpherson**, with a foreword by the Chief Herald, **Robert Watt**. Most of us are familiar with the popular little book *Simple Heraldry, Cheerfully Illustrated* by the late Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that ilk and the late Don Pottinger, the first edition of which appeared in 1953. We have frequently referred budding heraldists to *Simple Heraldry*

when they appeared frustrated over what seemed an impossible subject to learn. The Society's booklet takes a similar approach to that of *Simple Heraldry*, but based on Canadian themes and more comprehensive. It is hoped that, with proper funding, the Primer will be able to add colour and additional topics. Copies of the draft of this publication are available for \$2.00. plus \$1.00 handling through: **Dr. Kevin Greaves, 622 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton, ON L8T 3T5 (Tel. 905-387-4733 or John Wilkes, 57 Larabee Cres. Don Mills, ON M3A 3E6)** ~~202020~~

*The Editor*



*Paul Loofs with Governor-General Ramon Hnatyshyn and the late Dr. Don Rae, Chancellor of The Order of St. John.*

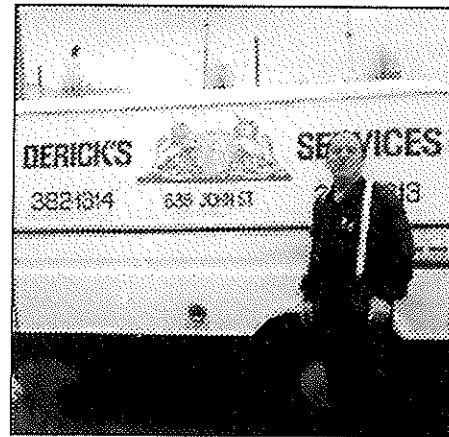
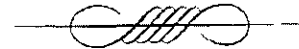
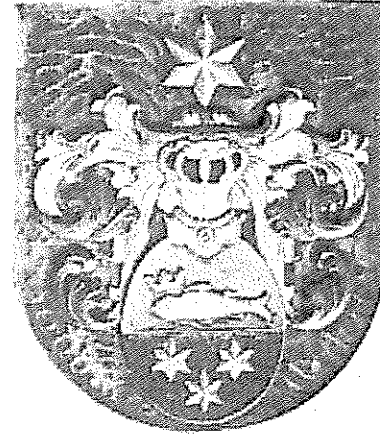
## Heraldist with a mission

**P**aul Loofs, a Friend of the B.C./Yukon Branch is a world traveller for worthy causes. He has travelled around the world not once, but four times, three in his intrepid 1955 Volkswagen, and again by Trans-Siberian Railway, plane and boat. The VW ended up as an exhibit at Man and His World, Paul as a versatile volunteer, here in Victoria. In 1951 he cycled through Western Europe and in 1982 did the same in Central America.

Captain Loofs has taken part in 27 aid missions with the Medical Ministry International (MMI), mostly in Latin American countries, distributing medical supplies and acting as an interpreter at roving clinics funded and operated by the MMI.

A former officer in the Royal Canadian Engineers (M) and local secretary of the Canadian Military Engineers Association, he is also a long-time member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Loofs belongs to the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John and the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. He serves on the Victoria City & District Council of the Canadian Red Cross and for many years was a volunteer with its blood clinic activities in Ottawa and Victoria. He continues to devote time to the newly-formed Canadian Blood Service.

At the moment, between trips out of the country, Paul is attempting to prove his right to his assumed arms and has written the heraldic authorities in Berlin for documentation. When this is accomplished, it is his intention to register them with the Canadian Heraldic Authority (CHA). Among his family memorabilia is an 17th century Meissen plate with arms attributed to his family which originated in Amsterdam, later gravitating to the Grand Duchy of Hesse and the Kingdom of Hanover.



**In the next newsletter-  
Blazon 2000** will fill readers in on the case of the missing crown and how Derick Stratford (above) rescued a precious bit of B.C. history, no thanks to the authorities.

From the Gonfanon.



## JEAN MOFFAT MATHESON

Our Society President writes that the Arms were designed by Graham Anderson, Heraldic Consultant of Cowichan Bay, B.C. The request was for simple Arms which would meld the background of both Moffat and Matheson. The lamb passant is indicative of the ancestral background of both Matheson and Moffat. Matheson in Northern Scotland and Canada and Moffat in Ireland and in Canada. Prior to my teen years I exhibited lambs from my father's farm at local agricultural fairs taking first prize on every occasion. So the lamb is significant of those years. The gyronny of eight azure and gules each charged with a bezant represents the Scottish clans together with the Matheson professional background accounting.

The secretary bird represents the profession of Chartered Secretary (Corporate Secretary) with the chartered accountant profession again evident by the balance equally poised in the dexter claw of the secretary bird. The shamrocks indicate the time the Moffat ancestors spent in Ireland after leaving Scotland and before coming to Canada.

The motto was chosen, while difficult to achieve, as one that has always been a goal of both families.

**Arms:** Gyronny Gules and Azure a lamb passant Or between eight bezants

**Crests:** Upon a helmet mantled Azure and Gules doubled Or within a wreath of these colours issuant from a circlet set above with shamrocks Or alternating with maple leaves Gules a Secretary bird (Sagittarius serpentarius) Or and sable holding in the dexter claw a balance Or.

**Motto:** STRIVE FOR PERFECTION

## Roméo LeBlanc, lion tamer

*In the absence of a poet laureate to the Governor-General of Canada, we offer a few lines on the occasion of Roméo LeBlanc's replacement of his old official crest with a kinder, gentler design:*

The Governor-General looked at his crest  
And sighed an ineffable sigh.  
He stared at the lion and wasn't impressed:  
The beast had a glare in it's eye.  
We can't allow this, said the Governor-Gen,  
This lion looks mean as a shrew.  
It's sticking its tongue out, which civilized men  
Consider a rude thing to do.  
I can't hold an office whose principal beast  
Extends an impertinent tongue.  
A creature with manners like those will at least  
Encourage bad traits in the young.  
And look at its claws, they are nasty and red  
And could do one serious harm.  
This symbol would cause any timid sole dread,  
And possibly shock and alarm.  
There's only one course, he said setting his jaw.  
The lion will get a new line.  
As Androcles drew a great thorn from its paw,  
So we must redraw the design.  
And that's how it happened. The GG's new crest  
Is as cute as a bunny's behind.  
The tongue and the whiskers are gone  
and the rest  
Look utterly charmings and kind.  
The lion is thin as a whippet, poor thing.  
Its claws are no longer in view.  
No longer a titan, the GG's new King  
Is fit for a kid's petting zoo.

*editorial column Globe and Mail*



*"Some oaf's carved on the great oak tree, proper; two hearts conjoined in fess, charged respectively with the letters A H and E F and transfixted with an arrow, also in fess, barbed and feathered pointing sinister; all surmounted in chief by the figures 1, 9, and 0. And for the legend, displayed without a label, 'Alf loves Emmie.'"*

## RELICS OF HISTORY-A TITLE AND AN HONORIFIC TRULY CANADIAN

**T**he only truly Canadian title of nobility, according to Col. Strome Galloway, is that of **Baron de Longueuil**, of Longueuil in the Province of Québec, which he describes in *Beddoe's Canadian Heraldry*, and again in an article of the September 1980 issue of *Heraldry in Canada* which we have summarised here.

As a result of the treaty which saw Canada ceded to Britain from France, the British Crown guaranteed the preservation of certain rights of those *Canadiens* who did not decamp for France, but chose to remain in Québec. The family of Le Moyne had given Canada an outstanding warrior in one Charles, whose valour against the Iroquois (who incidentally fought on the side of the British!) was such that he not only received the coveted Cross of St. Louis, but was created a Baron of France and had his lands at Longueuil entailed into a Canadian barony.

**E**ventually, the title devolved upon the son of Capt. David Alexander Grant of the 84th Royal Highland Emigrant Regiment and Marie LeMoyne, Baroness de Longueuil. Queen Victoria recognised the title in 1854 and confirmed it in 1880. During the 1980s, a Dr. Michael Grant, the 11th Baron, and a U.K. citizen, was a sometime member of the Heraldry Society of Canada. Very few foreign titles are recognised by the British Crown, and of the many French titles at the time of the Conquest of Canada, this is the only one peculiar to Canada listed in the peerage reference books.

In describing the blazon of the LeMoyne arms, Col. Galloway writes in *Beddoe's Heraldry*: "The unusual thing about this shield is that the field and the chief are both depicted in colours, the field being *Azure* (blue) and the chief *Gules* (red). The charges are all *Or* (gold). However, in French heraldry this occurs quite frequently. The chief is then said to be *cousu* that is sewn or attached to the field, instead of being laid on top of it." He explains the head of the family's arms in 1900 were blazoned somewhat differently than those granted in the 17th century, the charges of three roses in the

field being tinctured *Argent* and seeded and barbed proper (ie. in their natural colours), and the crescent on the chief being *Argent* (silver). These differences occur in 1900 at the time the LeMoyne arms were confirmed by the English heraldic authority.

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**S**ome readers have queried the post nominal letters **U.E.** seen from time to time in this and other periodicals. For those who wondered but never asked....

In 1789 Sir Guy Carleton (later Lord Dorchester), the then "Governor-in-Chief" of British North America declared:

*"N.B. Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard [IN AMERICA] before the treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their Children, and their Descendants by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following Capitals affixed to their name:*

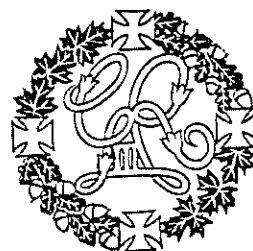
*U.E.*

*Alluding to their great principle - The Unity of the Empire."*

*From: Symbols of Loyalty by Edward McNabb, Heraldry in Canada, Sept. 1984.*

**T**his distinction is the only Canadian hereditary honour in existence. The Canadian Heraldic Authority grants those armigers who have proved their Loyalist connection the right of a Loyalist military coronet (ie. with crossed swords) as part of their crest. Otherwise, armigers with non-military ancestors are entitled to a coronet of maple leaves unadorned. Custom has the initials following immediately after the surname and before other post-nominal letters.

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**U.E.L. Badge**

**H**APPENINGS... **Jim and Chantal Webb** of **The Flag Shop** organised and held a successful International Congress of Vexillology here in Victoria last July. HSC member **Kevin Harrington** from Toronto Branch was one of the speakers as was **Robert Watt** the Chief Herald, who gave the address at the closing luncheon.

**Captain Paul Loofs**, a veritable world traveller on behalf of a number of worthy causes including the Canadian Red Cross, was singled out for special recognition by the Saanich Volunteer Services Awards Committee.

HSC Secretary **John Wilkes** has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust headquartered in Toronto as has **Rean Meyer** who also recently received a life membership in the Vancouver Island Military Museum and **Commander Peter Gardner**, our Secretary-Treasurer, has been named to the Grand Council of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, both **Graham Anderson** and **Laurie Patten** were in attendance during the summers presentation of arms to the Village of Port Alice by Lieutenant-Governor **Hon. Garde Gardom** accompanied by Mrs Gardom. Graham acted as consultant and Laurie was the artist for the hand-painted

plaque of the new armorials, presented on behalf of the Branch to His Worship Mayor **Robert Surch** by our Branch Patron.

**Gary Mitchell**, another of our Branch Members, we are happy to report has been appointed Provincial Archivist and appeared in an article published by the Times-Colonist.

One of Canadas most distinguished soldiers **Maj-Gen. George Kitching, CBE, DSO, Lord of the Manor of Bluntisham Alias-Stockings of Cambridgeshire**, died in Victoria mid-june. He had been the guest of HRH Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands following services commemorating the liberation of Holland, when he fell ill. Gen. Kitching had earlier indicated an interest in acquiring arms and joining our Branch. Regrettably, neither came to pass before his death. The Branch president attended the memorial service held at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria.

Also, long-time HSC member **R.W. Radcliffe, M.A., M.D.** died in July. He was a WW II RCAF navigational instructor and past-president as well as honorary member of the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons. Laurie and Lynn Patten, friends of the family, attended his funeral at St. Paul's in Nanaimo. The late Dr. Radcliffe is survived by his wife Dr. Patricia Radcliffe.

**ERRATA-** In the Spring edition of the last newsletter, some sharp-eyed readers observed the following: in *FLAGS, STANDARDS, BANNERS*: the Palace of Holyroodhouse is the correct designation for the Queen's residence in Edinburgh not Holyrood House; when the Royal family returned to London (not from London) and elsewhere fireplaces have *mantels*, not mantles. Also, the late Gordon Way was an *Honorary* Fellow of the Society and **Capt. Paul Loofs** is a *Phd*. The president refused the explanation that these little abstractions were merely a test of the readership. Apologies are in order to Branch members **Richard Bird, QC, Rev. Steven Mackison, Prof. Wm. Wonders, and Lawrence Dampier, MBE**, and to the **Heraldry Society of Canada** for not placing an asterisk next to the names indicating possession of coat armour to; **Sidney Rodnunsky** for omitting his barrister credentials; and to **Lady Chatfield** whom we omitted from our list. The last two issues of the Newsletter have mistakenly added an extra letter to **Sir Conrad Swan's** surname but the biggest gaff of all occurred when member **G.A. Mitchell** was identified as **C.W. Kingston** in a photo on page 17. Both Mr. Mitchell of Victoria (who is the Provincial Archivist) and Mr. Kingston of Duncan attended the AGM last January. Readers are encouraged to rise to the occasion of similar tests in the future.

*The Editor*

*The Blazon wishes to thank the following for their letters and faxes:* Hon. Secretary HSC/SHC, Maj. Alex Greenwood, Graham Anderson, Richard Bird Q.C., HSC/SHC Admin., Maritime Museum of B.C., Prof. Wm. C. Wonders, HSC Toronto Br., Hon. R.G. Rogers, M.H. Smith Q.C., Col. A.S.A. Carmichael-Galloway, Maj. T.C. Manuel, Kathlene McCorkell, Cdr. Evan Petley-Jones for the Vancouver Island Military Museum, Dr. Darren George, Chantal Webb of the Flag Shop, B. Hagar of Poor Richard's Books Ltd., Francine Mellor, Secretary for the Canadian Heraldic Authority, F.G. A. McCullough Associates, Inc. David Watson and Gordon Macpherson FHSC.



## LLOYD-GEORGE KNEW MY FA-A-THER, FATHER KNEW LLOYD-GEORGE....

by Rean Meyer

**S**ung to the tune of *Land of Hope and Glory*, this was a popular ditty at the end of the Great War, alluding to the political corruptness which flourished during the latter years of Lloyd-George's coalition and Liberal governments. In my day, during and following another "great war", we substituted in unfairness the name of the late Colonel George Drew, unlike Lloyd-George, the most honourable of men. Since heraldry and *noblesse oblige* have a spiritual kinship, members if they are not already familiar with author Tom Cullen's book about the sale of titles, will find it most interesting, if not downright intriguing. It is called *Maundy Gregory Purveyor of Honours* and published in America as *A Playful Panther-the story of J. Maundy Gregory Con Man*. An edited extract from the dust cover sums up the subject of Cullen's book nicely: "In England during the 1920s and early 1930s, whether one sought an introduction to Lady Londonberry, a peerage, or intervention with the church authorities in Rome to obtain a marriage annulment, J. Maundy Gregory was the man to see. His credentials beginning with a clergyman father and an Oxford education, were impeccable. His occupation as publisher of *The Whitehall Gazette*, a journal closely resembling a government white paper that also managed to suggest royal patronage, provided the perfect cover.

"Although the traffic of honours did not originate with Lloyd-George, he was the first prime minister to establish a tariff..., one which Gregory was authorised to enforce. That the honours largely went to illiterate war profiteers, 'doubtful in their reputations, vulgar in their lives' added irony to the affair. Lloyd George was also the first to distribute titles to ex-convicts and to use titles to bribe the press.....the monies were deposited in Lloyd-George's personal political fund." A knighthood could be purchased for £10,000 (at \$5.00 to the pound), a baronetage for 50,000 guineas, and a seat in the House of Lords for still more."

**B**lots on the old escutcheon include Canada's Lord Beaverbrook and Montreal banker Andrew Holt. One embarrassed victim of Lloyd George's agents (of which there were more than one in both instances) was the Grand Priory of the Hospital of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Foreign

titles and Papal orders, including that of the Holy Sepulchre were part of the traffic, a side-line from which Gregory also profited.

Having offered to sell a baronetcy once too often (to one of Lord Louis Mountbatten's godfathers, no less) led to Gregory's undoing, resulting in ignominy and a prison sentence, followed by exile in France. There, he died during the Nazi occupation. It is suspected he may have murdered his mistress. This is a superb story with all the ingredients of a P.D. James mystery novel, and then some. I hope your local library will have copies of it.

**W**hile on the subject of titles, recent information gleaned from the *Washington Times* notes there are "more than 20 so-called orders using sovereign, St. John of Jerusalem or Malta in their name" most of which are found in the USA. The late Hollywood celebrity Frank Sinatra was tricked by an Australian confidence man and his beautiful daughter in the 1970s, into paying \$50,000 for what he believed was admission to the Order of Malta. The singer even flew a flag with a white Maltese cross on a red field from his house in Rancho Mirage, California (now owned by Jimmy Pattison of Vancouver- the house that is, not the flag). The name of the order which tempted Sinatra was so similar to the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta (SMOM), that it is not surprising he and many others were duped.

In Dec. 1997 the *Daily Telegraph* reported that a person in Cyprus, Count Lothar-Johann van der Hoort styling himself 'Senior Knight Commander of the Holy Roman Empire' was offering meaningless titles such as Archduke of the Holy Roman Empire, etc. In Victoria, B.C. Douglas, Prince of St. Michel de Clermont is said to be acting as agent for spurious orders and, according to the *Heraldry Gazette*, the popular glossy magazine *Majesty*, regularly advertises membership in various orders on behalf of one Baron von Roff. His wares include the Order of St. Lazarus (any connection to the honours tout doing the same in Florida, we wonder?). So y'all *caveat emptor*, y'hear! 🎭🎭🎭

Rean Meyer is an honorary associate of the venerable firm of Debrett, publisher of *Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage* and was West Coast representative from 1976 to 1982.

## ARMIGEROUS MEMBERS \*

### Richard Gordon Num

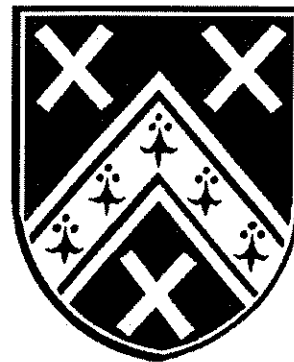
Doctor Num is a native of Adelaide, South Australia having constructed heraldic web-sites eg. <http://expage.com/page/heraldry/australia>. His grants of arms stem from Lord Lyon and Garter 1990 and 1995 respectively. The dragon symbolizes his Chinese descent. The mullets (stars) are those of the Southern Cross relating to those on Australia's flag and a rebus or pun on his surname which in Chinese means south. His crest features a numbat, a small banded ant eater now an endangered species, also another classic punning of his name. Dr. Num attended the World Heraldic Congress in Ottawa in 1996. He is a radiologist by profession. His motto: *Num Superabimur*.



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### Arthur Alexander Greenwood TD PhD

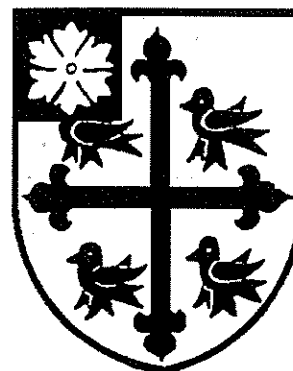
Major "Alex" Greenwood of Nanoose Bay has too many post nominal letters after his name to include here. He is a Fellow of learned societies five times over as well as a freeman of the City of London, a professional genealogist, writer and cricket umpire. His arms granted by the College of Arms in 1987 and registered with the Canadian Heraldic Authority are blazoned: *Sable a chevron ermine cotised Argent between three saltires coupé also Argent. Crest-a leopard sejant resting the dexter forepaw upon a maple leaf Vert. Motto-Ut Prosim Maj.* Greenwood is the authority on the life of Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auckinleck (CinC India 1941 and 1943-47) for whom he was A.D.C.



*Greenwood*

### Richard Brookes Bird, QC LLB

Richard Bird, a retired barrister of Duncan and long time HSC member, matriculated his arms with the Canadian Heraldic Authority in 1990. They are blazoned: *Argent, a cross flory between four martlets Gules, on a canton Azure a dogwood flower Argent, seeded Or. Crest-a martlet, wings expanded Gules, bearing in its beak a Maple Leaf Gules, veined Or. Motto-Deus juvat.*

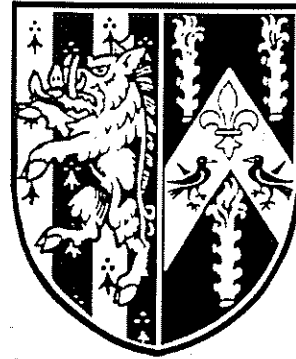


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## ARMIGEROUS MEMBERS \*

### **Maria Teresa McCullough**

"Terry" McCullough and her husband Francis are no strangers to long-time members of the Heraldry Society. She has served as an HSC director and Branch Treasurer and currently as a Branch director at large and received an HSC award of excellence in 1995. Matriculated by the College of Arms, her shield is impaled with her paternal armorials as follows: *Paly of four erminois and pean, a boar rampant Gules (for McCullough) impaling, Sable, on a chevron Argent between three staves raguly inflamed proper with a fleur-de-lys Gules between two Cornish Choughs respecting each other proper (for Merick).*



*McCullough*

### **William Claire Wonders, CD PhD, FRSC**

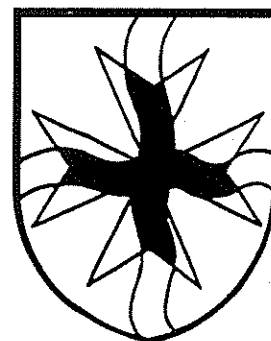
Prof. Wonders of Victoria is another of our members with too many accolades from academia to include here. A geographer emeritus and member of the Royal Geographical Society his grant is from the College of Arms and reflects his vocation: *Azure, a compass rose in the form of a mullet of eight points Argent charged with a Maple Leaf Gules, on a chief dancetty Argent, a fesse lozengy throughout Sable. Crest-On a grassy mount Proper, within a circlet composed of sinister hands coupéd at the wrist, erect aupaumee Gules and open books Or, a lion passant guardant with a Saxon Crown Or, holding in its dexter paw, a thistle slipped and leaved Proper. Motto-Ad Boream.*



*Wonders*

### **Major Kevin Hutchings**

A Knight of St. John of Jerusalem and a viceregal aide-de-camp, Maj. Hutchings is our only member from the Far East (St. John's Nfld). His arms from CHA are: *Gules, a Maltese cross Argent over the field. Crest-within a coronet erable Argent, a caribou's head Sable, attired Argent. Motto-Ad futurum Memor Prioris Temporis.*



*Hutchings*

\*Heraldry in Canada Roll of Arms 1976 and 1981

## IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING....

**A** random survey of our Branch membership list reveals: there are 41 armigers, one peer and one courtesy title of the same, one baronet, one title from the Holy Roman Empire and one courtesy title of the same, a lord of the manor, one member from Newfoundland, three from Oregon, one from Québec, eleven from Ontario, four from Saskatchewan, four from Alberta, and none from the Yukon (oh dear!), but one from Australia. We counted two owners of Rolls Royces, four PhDs, two PEngs, four QCs, seven Fellows and one honorary Fellow of the Society, 15 using military rank, one entitled to RCM Police rank, one retired judge, three doctors, five barristers-at-law, one gentleman of the cloth, one professor, one teacher, one archivist, one former M.P. and three Militia honorary colonels amongst our membership. Also, a lieutenant-governor and one former vice-regal personage and two members who have *Gardez* as a motto. There are two corporate members and three islanders (excluding Newfoundland and Vancouver Island). We have a clan chieftain, a

bannerman to a clan chief and a chief herald, two genealogists, three United Empire Loyalists and several members associated with Orders eg. British Empire (1), Military Merit (1), Ven St John (12), St Lazarus (21), Knights Hospitaller (3), Malta (2) and Templars (1). There are five heraldic craftsmen/women and four recognized heraldic consultants at your service. Natural children and/or those entitled to an heraldic distinction of the same in their blazon were not included in our survey. In this respect, the Branch President wishes it to be known it was the Flag Shop, *not* his father, responsible for the addition of a *Bordure Compony* to his personal banner.

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*Results of Branch surveys are seldom accurate and believed to be right within two per cent of the time, give or take a bit of fudging here and there. Our pollster is not the same one used by various departments of government(s)-Editor*

## RECENTLY ACQUIRED GRANTS OF ARMS FOR THE WEST FROM THE HERALDIC AUTHORITY

**L**etters Patent for Arms from the Heraldic Authority were recently granted to: the District of **Maple Ridge**, the Corporation of the Township of **Langley**, the City of **Armstrong**, the village of **Port Alice**, **Kwantlen University College**, and **Christ Church Cathedral**, Vancouver. Letters patent have also been issued for Arms and Badges for use in Canada by the Vancouver-based Grand Priory of the **Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller**. **Royal Roads University**, Victoria has been granted arms with supporters, whereas the existing armorials of **Collwood College** in North Vancouver have been registered with the Authority, as were those of the **Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem** which received a grant of a flag and a badge.

Individuals of interest to Branch members whose names appeared in recent copies of the *Canada Gazette* are: the late **Dr. Donald Rae** (registration of his arms from the College of Arms-London and a grant by the Canadian Authority of a new crest); a grant of arms, flag and badge to **R.J. Addington, OBE** of Langley; Branch member **Col. J.L. Frazer, OMM, MSC, CD** (his achievement appeared in the winter '99 newsletter); grants of arms to **Rosina May Coombs Hood & Waldermar Janusz Kuchta**, both of Victoria and **Peter Placide Prescott** of Kelowna. Vice-Regal recipients of grants of arms included the **Hon. H.A. Olson** (Alberta), the **Hon. Hillary Weston** (Ontario) and the **Hon. Judy Gingell** (Yukon Territory). ~\*~\*~

## LORD OF THE MANOR-AN ANCIENT RIGHT...

Conrad Black's refused life peerage brings the subject to mind as they go hand-hand with heraldry. Our thanks to Alex Greenwood for allowing me to extract from LORDS OF THE MANOR, published by the *Oxford Family Heraldry Society*. The author holds a doctorate in genealogy and is the biographer of the late Field-Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck.

**M**ajor Greenwood's article begins: "The sale of Lordships is currently receiving much publicity. I thought it timely therefore to pen an article on the subject. There are misconceptions about the importance, or otherwise, of lords of the manor and associated with these misconceptions is some reverse snobbery, increasingly apparent in genealogy today.

"In order to demonstrate this, I give my own family as an example. We have twelve Lords of the Manor in our pedigree, beginning with Thomas Greenwood (1678-1745). He inherited Easington Manor and estates from his uncle in 1719. [Maj. Greenwood then details the next four generations in descent from this lord of the manor, including vicissitudes such as one family member, a printer who died in a lunatic asylum, to those of a solicitor-relation who went bankrupt in 1917 and in order to pay his debts, sold the Manor and estates the following year].

**A**s an example, the author in his analogy of events, recounts that whilst the son of the unfortunate lunatic was toiling away as an agricultural labourer in the 1870s, a cousin as Lord of the Manor of Easington 10 miles away was no doubt enjoying his hunting, shooting and fishing and reading his entry in *Kelly's Handbook to the Upper Ten Thousand*."

In his family research Major Greenwood traced the present day descendants of the original Lord of Easington Manor which included a retired crane operator whose 'not too distant cousin' was governor of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, living less than five miles apart, but neither knowing of the other's existence. In the case of the former, he writes "Here then is an example of the movement of a so-called upper class family to the lower class in just four generations".

**T**he author continues: "to be Lord of the Manor in the 18th century was roughly the modern equivalent of being chairman of a property company. \*Manorial land might be extensive, but it was no longer the absolute freehold of the Lord. The tenants had immemorial rights over it, and the rents and fines the land received were much in the nature of dividends on an investment. Nor were these dividends necessarily large, as rents and fines were fixed many years earlier, and consequently diminished in value as the value of money decreased with inflation".

He goes on to say: "Today, we read in the *Financial Post* of February, 1997:..the most plentiful and affordable titles to be had these days are those of the British Lords of the Manor. For about \$15,000., the cost of a used mini-van, you too can pick up one of the many entry-level feudal titles on the market..."

**A**lex Greenwood continues: "...not everyone thinks a Lordship of the Manor is a worthwhile investment. John Martin Robinson co-author of the Oxford Guide to Heraldry states 'Lordship of this or that Manor is no more a title than Landlord of the Dog and Duck'..The British Heraldic Archive's internet site [[www.kwtelecom./heraldry/](http://www.kwtelecom./heraldry/)] which offers historical information on titles, notes: 'these titles should best be viewed as off the wall investments and should not be treated too seriously'."

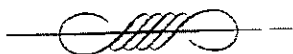
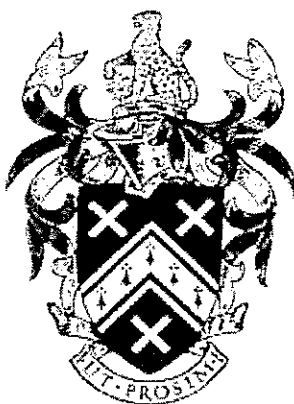
According to the author, John Brooke-Little, founder and past Chairman of the Heraldry Society (UK), in a recent editorial of *The Coat of Arms* commented that persons who purchase these pieces of paper for absurdly large sums of money are usually domiciled in the Middle East or North America.

At the same time Brooke-Little warns newly created lords of the manor they are not entitled to style themselves (or their wives) as *Lord This* and *Lady That*.

**M**ajor Greenwood concludes with the thought that whereas (the United Kingdom) is now moving slowly towards a classless society, other countries now move to seek more class for themselves.

The editor of the *Oxford Family History Society* in a footnote of thanks writes . . . "I feel sure it will provoke some interesting comments from our readership, be they Lords, Ladies or just plain old commoners!"

\*Manorships originally allowed grazing rights, toll collecting, harvesting, etc. Many are now parking lots or have disappeared through urban development. Charles, Earl Spencer of Althorp recently sold off some 80 manorships for vast sums. The Manorial Society of Great Britain Governing Council in the past included Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms and Cecil Humprey-Smith, FHSC. REM



## DOUBLE OR NOT

I wish my name was Montagu-Douglas-Scott

But it is not

Or Sutherland-Leveson-Gower

And what is more--

It is not even Twistleton-Wickam-Fiennes

All noble lines

But my name is Smith--

Not Abel-Smith or Kingford-Smith

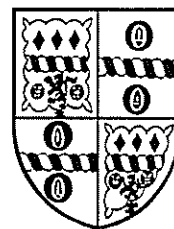
Or even Hamilton-Spencer-Smith.

Just Smith without anything to

Hyphenate it with.



Galloway,



Carmichael-Galloway

(anonymous) Submitted by Strome Galloway  
Author of *Beddoe's Canadian Heraldry*

## HERALDIC CONSULTANT *EXTRAORDINAIRE*

**T**he fountain of all honours is the Sovereign as the saying goes, but she does get more than a little assistance from one of her subjects locally. Graham Anderson is an Heraldic Consultant to the Canadian Heraldic Authority over which Robert Watt (founder member of our BC/Yukon Branch and first editor of this newsletter) presides as Chief Herald. Realistically, it is that institution which is the main beneficiary of Graham's considerable contribution to the rich accumulation of Canadian personal and corporate heraldry in recent times.

In little more than six years, 41 petitions have been submitted to the Heraldic Authority through Graham's efforts. Acting as an heraldic consultant, he meets with the interested party, takes their suggestions and ideas under consideration, makes them conform where possible to the laws of heraldry, does a rough draft of shield, crest and/or a badge and as Graham puts it "shepherds the petition along".

**H**aving received a warrant from the Herald Chancellor to proceed, the Chief Herald then reviews the submission by the consultant and initiates the drawing of a facsimile of the proposed grant for the petitioner's approval.

When all parties are satisfied, the end result is a handsome grant of arms by Letters Patent in the name of the Governor-General. If practical, and it is a client of his, our Heraldic Consultant attends those rare occasions when a vice-regal or official presentation by the Chief Herald occurs.

**A** grant of arms from beginning to completion may take up to two years, including the decision making process between consultant and petitioner. The petitioning, the wording of the grant (the preparation and details of which Graham is responsible), the translation into one or the other of the two official languages and the execution of the art work together with the calligraphy, are time consuming. Each step of the process depends on the workload and ability of the individual involved.

Ideally, requests are treated in the order in which the petition is received. An exception occurs should a vice-regal appointment, or similar occasion arise and an achievement of arms has to be completed to meet a deadline.

**G**raham Anderson, a teacher and Latin scholar, has been instrumental in Shawnigan Lake School, where he teaches, acquiring arms. Other grants received through his consultancy are: Collingwood School in North Vancouver and the College of New Caledonia; the Association of Professional Engineers of B.C., the B.C. Medical Association and the B.C. Pharmacy Association. Eight districts, municipalities and villages now have lawful armorials thanks to his involvement. So has one cathedral and one church\*, two golf clubs\*, and 20 individual armigers including our President of the Heraldry Society, Jean Matheson, all of whom have had the benefit of our Branch Heraldic Consultant's expertise.

Some Branch members whose arms Graham has also processed are: the Maritime Museum of B.C., Peter Gardner, Anne Taylor Gardner, Cyril Lane, and Ian McPherson. Heraldry Society members, mostly from provinces other than B.C., include: Geo. Anderson, Victor Podd, John Richardson, Ian Steingaszner, and the late Campbell Stuart, brother of the president of the HSC Montreal Branch, Okill Stuart.

**A** Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Canada, Graham Anderson is Principal Armorer for the Canadian Grand Priory of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus and a consultant for the Heraldry Society of Canada. He may be reached by calling 250-748-2372 or through this publication (250)-658-4296. ☎☎☎

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\*Branch Director "Laurie" Patten was also involved with Graham in the acquisition of arms for St. Paul's Church, Nanaimo, the Nanaimo Golf Club, and the Nanaimo Empire Days Society.

## Welcome to Disneyland on the Ottawa . . . an editorial comment

Many Canadians are less than enthusiastic over the actions of the Governor-General and the reasons attributed to his de-languing, desexing and de-clawing the so-called viceregal lion (*sic*). The revised viceregal crest (another misnomer) which has aroused the ire of heraldists and monarchists alike is not Roméo LeBlanc's "official crest" as the media would have it, but that of the Royal coat of arms used in Canada, commonly and erroneously referred to as the Canadian Coat of Arms. Similarly, the lion in the crest cannot be called viceregal because it is part of **Her Majesty's arms in right of Canada** as borne out in the 1921 proclamation. It is the *Royal crest for Canada*, used as a badge of recognition and authority by governors-general.

Unfortunately, for the tax-payer, Governor-General LeBlanc is as guilty of an act of arrogance as that of one of his predecessors. The late Jeanne Sauvé could not abide the crown which adorned the writing paper, flatware and china at Rideau Hall and had it replaced at considerable expense to what she termed the viceregal lion. Now, we have another viceroy set on leaving his mark before his imminent departure. His Excellency's statement, "I've never liked that lion" in one instance, followed by, "The lion doesn't really bother me, except I've never met one in Canada" is whimsical to say the least. What next!

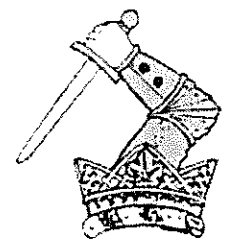
The Patron of the Heraldry Society of Canada then proceeds to give Canadians a lesson in politeness by explaining sticking one's tongue out at someone is ill-mannered. It is doubtful His Excellency meant to offend, but his lack of judgement in this instance regarding protocol and cost to the tax-payer is indeed offensive. His personal feelings have no relevance to Her Majesty's Canadian arms and even less when applied to heraldic practice. The numerous versions of the lion carvings in wood and stone in the Parliament buildings and wherever similar vestiges are found, are evidence of how wrong his actions are. **They all have tongues and claws.**

That the titular commander-in-chief of the armed forces of our country is intimidated by the symbol of nature's most noble beast in heraldic form, should be fodder for every cartoonist in the land. One cannot imagine the American president changing the eyes and predatory beak of the American bald-headed eagle for those of a robin, or a chairman of the Peoples' Republic of China extinguishing the breath of fire from that nation's symbolic dragon. Only in Canada where things that work and are constantly being fixed, could such a situation occur.

Also disturbing is the autocratic manner in which every example of Her Majesty's armorial will be gradually changed at our expense from a defiant lion to that of a Disney pussy cat. According to HSC Past President Major Terry Manuel, as far back as one year ago, the brochures given tourists at Rideau Hall featured the neutered lion! All this according to M. LeBlanc, that visitors to Rideau Hall, will encounter a more friendly atmosphere! He also muses over the possibility of a future governor-general replacing the lion with a more Canadian symbol. What will it be? Another ubiquitous maple leaf? Or our national rodent, the beaver? As Historian Jack Granetstein has stated, "A politically correct history leads to a distorted past and a bleak future."

In Scotland, the Court of Lord Lyon (no pun intended) advises the Queen on heraldic matters. In England and Wales it is the College of Arms. Regrettably, here in Canada it appears to be Her Majesty's representative who advises the Heraldic Authority. Enough is enough. We hope heraldists and loyal Canadians everywhere will continue to convey their dismay through the media and directly to M<sup>me</sup>. Judith LaRoque the Heraldic Chancellor. To be fair to the Chief Herald, it would appear his advice on the matter has most regrettably been ignored.

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## MEDIA COMMENT ON THE TAMING OF THE LION

Thank goodness, some Canadians have spoken out against the arbitrary act of the Governor-General's cosmetic surgery perpetrated on the Queen's lion. That the king of the beasts has been defaced and declawed on the personal whim, not Her Majesty's part, but on that of her representative, is bad mannered notwithstanding Roméo LeBlanc's homily on the subject. The Chief Herald has tried to put a good face on the issue (pun intended) but his is a difficult task. Here are some of the comments in the media. If nothing else, Canadians should question the expense involved as well as the damage done to the office of Governor-General, an institution seemingly weakened with each new appointment as it becomes more politicised. (Editor)

From the *National Post* (who broke the story Aug. 16th) John Coe of Kingston writes, "Over the years successive prime ministers have laboured to disarm Canada's constitutional guardian through partisan political appointments that undermine the independence of the office so essential is its role. Mr. LeBlanc is the ultimate result of this debilitating process. Let us put some teeth back in the viceregal lion (*sic*) by demanding that Jean Chrétien, the Prime Minister, appoint a prominent citizen of integrity and independent stature to Canada's highest office."

From Howard Saunders of Vancouver: "The missing tongue and softening of the image were not the only changes. You will notice that through a bit of genetic modification, the lion has also grown an opposable thumb for the paw holding the petiole of the maple leaf. Was it Roméo LeBlanc's idea or is Monsanto totally out of control?"

From Juan Valero of Gloucester, Ont.: "By blithely tampering with tradition, Roméo LeBlanc has stuck his tongue at all of us. I preferred the lion's."

In a long article by Ray Conlogue of the *Globe and Mail* captioned "**Governor General Roméo LeBlanc's recent attempt to declaw his (*sic*) coat of arms is being heralded by purists as a sacrilege**" some well known members of the Heraldry Society of Canada of which His Excellency is the patron, are quoted.

Dieter Birk, son of the late Hans Birk *FHSC*, who lobbied hard and long for the establishment of an heraldic office for Canadians: "...the question now is whether the Canadian Heraldic Authority (CHA)...is going to develop authority or be eternally undermined by politicians." Birk continues: "we shouldn't have such

governors-general. This is a corporate-logo mentality, the idea that you 'freshen' your image every so often...is political correctness going to force us to change it every 10 years?"

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, editor of the Heraldry Society's Journal *Heraldry in Canada* states: "it's a small motive to suggest that the lion with its tongue out offends his (LeBlanc's) sensibilities. Because the response to that is: educate your sensibilities". With a sense of *déjà vu* to the great flag flap of the early 60s, Kennedy, a veteran of the U.S. Army continues: "Canadians have fought under this symbol for generations. Why change something the next governor-general could order changed back again?"

Robert Pichette, *FHSC* a past president of the Society, an Acadian newspaper columnist who is also an ex-officio herald for the CHA put it simply: "Heraldry stylizes animals, and that doesn't sit well with people who are used to a cat looking like a cat". Columnist Conlogue qualifies Mr. Pichette's remark by writing that the real issue is whether an ancient and vigorous symbolic language can survive at all in a culture full of political correctness and historical amnesia".

The Ottawa *Citizen* heard from a myriad of readers. Kenneth Horne wrote, "Once more a Canadian heritage is dealt a slice in its death-of-a-thousand-cuts... drop a Dominion here, a Royal there, change the words, rewrite the story... after three decades of this process, it is little wonder we continue to hear the whine that we don't have a recognizable culture... it's being thrown away." He continues: "...sad that the Canadian Heraldic Authority did not bite the bullet...avoiding more needless spending of our tax dollars."

In the same issue Col. Sean Henry writes under the caption **Disneyized Lion**, "What is the the significance (of the neutered lion)? Does it reflect the falling prowess of the office, the prudishness of the incumbant or a statement of gender equality?" Also in the *Citizen*, Beverly Kearns wrote the lion made her think of Bert Lahr in the *Wizard of Oz*.

A long letter also in the *Citizen* from Col. Strome Galloway, Editor Emeritus of *Heraldry in Canada* titled **A smiling pussycat** began: "The announcement by the Governor-General, in all places a foreign country, that he is changing the crest... is a discourtesy to the Crown...which he represents, and...an insult to the Canadian people." Galloway was interviewed by CTV on the subject, and made the same comparison with the film *Wizard of Oz* as other correspondents.

One Douglas Cornish of Ottawa wrote: "Governors-general are not appointed to change things, they're appointed to keep things the way they are." John Robson, Senior Writer for the *Citizen* found the changes "sneakily drawn" and ended his column on the subject by writing "...a declawed, neutered animal might make a better emblem for our armed forces than for a governor-general."

*Maclean's Magazine* featured a letter from retired herald painter Frank Hird-Rutter of Duncan: "...I find it quaint and sad but typically Canadian of Roméo LeBlanc to declaw the once-proud heraldic lion. The removal of those bright red claws is perhaps symbolic of the way of life we as a nation treat our armed forces. Now, instead of a virile symbol of national pride, we have a neutered pussycat whose mouth is permanently clamped shut for fear it might say something that could offend..."

Finally, as we go to print, the *Victoria Times-Colonist* in an editorial titled "**The Lion that squeaked**" had this comment: "What's in a symbol? If you're Governor-General Roméo LeBlanc, quite a lot? LeBlanc wasn't happy with the lion that adorned the governor-general's official crest. It was kind of mean-looking, with a long red tongue sticking out (LeBlanc thinks sticking tongues out is rude) and big, sharp claws. The new revised vice-

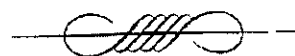
regal lion has a friendly, if somewhat blank expression. It's lost its tongue. And it has been declawed. In short, it's now the perfect symbol of Canada."

In an 1989 article by Auguste Vachon titled *The Royal Arms* appearing in *Heraldry in Canada* the future Herald St. Laurent wrote on the subject of the many splendid sculptured examples to be found in Ottawa: "...one of the most fascinating aspects is the attitude of the supporters. In many instances, the lion and the unicorn are vigorously supporting the shield as if they were seriously doing their job."

He cites the example of the lion supporting the Royal arms at the entrance of the Peace Tower of the Centre Block of Parliament by describing it as "snarling, roaring...whose ferocity defies any impunity or insult" and "a wonderful arrogance that defies affront to man or beast." Meanwhile, from the world of Disney, *t-t-t-that's all folks*.



**"Et-tu  
Roméo!"**



# HERE AND THERE-



*The Patron, the President (Rean Meyer) and Lorraine Rae at the luncheon honouring the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Gardom at the Olde England Inn last February.*

## A LOOK BACK

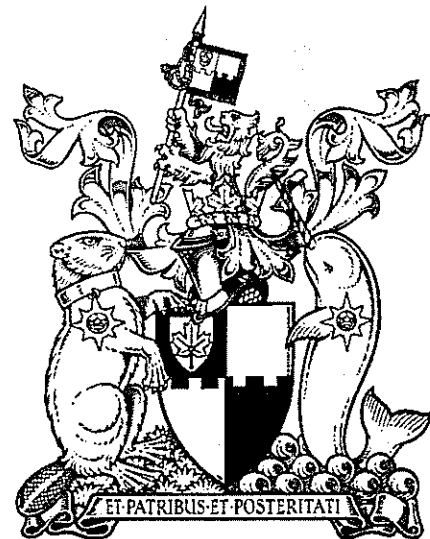
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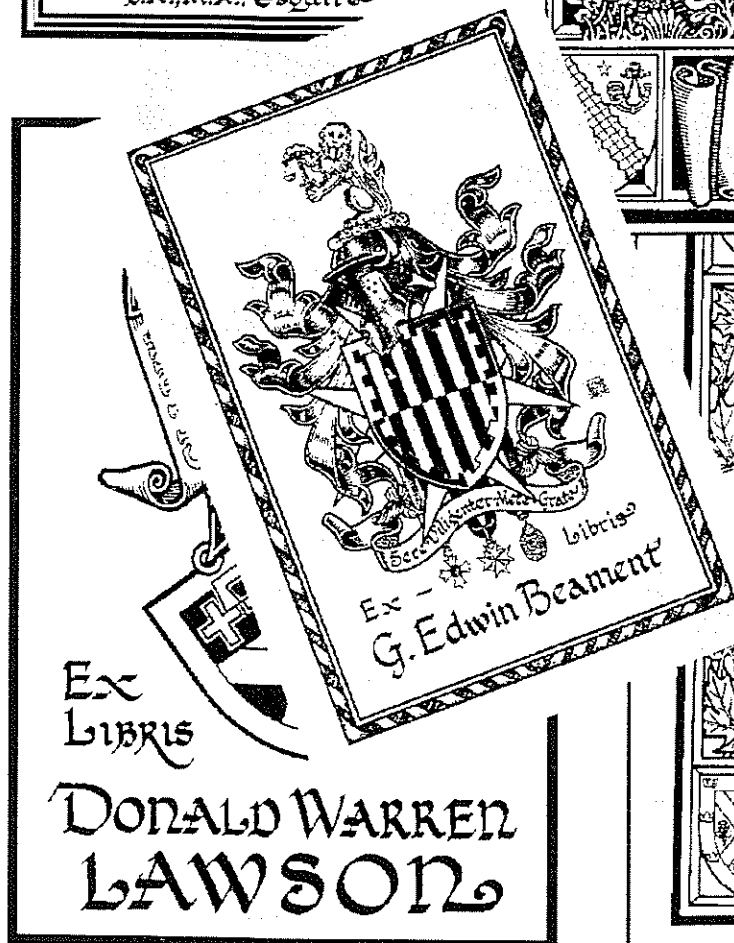
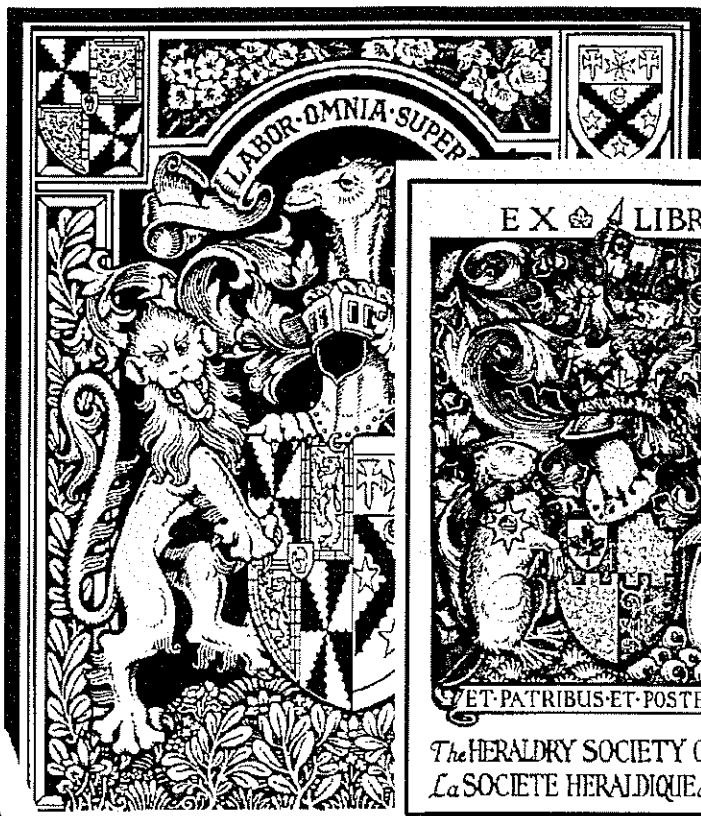


*Graham Anderson and John Neroutsos fortifying themselves following the Branch AGM at the Olde England Inn.*



*Annual General Meeting - January, 1999  
Peter Gardner, Jean & Evan Petley-Jones, Lynn Patten.*





COMING- BLAZON 2000 - Bookplates By Macpherson

# "Bible" of aristocrats to recognize bastards

Burke's Peerage and Baronetage will - for the first time

- include illegitimate children.

John Harlow reports.

**T**he upper classes will never be the same again. The first new edition of *Burke's Peerage and Baronetage* for 30 years will reveal that nearly half of today's upper classes are either illegitimate or descended from children born out of wedlock.

It is the first time that all known bastards have been formally included in *Burke's*, which has been charting the breeding habits of the aristocracy since 1826. The 106th edition will be published next week.

Brian Morris, *Burke's* publisher, said he felt it was about time that there was more openness and honesty about illegitimacy.

"Society has changed dramatically since 1970, and the aristocracy along with it. We could not have produced this information without their help and largely they are quite willing to face the issue"

Charles Moseley, the editor-in-chief at *Burke's*, said his research indicated that 40 per cent of the 60,000-strong "old aristocracy" dating back 1,000 years in the book were born out of wedlock, or fathered by people who were not the legitimate parent, or else descended from bastards.

Because *Burke's* is a constant "work in progress," Mr. Moseley does not know the current rate of births out of wedlock among the aristocracy but believes it is significantly higher than the British average of 26 per cent.

A former editor of *Debrett's Handbook*, he does not approve of loose morals but has been forced to recognize the change.

"Every family has its black sheep: even Earl Spencer's family has some legitimacy questions during the Regency period. As Mao said, 'The body rots from the head,' and I fear the aristocracy has led the way in the ultimate irresponsibil-

ity of procreating with-out considering the long-term consequences."

Not all have been willing to acknowledge this distinction and some contemporary aristocrats have declined to co-operate in identifying badly behaved forebears or admitting their own adultery.

"The descendants of peers living abroad co-operated very openly but in this country many peers held back. Maybe they did not want to tip off the Child Support Agency," Mr. Moseley added.

For some, it has provided a long-awaited opportunity for public recognition, if not formal legitimacy. Lady Cosima Somerset, once a close friend of the late Princess of Wales, is still included as the daughter of the Marquess of Londonderry, although *Burke's* now notes that she "claims" to be the illegitimate daughter of Robin Douglas-Home, nephew of the former Conservative prime minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

Lady Somerset staked her claim 18 months ago. She said: "I do not want the deception to continue for another generation, for the sake of my children. I want them to have the same confidence that I have always envied in others who have nothing to hide about their family."

Emma Trentham-Galitzine, a European princess and niece of the Marquess of Queensberry, has one illegitimate child in the book. So does Lady De La Rue (family motto: Seek The Truth) but under the family name of her long-term lover, the Scottish landowner David Little Granger.

For the first time, Lord Galway's illegitimate grandson has been recognized, He lives with his father - the peer's legitimate son, the Hon. Philip Monckton - and his mother in Toronto. His parents are not married and would previously have been barred from *Burke's*.

Mr. Monckton, speaking from his home in Toronto, explained: "I am not married to my son's mother but I want Geoffrey to inherit the title, which he can under Ontario law but may face a legal test in Britain. Getting into *Burke's* is a first table at a restaurant."

*The Sunday Times*

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Last May the executive decided some form of recognition by the B.C. & Yukon Branch for persons having made a commendable contribution to heraldry, was in order. To be sure, there was, and is no shortage of deserving candidates. So, for starters, it was decided to concentrate on some of those who had been involved with the acquisition of the 1987 grant of augmented arms for this province. These persons were highlighted for mention in the President's address of welcome to the Patron and Her Honour at the luncheon last February. Of that number, four have been nominated as HONORARY Members for 1999. They are **Irene Alexander, the Hon. Robert Rogers, Melvin Smith and Robert Watt.**

Melvin Smith responded in an enthusiastic letter of acceptance and included some of the background of why the augmentation of the arms in use since 1905, was needed. Being a lawyer and expert on constitutional matters as well as advisor to the Premier of the day, it was Mr. Smith who set the plan in motion and who much later, affixed the Great Seal to the proclamation.

Robert Roger's was the Lieutenant-Governor who gave the project vice-regal approval and who has since been granted arms of his own, also sent a most gracious letter of acceptance.

Irene Alexander, a Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Canada, is recovering from a recent illness. Mrs. Alexander executed the complicated and beautiful calligraphy contained in the proclamation, copies which are on the bulkheads of some of the B.C. ferries. Co-incidentally, our Patron, Garde Gardom was the Agent for British Columbia in London who monitored the necessary preliminaries with the College of Arms, there being no Canadian Heraldic office at that time.

Robert Watt, now the Chief Herald, formerly president of this branch and the Heraldry Society as well as originator and first editor of *The Blazon*, wrote the description of the arms which were published in an accompanying souvenir programme for the Royal occasion. ***SPLENDOR SINE OCCASU***,\* indeed.

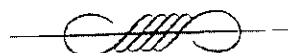
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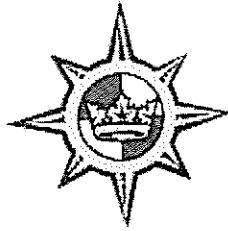
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