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Honorary Members received at Government House by the Patron and Mrs Gardom

The Heraldry Society of Canada

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Where do we go from here in year 2000?

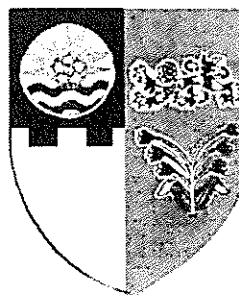
Twenty-seven stalwarts gathered at the Olde England Inn for the final get-together before the dawn of the millennium. The AGM went off very well with practically the same slate elected to serve as your new executive effective 25 January 2000. Thus, the incumbent board will have completed its one year term as of that date. The Vice-President-elect is Professor David Ruddy, well-known to long-time HSC members, having served as the Heraldry Society's president. Newly-arrived from Montreal, David has taken up residence in Victoria and his experience with the Society and knowledge of heraldry are a welcome asset for the Branch. Due to lack of time, the reporting to the members and the discussion and planning for the future had to be curtailed. Nevertheless, members (some we were happy to see, being accompanied) were able to enjoy a pre-luncheon drink and lunch, admire Laurie Patten's sketch of the Branch badge (on the cover and elsewhere) and his other hand-crafted heraldic work, and inspect Graham Anderson's letters patent appointing him Cowichan Herald Extraordinary.

Because the Branch operates too closely to the financial margin to insure its existence, it was the unanimous agreement that effective **1 January, 2000, membership dues are to be \$15.00 (US\$15.00 for those residing outside of Canada)**. Regrettably, the old scale of Branch dues of \$10.00 appears in the Society membership application. We need the extra \$5.00. Apart from the costs of printing this newsletter, postage, purchasing envelopes, labels and computer supplies have eaten into our modest resources. Even holding a meeting such as the AGM taxes our meagre coffers. Luckily, at this past AGM, a most generous member of the Branch executive picked up the bill for the coffee and our publisher graciously offered to provide envelopes once the current supply is used up, all for which we are grateful.

Approximately 100 extra copies were printed of the autumn newsletter with sixty mailed to various members of the HSC prior to the Society's own AGM in Ottawa last October. Unfortunately, those mailed to the President for handing out at the Society's AGM did not arrive in time, thanks to Canada Post's guaranteed delivery promise. Our trusty Treasurer has reminded me that to continue as we have this past year, I must think carefully whether or not our small treasury and the effort of continuing as a mini-heraldry society is sustainable. **To publish three newsletters each year, we must have \$1000. minimum at hand.** Simply put, since it is agreed we continue, then the funds must be in place. One way of ensuring our continued success is by attracting new members through our existing ones. A small financial contribution with each paid membership in favour of this Branch is worth thinking about for Members reap an extra benefit by way of a larger tax-receipt from the Society.

For year 2000, we plan on joining with the **Monarchist League of Canada** in staging a presence during Heritage Week at Hillside Mall, February 22-26 in Victoria. I will need your help to staff our modest effort. Apart from the February luncheon (details in enclosed notice) consideration, of mounting a semi-permanent exhibition in the lobby of the B.C. Archives and /or the Maritime Museum of British Columbia is also a possibility. The exposure to the many visitors to these institutions could prove most rewarding. Ideas for projects, offers of assistance and most important, **paying Branch membership dues** will receive our full attention.

Postscript: thanks to Shirley for her patience and help in putting *The Blazon* where it belongs... to bed. **REM**



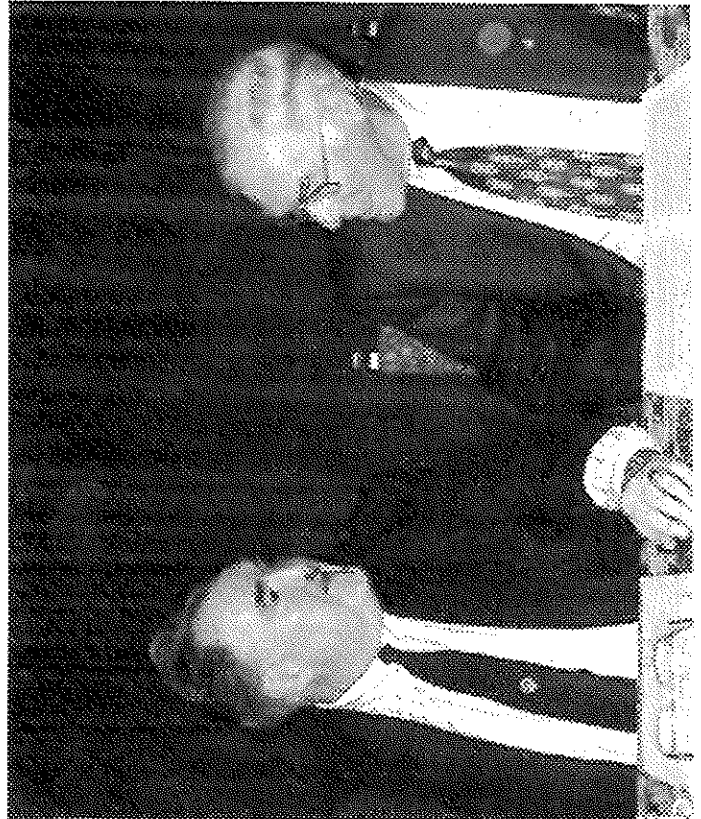
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AGM-NOVEMBER 1999
Olde England Inn

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Paul Loofs, Peter Gardner &
David Ruddy; Fred Gordon
& Alec Paton; Julie von
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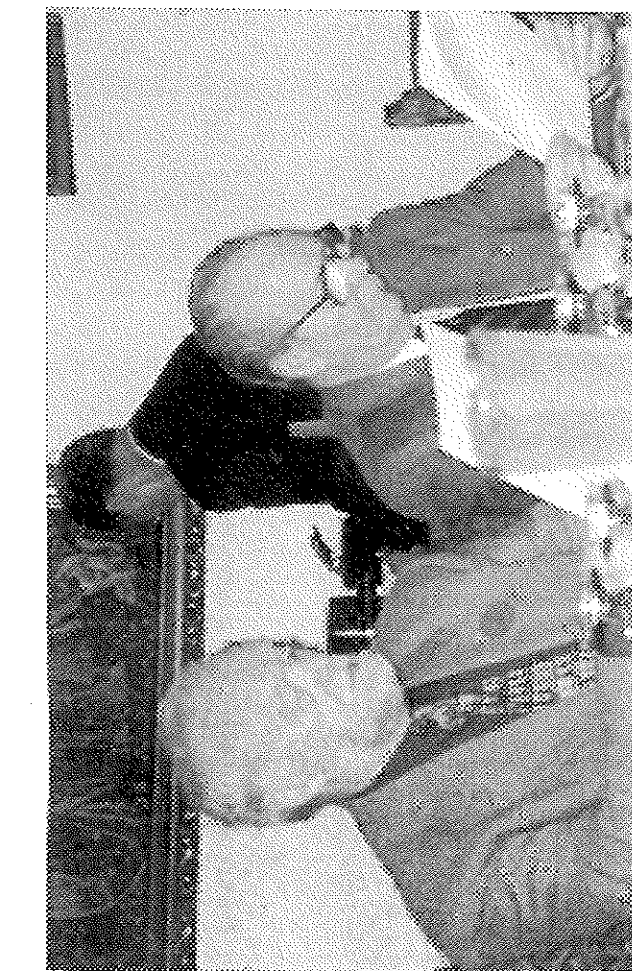
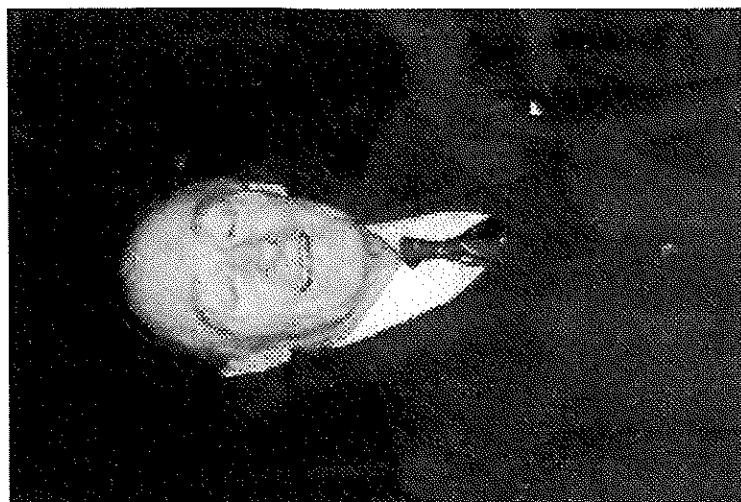
AGM-Old England Inn November '99

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LtoR: Fergus Macdowall
of Garthland orders "cheeze, pleeze";
Jean & Evan Petley-Jones;
Frank Herd-Ritter &
Graham Anderson;

The three wise-men; John Neroutsos,
Gary Mitchell & Dale Murray



PERSONAL ARMS-RT.HON. ADRIENNE CLARKSON C.C. C.M.M. C.D.

The Governor-General's presiding at a literary awards' ceremony at Rideau Hall last autumn was one of the first duties carried out by the newly appointed Queen's representative. Those present and some TV viewers may have noted that Her Excellency had as a backdrop, her own coat of arms. The design and Letters Patent were produced in record time by the Canadian Heraldic Authority following the Queen's proclamation, together with the Canadian Prime Minister's announcement that Adrienne Clarkson would be Romeo LeBlanc's successor. *Madame* (as she has chosen to be addressed) Clarkson's arms are a handsome design reflecting much of that which is most dear to her and her husband. A copy of H.E. armorials painted by Catherine Bursey-Sabourin, Fraser Herald, together with a description, were very kindly sent to us by Chief Herald Robert Watt. An abridged description is produced below.

The Shield: on a field of red (*Gules*) a golden (*Or*) phoenix rising from the flames represents H.E. family's roots in Southern China and her birth place of Hong Kong. This charge known as *feng huang* in Mandarin commemorates the fact that the Poi family arrived in Canada following the collapse of Hong Kong Christmas day 1941, with no money or possessions. The maple leaf proper (ie. In natural colour) within the flames relates to their beginning a new life in Canada. The Phoenix device, which shares much of the same symbolism in Chinese lore as Western ie. rebirth and re-creation, was proposed by Dr. Suan-Seh. Foo, a Toronto physician and member of the Society. The Governor-General's long career as a television journalist is represented by a lightening flash; the St. Edward's crown her appointment as the Queen's representative.

The Crest: a loon, one of the many

species of birds to be found in Georgian Bay is a reminder of where the G.G. and her husband have a cottage. It also signifies the viceregal couple's interest in preserving wildlife. The loon is depicted resting in a nest of trillium symbolizing not only her home province of Ontario but that of Her Excellency's Chinese first name. Flowing from a torse or wreath in gold and red is the mantle of the same colours (tinctures).



The Supporters and Compartment:: tigers are H.E. favourite animal and according to the Chinese astrological calendar, represent the year she was born. Their collars bear a cross on a plate as a symbol of her faith and derived from a badge granted H.E. by the
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Grant of Arms - THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA

As the first millennium drew to a close, John Aimers, founder and the Dominion Chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada, officially announced the granting of arms by the Governor-General to the League. The presentation ceremonies, to take place in Toronto on Accession Day (February 6th), involve a festive luncheon at the prestigious Albany Club, at which the Chief Herald will be present and noted *Globe & Mail* columnist Michael Valpy will be guest speaker.

Following the luncheon, a choral evensong of thanksgiving and presentation of the Letters Patent will take place at St. James Cathedral. Lieutenant-Governor the Hon. Hilary Weston, will officiate on behalf of Her Excellency the Governor-General. The Master of Massey College will give the address marking the League's 30th anniversary and the Queen's 48th year as monarch.

The newly acquired arms of the League are special in that they bear two crowns, one as a principal charge on the shield and the other as part of the crest. These armorials were designed by Society and Branch member Gordon Macpherson of Burlington, Ontario and were submitted to Her Majesty for her approval. A reproduction of the suggested arms were on display at the last Branch AGM and we will publish details of the blazon and the badge in the next newsletter.

Advisers on the acquisition of these arms were: Rev. Canon David Bowyer, Col. Strome Galloway, Darrel E. Kennedy, R.E. Meyer, Bruce Patterson and John B. Wilkes, all members of the Heraldry Society of Canada.

The Monarchist League of Canada was the inspiration of John Aimers when he was a young student in Montreal which he successfully launched on 23 February 1970. The League's membership is coast-to-coast with branches in all the major cities of each province..



(Personal arms-Governor-General-continued)

Anglican Church of Canada. The rocks and trees are very reminiscent of Georgian Bay as portrayed in paintings by several of the Group of Seven. **The Motto** at the base of the Compartment derived from a prayer translates as "May only truth be spoken, may only the truth be received through hearing".

The shield, surmounted on a circlet bearing the motto of the Order of Canada, has the badge of the Order suspended at its base. The Governor-General is Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order. As such, her arms could be depicted with the Chain of the Order during her viceroyalty although to our knowledge, this has never been done by past governors-general. **Her Excellency is the Patron of the Heraldry Society of Canada.**

HONOURS AND AWARDS-THE ORDER OF CANADA

WILLIAM CLARE WONDERS, CM, CD, M.A., Ph.D, FRSC, FRCGS

It was with great pleasure we received the news of Heraldry Society and Branch member Professor William Clare Wonders' appointment as Member in the Order of Canada. Described in the *Times-Colonist* as "a well-known and respected geographer", an understatement to say the least as Bill Wonders founded the University of Alberta's geography department, one of the largest in Canada. In addition, he is the inspiration behind the establishment of that university's Boreal Institute which studies the vast forest regions of Canada. It has since been renamed the Canadian Circumpolar Institute.

Our distinguished member has earned a reputation as an authority on geographical aspects of the Canadian North and is both a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and that of the Royal Society for Canada. In 1998 he received the Royal Geographical Society's prestigious Massey Medal...*"for outstanding personal achievement in advancing the development of geography as an academic discipline and in pioneering geographical research and publication on arctic and sub-arctic regions"* according to the wording of the citation. Professor Wonders' armorials were granted by the College of Arms in 1984 and in addition to a charge of a compass rose in the form of a mullet charged with a red maple leaf, bear the motto *Ad Boream* relating to his profession as a geographer and interest in the north in addition to which, his paternal family comes from Northumberland, northern England, and Edmonton, where the then most northern university was located in Canada's most northern major city.

His crest features the golden lion passant guardant of the City of Uppsala, Sweden whose ancient university awarded him an honorary doctorate. The thistle held in the dexter paw commemorates his fellowships in the Universities of Aberdeen and Edinburgh, which together with the red hands of Ulster, represent his Scots-Northern Irish maternal side of the family.

The Heraldry Society of Canada and especially his fellow members here in B.C. are very pleased that he has been recognised nationally and extend heartiest congratulations. Professor Wonders and Mrs. Wonders are residents of Oak Bay and suffice to say he has been a staunch supporter in the re-activation of this Branch.



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YORK HERALD OF ARMS



Calling all would-be Scots....including Sir Sean

Col. Strome Carmichael-Galloway, FHSC, Honorary Editor *Emeritus* of *Heraldry in Canada*, has written a new book titled *How to be Scottish: A guide for North Americans*. Since he is Bannerman to the 30th Chief of Clan Carmichael, possesses two different coats of arms from the Court of Lord Lyon, drinks single malt whisky, and until very recently visited Scotland at least once a year, his book should be as fresh as the dew on the banks of Loch Ness. Meanwhile, actor **Sir Sean Connery** last seen campaigning for an independent Scotland while wearing highland dancing shoes, formal white evening stock at his throat and a kilt half-way to his ankles, might do well by acquiring a copy of this amusing and informative book. The Beley Lecture at the Heraldry Society's 1999 Autumn AGM held in Ottawa, was given by Strome.



Col. A.S.A. Carmichael-Galloway, ED, CD, FHSC

Our distinguished Society member is the author of the coffee-table sized limited edition of *Beddoe's Canadian Heraldry* of which a small number are still available from the Heraldry Society although they have become a collector's item. A military historian of some renown and an authority on the Canadian participation in the Italian campaign of WW II, he also wrote *The White Cross*, a definitive history of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John in Canada.

As is the experience with many successful heraldists, Strome's wife Jean has been a great asset since she has a degree in journalism from the U of T. Prince Philip sent his personal message of congratulations to this Ottawa couple last year on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Heralds Extraordinary appointed and election of a new Society Fellow

**RODERICK GORDON MURDOCK
MACPHERSON, FHSC**
Niagara Herald Extraordinary

In a copy of *The Augustan* (circa 1968), a Scots baronet wrote a letter to the editor to the effect that one of the best heraldic artists in the British Commonwealth (he included the USA) was a Canadian by the name of Gordon Macpherson.

Many, many bookplates and letters-patent later, Geoff Heinrichs a columnist for a national newspaper commenting on Gordon's work wrote, "he is one of the foremost heraldic artists in the world" and "his style has been a major influence in Canada." Amen to all that.

Readers will enjoy some of those many bookplates which will be reproduced in *The Blazon* as an heraldic visual feast beginning with this issue. Gordon Macpherson is a Knight Justice in the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem and resides with his wife Nancy in Burlington, Ontario.

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GRAHAM LESLIE ANDERSON, FHSC
Cowichan Herald Extraordinary

The Rt.Hon. Romeo LeBlanc wrote Graham Anderson in July of last year stating "Your work as a consultant and your outgoing contribution to the development of Canadian Heraldry have been of a high standard. It is with pleasure, therefore, that I invite you to accept a commission as Cowichan Herald Extraordinary. This proposal is combined with warmest thanks for your heraldic work to date and best wishes for your continued involvement in this part of the national honours programme."

When *The Blazon* published the article *Heraldic Consultant Extraordinaire* (vol 2, No. 1) last autumn, we were not privy to the former governor-general's offer, nor was Graham until he returned from abroad. Acceptance of the appointment had to be kept confidential until it appeared in the *Canada Gazette*.

Those of our readers who do not know Graham personally will, from this article realise how great has been the contribution of this Branch's Heraldic Consultant to the heraldic heritage of our province and beyond. Graham Anderson is Principal Armorer for the Canadian Priory of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus and Jerusalem.

LAWRENCE JOHN PATTEN, Esq. , FHSC
Laurie Patten of Nanaimo has been appointed a Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Canada. He served in the postwar Royal Air Force before emigrating to Canada with his wife Lynn and joining the Society in 1977. He is a founding member of this Branch having served five years as its chairman. In addition to being a chief organizer of the Society's AGM in Victoria in 1990, was chairman of the AGM in Nanaimo in 1995.

Having practised the craft of heraldry all his adult life, he has designed and assisted in the acquisition of several grants of arms and works out of his studio in Nanaimo producing items of an heraldic nature from bookends to Pub signs. Laurie also receives commissions regularly

dealing with genealogical research from armigerous families.

He is only the fourth member of this Branch to receive a Fellowship in the Heraldry Society of Canada. The others are Irene Alexander, Robert Watt and Graham Anderson.



Anderson



Patten

A CHEEKY EDITORIAL-Millennium Madness and the Maple Leaf

Two years ago we published an article titled "*All it takes is a bit of cheek*" (Vol. 1 No. 1) in which a company called the **Custom House Currency Exchange** in Victoria was using a form of the Royal arms for Canada. Ironically, this firm occupied the same building as the Canadian Customs and Excise office, the Canadian Immigration Services and the then Secretary of State. Nothing has changed except the Currency Exchange now uses only the crest of Canada's Royal arms rather than the entire achievement. In a subsequent article, *The Blazon* outlined the penalties, among other things, prescribed by the Trade Marks Act for such transgressions (*The unlawful use of lawful arms-Vol. 2, No. 1*). Now we note a firm in Toronto styling itself **Federal Auction Service Inc.** is sporting a version of St. Edward's crown in its logo. The small bottom line print in their advertisement states that "Federal Auction Service Inc. is not a Government Agency". And naturally, front and centre is our emblem dear, the maple leaf forever.

Elsewhere, an item in the *National Post* last November informed readers the Chrétien government's **Federal Identity Program (FIP)** was in shambles because too many of the country's 160 departments and federally funded agencies were refusing to conform to adopting a single corporate identity. Seems by doing so, warm and positive feelings of tax-payers towards their government would evolve. And the magic symbol? You guessed it, another red maple leaf, this time appearing over the last letter "a" in Canada.

Regardless of the costs to applying this to every piece of writing paper, instruction, bill-of-lading, vehicle, sign board, the Department of National Defence will also attach the "wordmark" (*sic.*) on some 59,000 uniforms of CF personnel. Due consideration, we are assured, will be given to whether it's appropriate to have it on camouflage clothing but D.N.D. will display the logo on its buildings and other

real estate as well as on CF internet sites. Canada Post, the article states, will place this little beauty on 27,000 mailboxes, 48,500 grey relay boxes and 63,500 community mail boxes as well as at 6,500 retail outlets. Since Canada Post is already in the process of spending \$8-million to change its existing *Poste/ Mail* to *Postes Canada/Canada Post*, it means the word Canada will appear at least three times on each and every item in their receptacle inventory!

Thus, in the unlikely event an illegal immigrant or two, or three becomes confused as to the country they are in, they need only proceed to the nearest truck/*camion*, or building/*édifice*, and ask of the first employee/*employé*, they encounter of our/*nôtre* government/*gouvernement* confirmation that indeed, they have not been cast upon the inhospitable shores of Australia or the USA, but those of CANADA.

And that's just two departments of government folks with 158 more departments and agencies to go! For example, there's Fisheries and Oceans with 3,500 personnel, 200 vessels, 1,500 vehicles and 2,900 buildings which must conform. According to the *National Post* article, "so determined is the push for conformity that the Treasury Board even wrote to the then governor-general Roméo LeBlanc, the Queen's representative in Canada, to remind his officials about the importance of displaying the "correct Canadian symbols."

To quote Shakespeare, "what other discourse of reason" may lurk in the minds of Ottawa's bureaucrats? Meanwhile, back at the Custom House Currency Exchange and at the Federal Auction Service, it's business as usual.



St. Edward's
Crown



PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE - VICTORIA

Last mid-October, on a very sunny afternoon, the B.C./Yukon Branch Patron presented certificates honouring four of our esteemed members.

As announced in the last newsletter, they were: Mrs. **Irene Alexander**, *FHSC*, the Hon. **Robert Rogers**, OC, OBC (a past Lieutenant-Governor of this province), Mr. **Melvin Smith**, *QC*, former Deputy Provincial Secretary & Deputy Minister of B.C. and Mr. **Robert Watt**, *FHSC*, the Chief Herald of Canada. All were participants in the acquisition of a lawful augmentation of a coat of arms for B.C. presented to Mr. Rogers by H.M. the Queen in 1987.

Held in the drawing room of Government House, Victoria, the Lieutenant-Governor, resplendent in short coat, decorations and striped trousers, delivered a speech of welcome before presenting illuminated certificates, after which a small reception with musical accompaniment was held. Her Honour, **Mrs Gardom** was hostess for the event.

Graham Anderson, the Branch's heraldic consultant, fulfilled his first duty as newly-appointed Cowichan Herald Extraordinary, read the citations ably assisted by Cdr. **Peter Gardner**. Peter had designed and drawn up the certificates, beautifully watermarked with the arms of the Heraldry Society of Canada and imprinted with those of the three principal officers of the Branch, (all in

colour) whose signatures were also appended. At the conclusion, **Rean Meyer** presented Lieutenant-Governor Gardom with a similar certificate commemorating completion of His Honour's second year as Branch Patron.

Irene Alexander, the first to be presented to the viceregal couple, wore her Fellowship badge of the Society in the form of a bow in the HSC colours of red and white with suspended pendant, a most attractive arrangement. The private secretary, Inspector **Herb LeRoy**, late of the RCMP and programmes director Mrs. **Isabelle Harris**, together with other members of the household staff, insured in every way that the afternoon was a successful one, which it most certainly was.

Both **Mrs. Rogers** and **Mrs. Smith** accompanied their husbands and some members of the Branch executive with spouses were also in attendance. A letter was received from His Honour by the Branch president in which the Lieutenant-Governor reiterated how much he and Mrs Gardom had enjoyed the afternoon.

REM



LESLIE BENNETT EXCELL, ESQUIRE

We regret to announce the death last June of Leslie Excell of Victoria. Mr. Excell joined our Branch in 1998 but was never able to attend any functions due to ill health. He was a former member of the B.C. Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. His ancestral arms on the paternal side of his family were recorded during the herald's 1623 visitation of Tisbury in the county of Wiltshire and it was these arms used as a basis that he petitioned the Canadian Heraldic Authority for his personal grant. These were presented in person to Mr. Excell by the Chief Herald at the latter's home in Broadmead. These arms now pass to his son Brian of Nanaimo. Condolences on behalf of the Branch and the Chief Herald were passed to Mrs. Excell by the President.

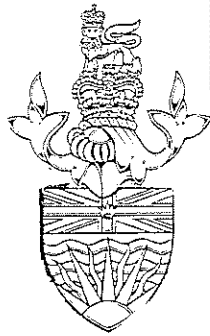


**Viceregal Reception Government House
Victoria-October 1999
Honorary members entertained**

**This page Left to Right: Isabelle Harris
of Viceregal staff & Rean Meyer; Capt.
David Price, ADC & Hon. Robt. Rogers;
Her Honour Mrs Gardom & Mrs Rogers**

**Facing page Left to Right: Mel Smith with
Herb. LeRoy (Viceregal Secretary) & Mrs
Smith; Graham Anderson & Major Alex.
Greenwood; RobbWatt, Mrs Irene Alexander
receive certificates of honorary membership
from Branch Patron, Hon. Garde Gardom**

Photos: *The Blazon* & Government House



A lot of feed-back received over the editorial comment appearing in the last copy of *The Blazon* and the media in general about the viceregal edict to tame the Rideau lion. Readers will recollect it was **The Heraldry Society of the United Kingdom** which noted the changes in its March 1999 newsletter, *The Heraldry Gazette*. Strange as it may seem, Canadian heraldic enthusiasts were caught napping, only to come awake when apprised of His Excellency's unusual comments during a private visit to Louisiana! The president of the B.C./Yukon Branch wrote immediately to the *National Post* which with a little urging, published his letter some three weeks after the fact. In the interval, the rival *Globe and Mail* aired the subject in much more detail with follow-up letters from discerning readers, even though it was the *Post* which broke the story in Canada (along with its sister paper *The Citizen*, of Ottawa).

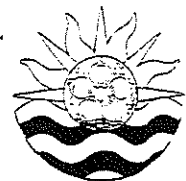
Our *Blazon* editorial was reprinted in *The Gonfanon* (also of Ottawa) and *Canadian Monarchy News (CMN)* of Oakville. Many members of the Monarchist League of Canada in agreement with our own feelings over this matter, were able to read a rather lengthy Rideau Hall-inspired defence of M. LeBlanc's actions in the *CMN*. This last stated "the Governor-General possesses a full and unimpaired right to *request* a restyling of his emblem..." (Italics are ours). As already reiterated many times over, the Royal crest for Canada is not "his" to do with whatsoever. We would hope the CHA advised correctly, a governor-general unlearned in the matter of heraldry. However, according to *CMN*, the advice given His Excellency was that there was no impediment to a restyling of the "viceregal lion".

If this is indeed so, then one can only wonder what fanciful whims of change lie in the future as the article goes on to state, "It may be that in time further modifications to the emblem will be made." Obviously, the possibility for more tinkering can be anticipated, M. LeBlanc having already planted the seeds for change.

Further to the subject, members at the Society's AGM in Ottawa last October, passed a resolution, followed by a letter from President **Jean Matheson** to the newly-appointed governor-general protesting the unwarranted treatment of Her Majesty's crest for Canada. The Heraldry Society is not in accord with the explanation featured in the *CMN*. Nor is Liberal Senator **Anne Cools**, who in an impassioned speech delivered in the Senate Chamber last December, referred to the surreptitious actions of her government regarding the chipping away at the foundation of the Canadian system of constitutional monarchy. To support her allegations, the Senator cited the *National Post* letter (referred to elsewhere in this edition of *The Blazon*). The Cartoonist **Michael De Adder** of *The Hill Times* has it right (unfortunately) when it comes to lampooning what Canadians shall remember best about Roméo LeBlanc's tenure of Rideau Hall.

Not all is gloom, however. A refreshing new wrinkle in this lion business occurred in the installation of the newly appointed Governor-General and at Her Excellency's first opening of Parliament. Her landau flew the viceregal flag. It was gratifying to note the lion in this instance was the proper one, frown, snarl, scarlet tongued and clawed, possessing what we shall modestly refer to as the necessities for any self-respecting king of the jungle. As one Branch member commented: "Since the RCMP no longer are identified with Disney Enterprises, neither should the Queen's representative." To which we respond, "right on!"

The Editor



INSTALLATION –THE 26th GOV.-GEN.

A Branch member watching the swearing-in of the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson last November commented on the coats of arms of the thrones in the Senate chamber where the ceremony took place. As we know, the Parliament buildings were destroyed by fire in 1916 and rebuilt and occupied by 1920. The viceroy's throne chair bears the hand-carved painted personal Royal arms of the Sovereign (of Great Britain) whereas the consort's smaller chair has what may be the arms of HRH Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria and wife of the Marquess of Lorne, a governor-general circa. 1878 or those of her brother the **Duke of Connaught**, governor-general 1911-1916. Both arms are identical with the escutcheon of Saxony (bar of ten Or and Sable, a crown of rue in bend Vert) very visible. However, the telling is in the differencing of the label in each case. Time did not allow us to verify which with the Lady Usher of the Black Rod.

A smaller throne chair is placed directly in front of the thrones for the Speaker. It displays the Royal arms for Canada, the three maple leaves at the base tinctured Vert (green) rather than Gules (red) thus adhering to the original blazon granted by Geo. V in 1921.

Most regrettably, the Chief Herald and other members of the CHA had no visible role in the ceremonial of either the installation of Her Excellency or in the opening of Parliament that followed. After more than ten years of dedicated service the time has come for the Canadian Heralds to be seen on such occasions, as is the custom in London and Edinburgh. Chains of office should also be a major consideration. We would like to hear your opinion.

The Editor



Meanwhile, back at the Hall....

by Michael De Adder

reprinted from *The Hill Times*



by Michael De Adder

CANADIAN CADENCY MARKS

by the Editor

We received two beautiful examples of coats of arms in full colour together with examples of cadency marks, according to Canadian heraldic practise. They are the arms of Commander Evan Petley-Jones of Nanaimo, B.C., his children's and grandchildren's; and those of H/ Col. Bernard Finestone of Montreal and his two sons.

PETLEY- JONES

These represent Evan's descent from two British armigerous families, the Petleys of Riverhead, Kent and the Jones's of Fronfraith near Montgomery, Powys, Wales. The arms of these two families can still be seen in the parish churches of Riverhead and Seven Oaks, Kent; and of Montgomery in Wales. This branch of the Jones family dates back to Cadrod, Earl of Northampton to Cynan, King of North Wales who died in 1059 and Llewelyn (the Great) Prince of Wales (1172-1240). Evan's mother's side (Petley of Riverhead) trace their lineage to a 14th century ancestor and marriages to one Robert Bouchier (1349) and Edward III (1312-1377).

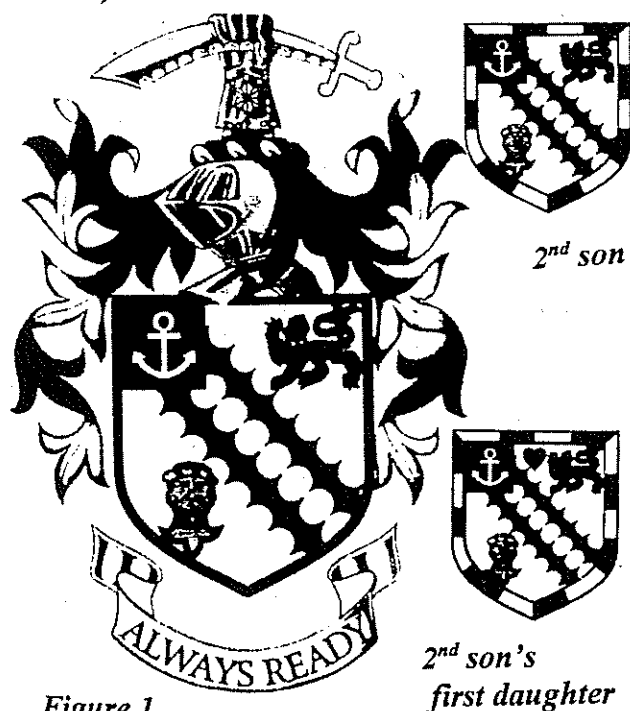


Figure 1

The three generations of the Canadian Petley-Jones branch's differenced arms are most attractive and as Evan writes, may be unique in the short history of the Canadian Heraldic Authority (CHA). Evan and Jean's eldest son has the traditional heir's three pointed label tinctured Gules. Their two other sons use a bordure compony Or and Sable and a bordure compony Argent and Sable respectively, an unusual adaption of Scottish heraldic practise, rather than cadency marks of second and third sons as generally accepted (*Figure 1*).

Their granddaughters have their shields differenced with the marks devised for female armigers by the CHA featured in an article of *THE BLAZON* earlier (Spring Vol. 2, No. 2). Evan's long career in the Royal Canadian Navy is commemorated by Sable an anchor Or appearing on the shields of succeeding generations. The lion passant Gules is armed and langued Sable, an unusual feature where red lions usually have blue claws and tongues (this will interest Dr. Num who E-mailed us on this subject last autumn).

FINESTONE

Bernard Finestone's armorials bear symbols relating to a distinguished career in his profession, eg: (three bezants-he is the 3rd generation in his family's firm of insurance underwriters and gold coins are to be found on the shields of armigers with backgrounds in commerce of one kind or another), his military service (a cougar rampant Argent-B.C. Dragoons-the Italian campaign where he was seriously wounded) and his Jewish faith (a Menorah Argent).

The arms of Bernard and Rita's two sons (*Figure 2*) are differenced as follows: the shield of the eldest bears a label Argent of three points whereas the other son has a borduer Or for differencing. The original grant received from the Heraldic Authority in 1994, is most attractive from the point of the

(Cadency Marks-continued)

variance in the tinctures. An unusual aspect in this regard is the mantling and torse being of different colours from the blazon of the arms ie. The mantle is Azure lined Or whereas the shield is Gules bearing a cougar Argent and three bezants.

Since a blazon or description of arms was not included, it would be interesting to learn why the variance in livery colours. Nevertheless, an additional tincture tends to please the eye. The main charge on the shield is carried over in a demi-form to the crest and described by Bernard as "the Regimental beast of the British Columbia Dragoons" of which he is Honorary Colonel. The cougar in the crest is gorged with a collar from which a mailed fist of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps is suspended in pendant form.

The silver candelabrum in the dexter paw of the cougar on the shield features seven lighted candles. The *Concise Oxford Dictionary* definitely states a Menorah has seven candles, but *Funk & Wagnall* stipulates nine. However, the nine candle Menorah is used especially in conjunction with Hanukkah. Bernard, a McGill University gold-medalist, has also served in recent years as a deputy chairman of the Montreal Port Authority.

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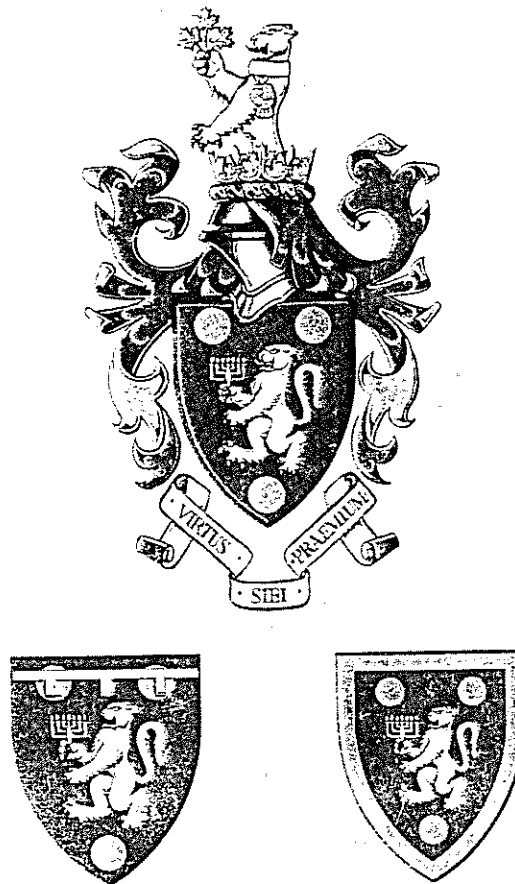


Figure 2

HITS AND MISSES... The Summer/Autumn newsletter continued to test the attention span and vision of readers with gratifying results: Professor **Bill Wonders** congratulated the editor on "an interesting and attractively produced publication" with the gentle reminder that his second name is spelled **Clare**; **Terry McCullough** corrected the number of members of the Branch who belong to the Order of Malta as being three ie.. herself, His Honour **George Lynch-Staunton** and **Tony de Cosson**. She also rightfully pointed out that Mr de Cosson is "quite anciently armigerous" and *thus* rates an asterisk preceding his name. Interestingly, Terry commenting on the matriculation of her impaled arms mentioned that her ancestral arms were registered in the Visitation of Pembroke in 1603, although family lore has it they were granted by Llewellyn the Great, possibly in 1212 and augmented by Henry V after Agincourt. **Jamie and Ruth MacKendrick** rightfully pointed out that the ditty *My father knew Lloyd-George, etc.* was sung to the tune of *Onward Christian Soldiers*, not *Land of Hope and Glory*. And **Strome Galloway** chided the editor for misspelling one of the surnames in the doggerel *Double or Not* and that the figures in the caption of *Outrage at Egerton Hall* should have read "19,0 and 0" ie for the year 1900. An apostrophe "s" inadvertently appeared in the name of **Robert Rogers** mentioned in the article on Branch honorary members. And we really do know how to spell *extraordinary* regardless of what appeared on the cover of *The Blazon*. **Peter Gardner** was appointed to the Council, not the Grand Council of St. Lazarus and **Jean Matheson's** maiden name is spelled **Moffatt** with two ts. Need we say more? We trust similar examples in subsequent copies of the Branch newsletter will become increasingly difficult to detect. Meanwhile, thanks for participating.

The Editor

Debates of the Senate

Wednesday, December 1, 1999

The Honourable Anne Cools, a staunch defender of the Canadian Monarchy, spoke in the Senate to changes proposed by Sen. John Lynch-Staunton, in the way Parliamentary bills are given Royal Assent. In doing so, Sen. Cools quoted from a letter written by this Branch's president as an example of how bit by bit, step by step, the Government in Ottawa is eliminating not only the Royal prerogative, but also that which accompanies it. An objection was raised from a fellow Liberal senator over the use of "minions" as quoted by Sen. Cools from our letter. His objection was that it was an offensive word not to be used in the Senate chamber. Abridged extracts from *Debates of the Senate* of Wednesday December 1, 1999 appear below.

Sen. Cools: Hon. Senators, in September there were media reports about the outgoing Governor-General Romeo LeBlanc's actions on the viceregal crest.....The President of the Heraldry Society of Canada, B.C. Yukon Branch, Rean Meyer wrote to the *National Post* on Sept. 8, 1999 (she reads from this letter, the content of which is much the same as has appeared in other publications, including this newsletter, and by other critics of LeBlanc's actions-*Editor*).

Hon. Eymard G. Corbin: Honourable senators....., (he proceeds to comment on use of word "minion" and quotes from *Concise Oxford Dictionary*... "a noun meaning a servile agent; a slave: second meaning: a favourite servant, animal; third meaning, a favourite of a sovereign, in the sense of the French "mignon"). Sen. Corbin continues: "Our Parliamentary practice (has) always prohibited slanderous remarks on the person of the Queen and the Governor-General. Surely this ought to extend to the house staff of Her Majesty or, indeed the Governor-General" and "I wonder if Senator Cools would not(sic) want to withdraw that word.....I do not think we should speak of the staff and servants of the residence of the Governor-General with that kind of bias."

Sen. Cools did not agree with her colleague's reasoning nor, as it turns out, neither did the Senate Speaker. The following appeared in the Ottawa publication of Parliamentary activities:

'THE HILL TIMES Monday, December 13, 1999

HEY, IF IT WALKS LIKE A MINION AND TALKS LIKE A MINION

How to be a minionnaire...The use of the word "minions" to describe staff at Rideau Hall doesn't sit well with New Brunswick Liberal Senator **Eymard Corbin** even if it's taken from a direct quote. "Our Parliamentary practice always prohibited slanderous remarks on the person of the Queen and the Governor General," he said. Ontario Liberal Senator **Anne Cools** had used the word in quoting from a letter by **Rean Meyer**, president of the Heraldry Society of Canada in B.C., describing staff of former Governor General **Jeanne Sauvé** as minions. Even though she made it clear

the words weren't hers, Sen. Corbin said, "Nevertheless, we must choose our words carefully." That prompted a few well-chosen words by Sen. Cools in concluding, "I have not been able to glean, in anything that Sen. Corbin has said, what his question to me is, but as an act of graciousness on my part, I will decline to respond to what he has said." Ouch! Senate Speaker **Gil Molgat** ruled later that the term "minion" is not an offensive term in its general use. He had consulted several dictionaries before making the ruling. Why not have his minions do it?

Elsewhere, we made mention of the colours of the mantling in a coat of arms being different than those of the livery used on the shield (arms of **Finestone**). Another recent example at variance with what we have grown used to occurred last year at the presentation of arms to Clent Parish, Worcestershire, England. The armorials, a millennium project for this ancient parish which appeared in the Domesday book are blazoned "Argent on a Saltire Vert between four Torteaux (Gules) a Shackle of four Chains saltirewise the ends terminated in four broken Fetters Or." Thus we deduce the principle colours are silver and red. However, in describing the crest mention is made of it resting upon a "Helm with a *Wreath Or and Vert* and Mantled *Gules* doubled *Argent*". So, what we have different from the Finestone example is a *crest and a Torse* of a different metal (Or) and colour (Vert) which compliment the green saltire and gold chains on the shield.

Arthur Foxe-Davies wrote that examples of Plantagenet Garter plates were evidence the colours of the torse seemed to have had little or no compulsory relation to the livery colours of the arms (remembering legend has it the torse is derived from items of dress of young maidens in support of their favoured jousting knight). He speculated the colours in the wreath were possibly also taken from these very same favours in touraments or may have represented family colours displayed in the livery worn by the knights' servants or retainers. He goes on to state that contemporary (circa.1904) English and Irish grants of arms were not specific except for mentioning "the crest being on a *wreath of the colours*" whereas in Scots heraldic practise the wording "and upon a wreath of *his liveries* is set for crest" was used.

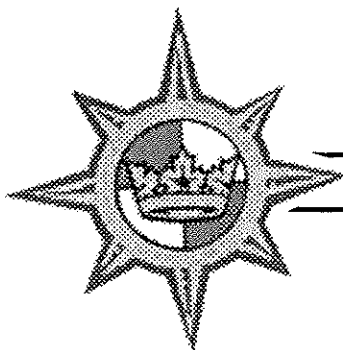
From this he decided that originally the wreath or torse was shown in the colours of the property of the armiger ie. as evidenced in the dress of servants, etc. Since new families were coming into prominence with no liveries to inherit, the procedure was reversed and such persons chose the tinctures detailed in their grants of arms as *family colours*. He concludes: "The natural consequence would be in such cases that the torse, being in unison with the livery, was also in unison with the arms" and, "...that it has become a fixed, unalterable rule in British heraldry that the torse shall be of the principal metal and the principal colour of the arms."

Were he alive I believe Arthur Charles Foxe-Davies would approve of the attractiveness and variance in metals and colours of the two recent grants mentioned above, one from the College of Arms and one from the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

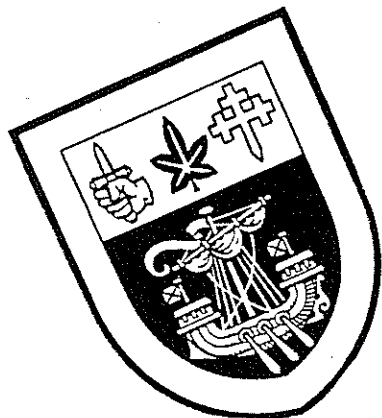
Another feature which is a departure from heraldry as I know it, is the granting of a silver label to the blazon of the eldest son and heir to Bernard Finestone's arms. This is unusual in that custom under the English laws of cadency, silver labels of three points are reserved for the children of the Monarch, who just happens to be ours as well. *Their children* are granted labels of five points. These royal labels, in each instance, also bear a mark of distinction usually repeated on the points of the label.

According to Neubecker, the points are most always white (ie. Argent) and although he does not state the reason, it is because white stands out better than silver against the tinctures of the shield. These very same labels are carried over to the supporters and borne on the crest.. However, I digress. One wonders if the use of an Argent label on a Canadian grant is an intentional aberration or merely an oversight on the part of the CHA. My understanding is that the silver labels were first used on the shields of children of a past Deputy Herald Chancellor at Rideau Hall early on during the formation of the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

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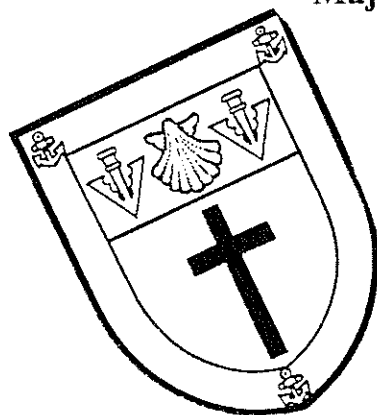


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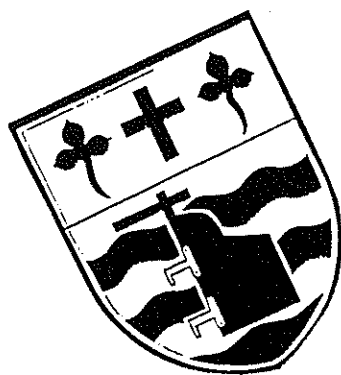
R.G.M. Macpherson, *FHSC, FRSA, FSA(Scot)*

Gordon is the Genealogist of the Ven. Order of St. John as well as a Knight Justice in the Order. He retired as V.P. of Dominion Securities, is Dean of Fellows of the HSC and works closely with the Canadian Heraldic Authority in designing and painting armorials for petitioners. His bookplates are known worldwide for their magnificent detail. Following WW II., he served as an officer in the RCNVR. His arms granted by the Lord Lyon in 1955.



Major Terrence C. Manuel, CD, *FHSC*

Terry Manuel of Ottawa is a past president of the HSC and was a principal in the drive to establish a Canadian heraldic office. He was one of the five survivors of a Carley float from *HMCS Esquimalt*, sunk in action in 1945. He later served in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (M). He is a Knight Justice of the Order of St. John and an Officer in the Order of St. Lazarus. His arms granted by the Lord Lyon in 1975.



Prof. Emeritus David Daniel Ruddy

Dr. Ruddy is a past president of the HSC and former professor at *le College militaire Royal (CMR)*, St. Jean. He served in the USN but was attached to the RN during WW II. He is a Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and a Knight Commander of Justice of St. Lazarus. Having retired recently in Victoria, he was elected Branch vice-president at the last AGM. His arms are of Irish origin.

TALES OF OUR TIME

Inquiry shows Belfast clan chief is bogus

by Damian McNeice

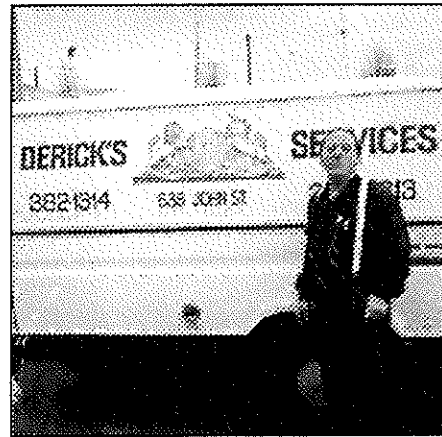
Would the real *MacCarthy Mor* please step forward? The Genealogical Office in Dublin has stripped Terrence McCarthy of his title following a two-year investigation into his pedigree. The Belfast man was granted recognition as an Irish chieftain in 1991 but has now been branded an imposter.

Brendan O'Donoghue, the Republic's Chief Herald, has told McCarthy that his register of ancestors is "without genealogical integrity" and an earlier decision to accord him recognition as *MacCarthy Mor* (head of the clan) was invalid. A rival claim to the title of one Barry Trant-McCarthy, a retired accountant from Wiltshire, England, is now being assessed. "Having conducted extensive inquiries, I am satisfied that there were serious inconsistencies in the claims he (McCarthy) was making," said O'Donoghue.

Since receiving official recognition, McCarthy, the son of a Belfast dance teacher, has been given dozens of decorations by leaders of foreign countries and royal families. He was received by Mary Robinson, the former president (of Ireland). The rejection of McCarthy's claim casts doubt on titles granted by him to friends in America. Among the 400 members of his order of chivalry is General William Westmoreland, commander (of U.S. Forces) in the Vietnam war.

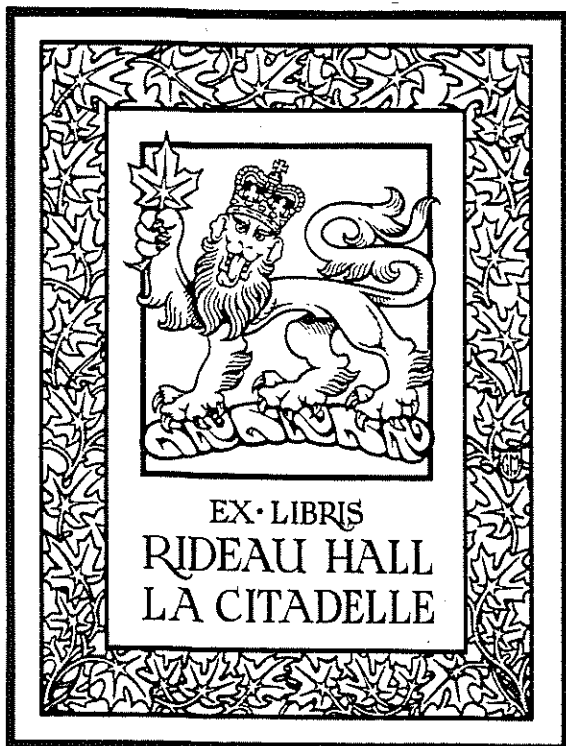
Editor's note: *We are indebted to Cyril Woods of Toronto for the above and a subsequent article published as a follow-up; and to the Irish Genealogical Office for access to a statement issued by it on this matter. Subsequently, the Dublin based Genealogical Office requested assistance of the Gardai (national Irish police) in investigating threats to the well-being of the*

Chief Herald posted on the Internet by a group calling itself the Royal Galloglas. It claims to be "the duly sworn bodyguard" of the deposed chieftain. We also thank Col. Strome Galloway who co-incidentally sent us copies of coats of arms of eleven American recipients of titles from this person. Mr. McCarthy's own arms have since been invalidated by the Chief Herald (of Ireland) and the former is reported to have retired to Morocco for health reasons. The above information appeared in editions of The Sunday Times July 25 1999 with follow-up August 15, 1999.



**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.

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HAPPENINGS... **Graham Anderson** was appointed Cowichan Herald Extraordinary by H.E. Romeo LeBlanc prior to the latter stepping down as Governor-General. Graham's place of residence?... *The Cowichan Arms*, where else? Joining Graham in this rare honour was **Gordon Macpherson** of Burlington, Ont. appointed Niagara Herald Extraordinary on the same occasion. Gordon was also nominated dean of Fellows of the Heraldry Society of Canada. **Dr. Tom Yarrington** (BGen. USAF Ret'd) Commander of Western Priory, hosted the Chapter-General of the Grand Priory of America, for the Order of St. Lazarus in Seattle in which members from many parts of the world including Canada and especially this province, gathered.

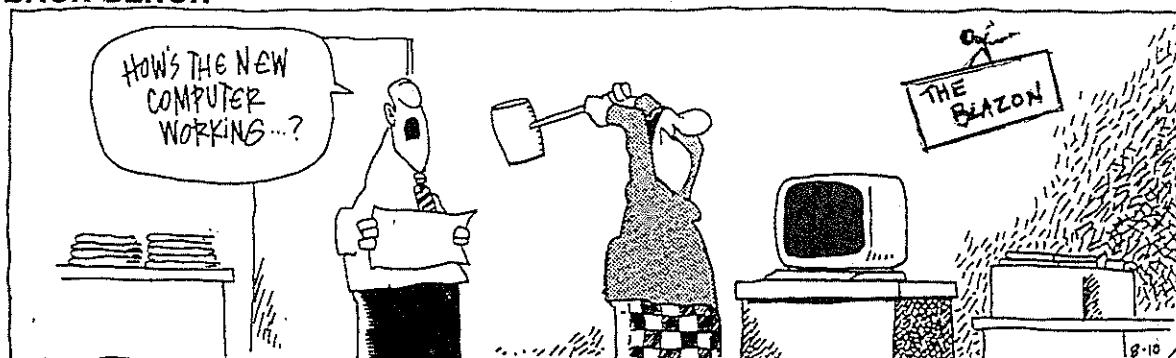
Rean Meyer assumed the appointment of Hon. Secretary of the Victoria & City District of Victoria, B.C. Coastal Region of the Canadian Red Cross. **Duncan Philips** of Ottawa has retired as Priory Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Ven. Order of St. John. Prior to his departure, was made a Commander of Merit in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. Duncan recently received his personal arms from the CHA. **Terry and Francis McCullough** of North Vancouver were front and centre during the October installation of new knights in the Order of Malta held at the Basilica in Vancouver. **Cyril Woods** was admitted to the Ven. Order of St. John as a Serving Brother.

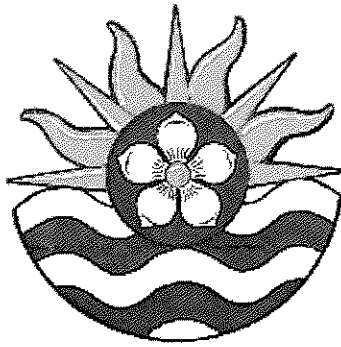
Paul Loofs returned from Norway following a visit on behalf of the German War Graves Commission of which he is a member, just in time to embark on one of his medical pilgrimages to Honduras after which it was off to Australia. **Jean Matheson** was re-elected to another term as President of the Heraldry Society of Canada at the Society's AGM while durable **John Wilkes** soldiers on as Society Secretary and one of the prime movers of *A Canadian Heraldic Primer*. John has been of great assistance to our Branch. His late father was one of the original members of the HSC.

Peter Gardner was recognized towards the end of the year with a Life Membership in the Certified Management Accountant Association. Branch Director **Laurie Patten**, a long-time HSC member, has been elected a Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Canada. This is another well deserved, long-overdue award recognising Laurie's heraldic expertise and knowledge. **Lynn Patten** also deserves mention for the past and on-going support she has given the B.C. & Yukon Branch. Our friend in Calgary **David Watson** was invested with the Governor-General's Caring Award by the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson in late October.

So ended 1999 and began the year 2000

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