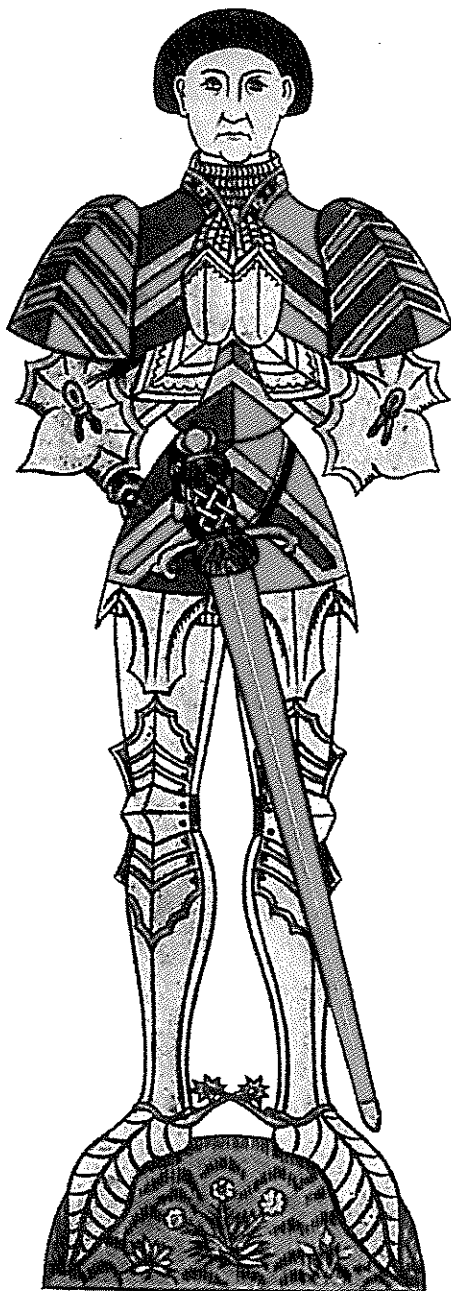


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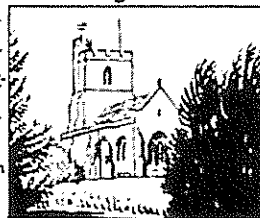


THIS effigy is from the fine brass in Broxbourne Church, Hertfordshire, of Sir John Say & his first wife, made at her death in 1473. He was a Lancastrian in the Wars of the Roses (1455-85) but later went over to the Yorkists and was 3 times Speaker of the House of Commons. He died in 1478.

Say is in complete Gothic armour—a modern term for armour of the later 15th century, when it attained its highest perfection. He wears a mail gorget over which is the Yorkist collar of suns & roses. His elbow-cops are shown of an exaggerated size and are attached by arming points (short-tagged laces) while his gauntlets are formed of ridged plates & cuffs, with flexible defences for the fingers. His tight-fitting armorial tabard (or surcoat) hides his breast- & back-plates & laminated fauld (or skirt) to which are hinged the fluted thigh-pieces called tassels seen below. Note his pointed sabatons & long spurs—also his tasselled sword and the new fashion of wearing it.

Sir John's curious arms are enamelled on the brass; (otherwise uncoloured) & are blazoned 'Per pale azure & gules, 3 chevrons or, voided counterchanged of the field, that is, perpendicularly divided into blue & red halves, 3 gold gable-shaped bars with the centres removed & oppositely coloured to the ground.'

Broxbourne Church is a fine structure of early 15th century date.



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Subscribers to *The Baronage Press* web page will be happy to know their excellent news letter [h#p://www.baronage.co.uk](http://www.baronage.co.uk) is up and running and can be seen at: feudalherald11@baronage.co.uk. It has had all sorts of obstacles placed before it including threats of legal action by unscrupulous purveyors of false titles and coats of arms whom they have exposed. Nearer home, Lieutenant-Commander **John Domotor** returned to CFB Esquimalt from the Persian Gulf having served as chaplain aboard HMCS Winnipeg during its six-month ops tour enforcing the embargo on Iraq. The retirement of the Branch's Patron, the Hon. **Garde Gardom** took place on 25 September. His Honour's successor as Lieutenant-Governor is the Hon. **Iona Campagnolo** of Courtenay. **Ralph Brocklebank** of Worcestershire, will attend the annual Conference of the HSC/SHC in Ottawa as will Cowichan Herald Extraordinary **Graham Anderson** of Cowichan Bay. **Kevin & Chris Greaves** of Hamilton visited Victoria and Nanaimo recently where they met HSC Branch members; Col. **Jack & June Frazer** have a new grandson and for whom they have petitioned for a differencing of Jack's own arms. **Lord Chatfield**, acting in his capacity as Honorary Chairman, presided at the inaugural of the Royal Jubilee Heraldry Exhibition Committee meeting. Col. **George Lynch-Staunton** of Qualicum Beach continued with the task of anchoring the West Coast effort on behalf of the **Juno Beach Appeal** commemorating the part Canadian servicemen and women performed in World War II. Chancellor **Robert Langdon** of St. John's officiated at the September investiture held in Vancouver for the Ven. Order of St. John and St. John's Ambulance Brigade members; **Fergus Macdowal** of Garthland and North Saanich, married **Sandy MacLellan Peck** of Victoria, former daughter-in-law of the late Col. Cy Peck, V.C. and Mrs Peck of Sidney. [continued on page 17]

The front cover: do the events of September 11th mean the West is embarking on the ninth Crusade? The effigy of Sir John Say [d. 1478] in Broxbourne Church, Hertfordshire reminds us of the age of Chivalry, a world unknown to terrorists, wherever they may be found.

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The President's Corner

A time for reflection

On the morning of September 11th, I was on the telephone at 6 AM with the printer back in Cambridge, Ontario. We were discussing the corrections to the galley proofs of *Heraldry in Canada* of which I am the editor. Neither of us was aware of the horrific events which were occurring at the very moment we were speaking. For the remainder of the morning, I went on working in my study blissfully and thankful that there were no calls, faxes or e-mails to distract me.

None that is until at 12:45 when Government House rang to say that due to the tragic events in New York, the farewell reception for His Honour, our Patron and Mrs. Gardom was postponed.

Having been born on December 7th and remembering the exact place and time of how I learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor, this otherwise, beautiful sunny day of 11 September will also be another of those occasions for reflection. It is not our place to be philosophical about these tragic events of that tragic Tuesday and these pages of your *Blazon* have a different purpose.

Just as those who read poetry, appreciate good music and enjoy well-written books, the heraldists' lot is far removed from that of the warped minds which planned and perpetrated the heinous acts of that fateful Tuesday.

Elsewhere, I wrote earlier of "exciting times" ahead for us of the BC/Yukon Branch. I might now add that these are also sad times.

To our American friends and members who may have suffered directly from the tragedies of New York City, Washington, DC or rural Pennsylvania, I extend our deepest and sincerest sympathy.

Exciting times ahead

Exciting times for us of the world of heraldry! This is especially true of this branch of The Heraldry Society for its

annual conference is to be held here in Victoria next year.

To add to the occasion, one of our Branch friends, that of the **Maritime Museum of BC**, will be staging a six-month exhibition of heraldry coinciding with the Queen's Golden Jubilee culminating with the presence of our members attending the annual conference. It is too early to list the sequence of



events but we hope to have the exhibition opened by Her Honour, the new Lieutenant-Governor, and closed by Her Excellency, the Governor-General, Patron of The Heraldry Society of Canada *la Société héraldique du Canada*. Wishful dreaming? Perhaps, but then why not!

It was a busy year in which we bid farewell to our Branch Patron, His Honour Garde Gardom and Mrs. Gardom of Government House, and welcomed the new Queen's representative for beautiful British Columbia, Her Honour Iona Campagnollo.

We wish to thank the Gardoms for the service they rendered our province and for their friendship and patronage of our Branch of the Society with encouragement from the Lieutenant-Governor when he learned about the planned heraldry exhibition.

Having been in Ottawa and Toronto last spring, I had an opportunity of seeing many old friends, some of whom were fellow directors during my term in the 1980s. It will also be a pleasure to meet with other heraldists at the forthcoming annual conference in Ottawa this October.

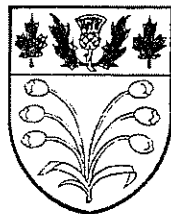
Much is going to be demanded of the members of this Branch in the coming 12

months. This October you will be asked to elect a new executive and that means my replacement as president and secretary. This change is essential as I will be working with the intention of making a success of the Jubilee Exhibition and the HSC 2002 Conference.

We must keep in mind this Branch will be hosts to members and their spouses, not just from BC, but from every province and to those travelling great distances from other countries. It is very important that all our guest leave Victoria with fond memories of the events of the occasion.

It has been a challenging and rewarding three½ years for which I thank all the members. The new executive taking effect January 1st, 2002 will also have its challenges to meet. I am confident this Branch will continue to flourish under its direction.

Paul Meyer



Editorial comment -

Medals, medals, everywhere, medals!

Together, with the proliferation of post nominal letters, the appearance of a multiplicity medal of ribbons on the breasts of Canadian service personnel is becoming common place. To soldiers, old and new, medals have special significance. They are indicators of that which one is (or was), and where one has been. In recent years, thanks to the many UN operations in which the Canadian Forces have participated with distinction, some are wearing as many ribbons as he (or she) has years of service.

Which begs a question? Why, for example, is the Korean conflict, during which no more than 13 months was actually spent in that theatre, favoured with three medals when many WW I veterans endured four years in the trenches and received the 1914-15 Star or if he enlisted after 1915, only the War Medal and the

Victory Medal? Compared to the Great War, WW II medal distribution was generous. Those who joined early earned the 1939-45 star. A front-line warrior might have been given two campaign medals plus the Defence, CVSM and War Medals. To veterans of the 'big wars,' present day largesse must appear an over indulgence.

Then there is the poor quality of the current crop of UN medals, "lumps of alloy" as one veteran put it. The Canadian commemoratives are not much better, being stamped out of something called cupro-nickel, not by the Royal Canadian Mint, but by a firm in Taiwan, and looking like lumps of chrome. Surely we could do better. There is a Vancouver firm doing excellent work in casting commemorative coins and medals. Alas, Vancouver is situated west of Thunder Bay.

Even the CF Meritorious Service Cross is a disappointment when compared with the Military Cross, the DFC and the rare Distinguished Service Cross of the days of the Royal Canadian Navy. However, the quality of the Order of Military Merit appears to be equal to that of the old established decorations, the DSO and the OBE of yesteryear.

Colonel Galloway, never one to mince words or pass a fault, has the credentials to criticise as he has done elsewhere in this publication. Commanding a battalion in action as a 27-year-old major, the CO and 2 i/c having been killed, he also served with the 1st (British) Army in North Africa, participated in the landings at Sicily and the mainland, fighting with his regiment throughout the whole of the Italian Campaign in which he was wounded. He rejoined The Royal Canadian Regiment in Normandy following convalescence, serving in that theatre until V.E. Day. Galloway has 14 medals in 50 years of soldiering, none of them by way of UN HQ in New York. **REM**



We get MAIL at: vonmeyer@islandnet.com and by

From: Major Alex Greenwood of Nanoose Beach, BC

As I live near both Parksville and Qualicum Beach, I recently suggested to their mayors that they should consider seeking armorial bearings for their cities in place of the present logos used on their official documents, vehicles, etc.. The fact is that Canada now has its own official Heraldic Authority (CHA) was unknown to both mayors and their corporate bodies. However, both mayors supported my suggestion and in corresponded with the Chief Herald only to be stopped by the negative comments from their alderman and councillors.

Although we are basically a socialist country all our Lieutenant Governor's and governors-general, and indeed, most of our largest cities, now have properly registered armorial bearings obtained through the CHA in Ottawa. I fear that many alderman and councillors are under the misapprehension that a coat of arms is not in their interests, and yet the famous Labour Prime Minister of Great Britain, Clement Attlee, who succeeded Winston Churchill after World War II, petitioned for and was granted a coat of arms with the moto *Labour omnia vincit*. (Labour conquers all).

Nearer my home the United Services Institute at Nanaimo and also the Nanaimo Golf Club recently were granted arms through the CHA. But as many in members of both institutions have only a vague idea of the meaning of a coat of arms, they still refer to them as a crest.

Somehow we must publicize ourselves consistently and regularly in an attempt to educate our fellow citizens without being seen as arrogance elegance or presumption

From: Vincent Shaun Redmond, Martintown, Ont.

I hope to publish a small booklet on Irish heraldry in Canada-20th Century. It will include eight grants from Ulster, 21 from the Chief (Dublin) Herald, five badges from the Genealogical Office, two examples of Irish Educational arms, one grant to a Canadian who moved to Ireland, a number of Irish-born or Irish citizens who have non-Irish arms—some 60 pages thus far including letters patent, bookplates, coloured shields, etc.

Some years back, in an Heraldry Society of Canada publication, it was reported that Lord Lyon would grant a knight's helmet (open visor) to Knights of St. John. I came across a Scottish grant, that of Lt-Col Michael Augustin O'Sullivan, CD, dated 1985, then a commander of the Ven. Order of St. John and retired from the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and I note he has an open visored helm! The matter is now academic as Dr. O'Sullivan has since been raised to the status of a Knight within the Ven. Order [*Grants of arms from Lord Lyon to KSt.J. feature an open helm-Ed.*].

From: Rafal Heydel-Mankoo, Toronto

I am pleased to announce the launching of a new web page: *The Polish Aristocracy [The Almanac de Polska]* The Titled Families of Poland <http://www.geocities.com/polishnobles>.

Also, I recently received an e-mail promoting a new book on bogus titles, orders, etc. I've had some correspondence with the author but as I am unfamiliar with his work and have no detailed knowledge of his credentials, I am unable to attest to his veracity as a scholar. However, he does have a positive review from James Algrant and that should suffice. The work sounds quite interesting and the index is comprehensive and is titled *Bogus Knights Real Crooks*.

From: one who wishes to remain anonymous (somewhere in Atlantic Canada)

The Blazon just arrived -and I am thoroughly impressed. From the magnificent front cover to back....*The Blazon* would serve as an excellent newsletter for the entire HSC. ...I must renew my HSC membership.

From: Duane L.C.M. Galles, Esq.-Minneapolis, Minn.

Is the Mohawk Chapel at Deseronto a Chapel Royal? [It is indeed and is the subject of a future article

to appear in *Heraldry in Canada*.-Ed.]

We received a number of additional letters and e-mails for which we thank the correspondents: Hon. Garde Gardom, Lt-Gov. of B.C, Office of the Chief Herald, Bruce Patterson, Ottawa; Blair Churchill; Terry Manuel, Ottawa, Auguste & Paula Vachon, Hull, John Ruch, and Jean Matheson, Ottawa, Gordon Macpherson, Burlington, Hon. Col. Bernard Finestone, Montreal, Maj. A.A. Greenwood, Nanoose Bay, R.A. Lindsay, Toronto, Terry & Francis; McCullough, N. Vancouver, Beverley Smith, Victoria, David & Cindy Watson, Calgary, Cyril & Lorna Woods Toronto, Kathleen McCorkell, Saskatoon, Sir Robert Cave-Browne-Cave, Langley, Ralph Brocklebank, Worcestershire, UK. and numerous others all of whom I sincerely hope I acknowledged in one form or another. **The Editor.**

NEW MEMBERS, SUBSCRIBERS & BRANCH SUPPORTERS-Autumn 2001

We welcome the following and thank them for supporting this branch of the Heraldry Society of Canada: Mrs. M.H. (Beverley) Smith, Victoria, Mr. Frank Palmer-Stone, Qualicum Beach, BC, Geoffrey Horsfall, Esq., Duncan, BC, and Maj-Gen. R. Rowley, Ottawa.

NOTICE

BRANCH AGM Friday 12 October 2001

The annual general meeting will take place on Friday, September 12th, 2001.

The Place:

the private dining room Uplands Golf Club
Cadboro Road, Oak Bay.

The Time:

1000hrs coffee-10:30-12:00 Meeting
1200-1400 (high noon): luncheon *a la carte*
(credit cards accepted)

The Agenda:

Welcome by President
Treasurer's report
Secretary's report
Nominations & election of officers
Old business/new business
Lunch & guest speaker's address

The Business, old and new:

the Queen's Golden Jubilee Heraldry
Exhibition-Maritime Museum of BC

The Annual Conference:

of the Heraldry Society of Canada,
at Victoria- October 2002
appointing a new Branch patron

The Food, the wine, the company:

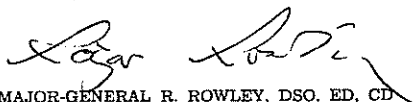
The very best, naturally

Please make every effort to attend

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Distinguished general new Branch member




MAJOR-GENERAL R. ROWLEY, DSO, ED, CD
COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Major-General Roger Rowley of Ottawa, a long-time member of the Heraldry Society, is the latest new member of the BC/Yukon Branch. General Rowley, who was awarded a bar to his Distinguished Service Order, was the last Colonel of Her Majesty's Regiment of Canadian Guards, a victim of the Trudeau government's purge of the Canadian Army during the 1960s.

When medals lose their meaning by Strome Galloway

Canadian veterans of all three services will remember how few medals for bravery or distinguished conduct were awarded during World War II and the Korean War. Sometimes an outstanding sailor, soldier or airman would have to be recommended for medals two or three times before he received an award. Even then there were occasions when the citation was rejected by the authorities. When the 1st Canadian Division landed in Sicily the divisional commander stated that he did not want a lot of recommendations sent in; that the troops should be satisfied with the campaign medals to be awarded at the end of the war.



If we take an infantry battalion as our example, with an average of 2000 passing through its ranks during its months of active service in World War II, we find that the average number of awards was around 50 per battalion. The Korean War awards worked out about the same, based on the three battalion rotation scheme.

There were more DFCs and DFMs awarded in World War II than the army equivalents. But then, the Royal Canadian Air Force was in operations against the enemy for about three years before the army entered into battle. The Royal Canadian Navy probably was worse off, no doubt because naval operations were of the nature that the entire ship's company was involved in a successful action against the enemy.

The Victoria Cross, being the Commonwealth's highest award for valour against the enemy, was won during World War II by only three Canadian soldiers during the 20-month campaign in Sicily and Italy, in

which 90,000 served and 25,000 were battle casualties. Four were awarded in North-West Europe, a 11-month campaign in which 200,000 Canadians served and casualties were extremely severe including 18,000 killed. One VC was awarded during the catastrophic Dieppe raid.

How different the American system. During the ill-fated war in Vietnam in the late 1960s and early 1970s the American forces distributed more than two million medals for acts of bravery! This included 409,058 Bronze Stars, supposedly equivalent to our Mentioned in Dispatches (M.i.D), or perhaps the Military Medal. That was 4,000 more than presented during the entire World War II and ten times more than was given during the Korean War. The Air Medal was awarded 1,570,000 times in Vietnam, or 15 times the number handed out in Korea. These figures were obtained by John Creighton, of Lakeside, Nova Scotia, a medal collector with a vast knowledge of the subject.

But in recent years the scattering of bravery medals by the US and even the British has become more and more like a shower of confetti. In 1983 during an eight-day operation in Grenada where a few miniature skirmishes took place against lightly-armed Cubans, resulting in 18 American soldiers being killed, the US Army awarded 8,612 medals for individual performance! Since only 7000 took part in the "battle" it is obvious more medals were given out than troops employed! The answer? Some chaps must have received more than one medal. What the US Navy and air force list of awards added up to has not been made available to the writer.

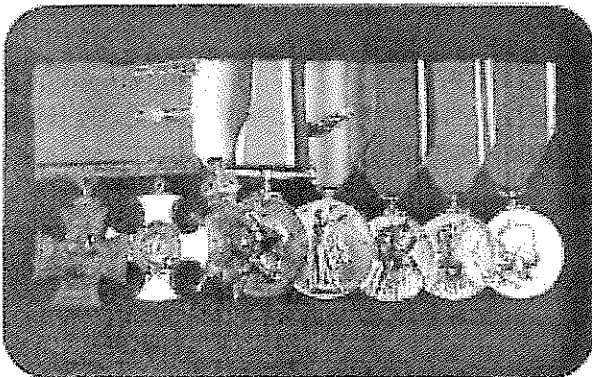
In the Grenada eight-day campaign 6,708 of the 8,612 medals went to the 82nd Airborne Division. Of these 275 were decorations for valour. In a war with only 18 (US personnel) killed, one wonders how so many could be deemed worthy of a decoration for valour. But the British have also cheapened

their awards. During the Falkland Islands conflict, which at least lasted 74 days with 28,000 troops taking part of whom 255 were killed, there were 1,800 decorations awarded! These figures will no doubt shock both British and Canadian veterans of World War II and Korea.

Based on the about figures there must be thousands of British and Canadian veterans today who should have DSOs and MCs, DCMs and MMs just in the Army. But they haven't. Perhaps it is just as well. The Americans have always handed out hundreds of medals compared with the British and Canadian dozens. Medals do help boost morale, and the sailor, soldier and airman is pleased to have his leadership, personal bravery and hazardous service recognised. And so it should be. But to scatter such awards like the autumn leaves, cheapens the whole idea. When it is to that point, all medals lose their meaning. There has to be happy medium

I personally know of a reconnaissance officer who had 13 months in action in Italy and Holland, was wounded four times, yet his recommendation for the Military Cross was rejected. I am also aware of a sergeant who was wounded once and recommended for the Military Medal in Sicily and again in Italy. Both recommendations were turned down. He had 20 months in infantry front-line fighting in which he was promoted to a company-sergeant major.

Perhaps such brave fellows will get their awards in Heaven.



An heraldic quiz #2

Attitudes:

Stephen Friar defines attitude as “the posture of an heraldic charge.” Choose the definition on the right that best describes the heraldic term on the left.

- A. ENFILED () 1. Hanging from
2. Inerlaced
3. Overlaid
4. Passing through
- B. DISPLAYED () 1. Spreadeagled
2. Occupying full width of shield
3. Bird about to take flight
4. Bird swooping on its quarry
- C. ENDORSED or () 1. Two animals facing one another
ADDORSED
2. Back-to-back
3. End-to-end
4. Encircled by
- D. ENHANCED () 1. Emerging from the midst of
2. Raised above normal position
3. Curved or bent
4. Ascending
- E. ENSIGNED () 1. Pointing upwards
2. Of a serpent when coiled
3. Having a charge placed above
4. Upright

[answers found on page 18]

This quiz and that published in the last issue of *The Blazon* are with the compliments of Graham Anderson, *FHSC*.

Some horrors of the web page peerage
Part III of the Conclusion of Phoney princes, etc.
by Rean Meyer

Thanks to David Watson of Calgary and *The Baronage Press*, creators of **THE FEUDAL HERALD** web page, I have amassed a wealth of material on the questionable practise of flogging titles by means of the World Wide Web. All I can say after viewing this material is that there ought to be a law. The topic of false titles was planned originally as a one segment article only. However, as time passed, more of these charlatans were brought to my attention. What can be said on behalf of those who have tens of thousands of dollars to spend in their belief they improve their social standing by enriching the coffers of the title merchants? I begin with one such person doing business out of a modest bungalow in Victoria West, a respectable but definitely a blue-collar district of our Provincial capital.

The proclamation reads *Establishment of the Principality of St. Michel de Clermont and Elevation of the Baron of Clermont to the Dignity of Prince A Proclamation of His Beatitude, The Patriarch of Antioch*. The elaborate and detailed nonsense which follows is full of howlers. Title merchants still haven't got the hang of using honorifics, proper punctuation or grammar. Having jumped all the ranks of the peerage between baron and duke, *His Excellency* lists 17 fictitious titles and decorations after his name, one being Grand Master and Principal Knight Grand Commander of the 'Order of the Commonwealth.' Since the Queen (of Canada) is the Head of the Commonwealth, one wonders at Her Majesty's standing within this bogus, so-called order.

One may buy into the 'Order of the Commonwealth' at various levels and for varying prices just as one may purchase *Grants of Coats of Arms* since the viewer is informed: *these can be acquired from The Prince's*

Heraldic Artist ...the research for these authentic arms is done at our Chancellery... and...they will be registered within the Principality. All which lends thought to an imagined transaction... 'will that be one or two, sir and does your lordship wish to take them with him as we do deliver?' Little comfort may be derived from the fact that, Arms granted by the Prince are recognised by and may be registered for an additional Fee with the Russian Imperial College of Arms (Our Titles of Nobility are also recognised by the Russian College).

All this for \$950.00 (US) together with a congratulatory letter from the Prince! This same source advertises phoney campaign medals in the *Legion Magazine*, which does nothing to enhance the image of the Royal Canadian Legion.

From down under, a person styling himself *His Eminence, Prince John, the Grand Duke of Avram* is also competing for his share of those sufficiently naïve to cough up big (US) bucks for a worthless title. 'Prince' John lists his wares as *Peerages (Degrees) Duke, Marquess, Earl, Viscount & Baron and Baronetcies*.

Although the reproduced extract from *Whos [sic] Who in the World* lists "His Eminence" as a cardinal-archbishop, it also mentions he is divorced and belongs to the *Masons!* Just so that one gets the true measure of this individual's self-imagined importance, two lines of biography of His Holiness, John Paul II, appear on the same web page as the 'Grand Duke's' biography.

The unwary may apply to *The Earl Marshall [sic], College of Nobles, The Royal College of Heraldry and/or The Australian Heraldic Register*, for a grant of arms. The preamble includes, among other nebulous statements, the offer to *help in your search for your rightful place and position in Society*.

Just as humorous are the web pages of *Lord & Lady Dunford of Windsor*. Their pages

are decorated with three views of Windsor Castle and two wavy Union Jacks. The preamble, with complete disregard for correct punctuation and capitalization, begins: *Dear Friend, Allow us to introduce ourselves, We are... LORD Peter Dunford of Windsor and LADY Rhonda Dunford of Windsor.*

The usual burbly stuff and nonsense follow about improving ones social significance and standing in the community using as example the fact that *Mr. Joe Field* does not convey *the same importance of presents* [sic] *as Lord Joseph Field.*

As it happens so frequently with these types of persons, the method in which their quasi titles are used in relation to their surname gives the game away immediately to those who understand the proper use of lord and lady prefixes. The difference between the application of a courtesy title of the offspring of a peer has a subtleness of style from that of a title of the peerage. This escapes much of the media most of the time as it has Dunford and his missus. The true status of 'Lord Peter' is in the fine print. Here, the reader learns payment is to be made to "*P. Dunford Esq* [sic] *at £950.00 Stirling. (\$1520.00USD).*

Having read the sales pitch of one of these questionable firms is much the same as having read them all. They exist to make money off persons who have it, but otherwise have a sense of social insecurity, ergo, the flourishing of the false *fontes honorum*. Title merchants are now so numerous that a whole book could be written on the subject. How can anyone take seriously *The Royal and Serene House of Alabona-Osttrogojsk* let alone pronounce it? *The Kingdom of L'Anse-St-Jean, Québec* exists, at least on the www, as does *The Noble House of Maxalla of Greely, Colorado*, ruled by *H.E. Lloyd Douglas Worley, Count Palatine of Maxalla*, and no less a personage than *The Emperor of Palm Beach* also has his own home page on the Web.

One quasi-religious order which

borrowes from the Sovereign Order of Malta and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, refers to a late Governor-General of Canada as their *Vice-Queen*. An attempt at respectability by yet another UK-based firm, *British Feudal Investments*, features a photo of the Queen Mother Elizabeth presenting awards to a soldier of the British Army. The subtle inference is that the purchaser of any of its outrageously priced titles is in the same league as those who are recognised for their service to their country.

Noble Titles, a British firm, which we wrote about in an earlier exposé, will sell the unwary, *British, French or German titles such as Sir, Baron, Graf, Count, etc. which are established under 19th- century British law for as little as \$750.* Or one might choose their *Rolls Royce Package for \$25,000 of Lord or Sir* together with UK vanity plates and *claim a new coat of arms from the issuing authority which is supported by the British Royal Family* and allows one to *Adopt a Lady title for your wife.* At least they are honest enough to print a caveat stating that their titles do not *allow one to sit in the House of Lords, the upper chamber of the British government* [sic] *which 'real Lords' can do.*

British Feudal Investments, also of the UK, advertise: baronies as low as \$33,000 (Barony of Egremont) and as high as \$55,000 (Beachamp of Bedford); in Scotland, the lairdship of Invereagles (\$3,750) and the barony of Mackenzie Cairns (\$25,000) whilst in Ireland, the firm has three viscountcies (starting at \$48,200), 16 baronies (from \$34,000) and 22 lordships (from \$15,000). The same firm also offers titles allegedly originating in Russia, and Hungary. It uses the coat of arms of Imperialist Russia.

As I said earlier, there ought to be a law.

Direct quotes from the web pages of those persons & firms featured in this article appear in italics. Editor

A magnificent heraldic gift

Earlier this year the B.C./Yukon Branch was unexpectedly given a marvellous sterling silver salver manufactured by J.E. Terry & Company in London in 1835. This beautiful gift was received from Mrs. Thérèse Margaret Burn of Crofton, B.C. A full description by the appraiser D & J Ritchie Ltd. of Toronto as follows: "A William IV silver salver with raised morning glory and leaf rim, banded with repousse and chased scroll and floral decoration and engraved with Roper family crest (*sic*) and presentation to Charles Roper, Esq., October 1853, and set on four shell and acanthus feet. Outside diameter 22 ¼ inches."

From Charles Roper the salver descended to his grandson the late William Richard Charles Roper of Westmount, Quebec, Mrs. Burn's first husband. The latter descended from Henry, the 8th Lord Teynham (pronounced Tenham) who in turn traced his ancestry to William Roper who lived during the reign of Henry III in the 13th century. The barony was created for Sir John Roper in the peerage of England on the 9th July, 1616.

The arms engraved in the centre of the salver are quarterly of six: 1- *Per fess Azure and Or a Pale counterchanged three Buck's heads erased Gold, for Roper*: 2- *Or on a fess Gules three Fleur-de-Lys Gold, for Lennard*: 3 *Azure three Lions rampant Or, for Fiennes*: 4 - *Gules, three Escollops Argent, for Dacre*: 5 - *Argent, three bars Gules, for Moulton*: and 6 - *Checky Argent and Gules, for Barrett*. It was the opinion of John Brooke-Little as Norroy and Ulster King of Arms that Mr. Roper was entitled to an even greater number of quarters through his grandmother's side of the family. Heraldists will certainly note the extreme simplicity of the arms blazoned above suggesting their great antiquity.

This valuable gift has been accepted on extended loan to Government House in Victoria

by the Branch Patron and Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, the Hon. Garde Gardom. The idea is that the salver will be placed on permanent display where it can be enjoyed by the many visitors to the viceregal residence each year. In addition, it is hoped that it will eventually be used on state occasions and at other important functions. G.L.A.

Editor's note: The President of the BC/Yukon Branch has expressed the profound thanks of the membership to Mrs. Burn for her generous gift, plans for which a formal presentation are in progress. He also wishes to acknowledge his appreciation to Mr. Brian McDaniel of the law firm McDaniel & Tillie and Mr. Graham L. Anderson, Cowichan Herald Extraordinary, who made the arrangements for receiving the tray.



JOHN CHRISTOPHER INGHAM
ROPER-CURZON, 20th Baron; b.
Dec. 25th, 1928; s. 1972; ed. at
Eton; late Capt. The Buffs (TA),
and 2nd Lt. Coldm. Gds.; Land
Agent; OStJ; ADC to Gov. of
Bermuda 1953 and 1955 to Gov.
of Leeward Is. 1955-56 (Private
Sec. 1956) and to Gov. of Jamaica
1962; Palestine 1948; Pres. of
Inst. of Commerce: m. 1964,
Elizabeth, yr. da. of the late
Lt.-Col. the Hon. David Scrym-
geour-Wedderburn, DSO, [see E.
Dundee, colls.], and has issue.

Contemporary arms of the 20th Baron Teynham

The Royal Jubilee Heraldry Exhibition *Ready, aye ready!*

The Exhibition committee had its inaugural meeting at the Maritime Museum of BC last July 18th. Yvonne Sharpe, the Museum's Executive-Director, and Guy Mathias, Head of Collections and Exhibitions, hosted the event. Lord Chatfield, the Royal Jubilee Exhibition's Honorary Chairman, attended together with nine of the 11 members who make up the Committee.

The main purpose of the meeting was to establish a flexible plan for proceeding with an heraldic exhibition celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Guy spoke on the preliminary steps necessary in organising the exhibition placing emphasis on the need of a significant infusion of cash for such things as posters and other means of promotion.

Laurie Patten came down from Nanaimo and said the prime purpose of this exhibition was not only to remind visitors to the Museum of Her Majesty's 50 years as our Queen, but also educate the public about heraldry as a craft, a science and an art form. The emphasis of the exhibits will be on Pacific West Coast heraldry. It is desirable that an institute be established that heraldic craftsmen such as Laurie and Des Bevis, also of Nanaimo, may pass on the expertise to students of the arts who might then put their talents to work by concentrating on heraldry. The Canadian Heraldic Authority has an on going programme of support for those experienced in calligraphy and heraldic painting.

Yvonne Sharpe spoke about the timing and planning of the exhibition and the importance in fund raising determining the level of programme possible. The Heraldry Society



has already advanced a portion of what is needed to start up the process and it is hoped the Society will see its way clear to match their donation during the Jubilee year.

Rean Meyer, the Chairman and organizer, outlined briefly his main concern, that of gathering sufficient funds to ensure the promotion of the Exhibition was done properly. He visualizes a coloured illustrated brochure for distribution and sale at the Maritime Museum and other local outlets. Revenues from sales of the brochure would help offset the cost of its printing and be a good Jubilee souvenir as well as an explanation of the heraldry exhibits.

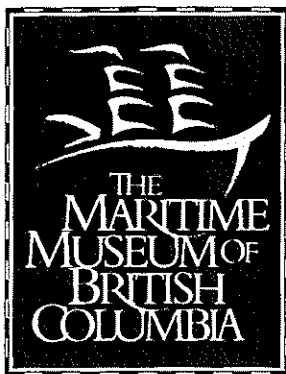
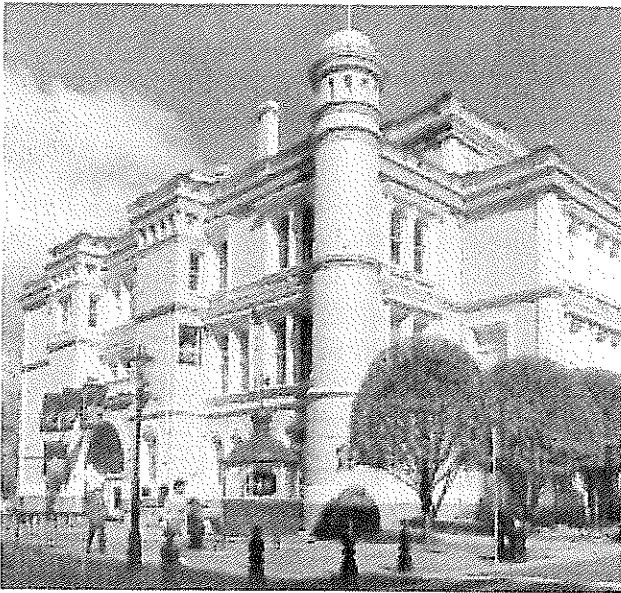
Graham Anderson will assist Guy on ensuring exhibits are properly displayed and identified whilst Gary Mitchell, the Provincial Archivist, made an interesting observation and suggestion, that of approaching Canada Post about a commemorative stamp for the occasion. Such a device would also serve as a Jubilee souvenir. Jamie Webb, a Museum Board member, suggested the stamp could be issued as a "first day cover."

The Hon. Garde Gardom, our Branch Patron and that of the Museum, has endorsed the idea of the exhibition with enthusiasm. His Honour had indicated he would officiate at the opening next May. However, Mr. Gardom's retirement has since been announced, and the wishes of the Lieutenant-Governor designate are unknown at this time. Rean said that the relationship between the Branch and Government House had been excellent and the co-operation from Private Secretary LeRoy and his staff 100 per cent.

One item which has been confirmed is the holding of the annual conference of the Heraldry Society in Victoria tentatively for October 2002. This would coincide nicely with the closing of the Exhibition. Rean suggested the theme of the Exhibition be *Symbols of Splendour* after that used in 1983 for the Vancouver heraldry exhibit.

On July 25th Rean Meyer, Graham Anderson and Ian McPherson met with the Victoria Foundation at which a presentation was made by Rean in support of backing from the Foundation. On Aug. 27th Fred Gordon of Peninsula Printers offered to be a sponsor of the Exhibition.

Branch Members and Friends will be kept informed of events and progress. Your support both in the loan of heraldic artifacts of significance, and especially in the form of a tax-deductible donation is most welcome.



Donations may be made either to the Heraldry Society or the Maritime Museum of BC as both come under the Charitable Foundations Act. Please indicate that your donation is for the Heraldry Exhibition.

A Bookplate by Gordon Macpherson

This book plate was done in 1991 for Captain Russell McClelland of Hamilton, Ont. It features the badges of the XIII Battalion [1862], the Wentworth Regiment [1872] and its successor, that of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment) [1920 and 1936], the last of which Capt. McLelland is a long time member. A subtle reminder in the spool and thread, the flags of the United Kingdom and of St. George, attests to several generations of the McLelland family being outfitters of gentlemen's bespoke and imported wearing apparel. The shield bottom left is that of the arms of the Haberdashers' Guild.



Readers of the *Heraldry Society's* journal will be more familiar with the name of Ian Campbell as the Marquess of Lorne, our country's fourth Governor-General, due to the recent publication of *EDICT, an Irish Gothic Mystery in Heraldry in Canada*. He inherited his father's title as the 9th Duke of Argyll many years after he returned home from Canada. This year, another Ian Campbell, and former Marquess of Lorne, was buried with his ancestors. He inherited from his much-married, much divorced father, in 1973.



A graduate of McGill University, this Ian Campbell was a respected and loved personage as was his great uncle Ian, husband of Queen Victoria's 4th daughter, Princess Louise. BGen. John Neroutsos of Sidney, attended McGill at this time and lived in the same fraternity residence as the then Marquess of Lorne.

As a comparison of the accounts of their funerals, we introduce here abridged extracts from the newsletter of The St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa and from the biography *Princess Louise, Queen Victoria's unconventional Daughter*, by Jehanne Wake.

Chief of Clan Campbell laid to rest in his beloved Argyll-April 2001

The boat cut a solitary swathe across the loch as it took the body of the 12th Duke of Argyll, who died on 21st April, to its final resting place on an island surrounded by the mountains he loved. Ian Campbell was laid to rest on Inishail in Loch Awe near his family seat, where family and friends said their private farewells. Earlier, life in the town of Inveraray came to a standstill as locals drew their blinds as a mark of respect for the man they knew as a friend. Mourners lined the streets leading to

Inveraray Church to pay tribute to the chief of the Clan Campbell, who died in London last week following heart surgery; he was 63.

The townsfolk stood with the great and good, including Lord MacFarlane of Bearsden and Lord and Lady Elgin, during the service, which was relayed to the mourners in (the) Inveraray community centre. The late duke was eulogised as having a great sense of loyalty and public duty and remembered for his care of his family and of the people of the community. The Duke's 33-year-old son, the Marquess of Lorne, now 13th Duke, who inherits the family seat of Inveraray Castle, delivered a poignant reading entitled *High Flight*, written by Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee, an American who died on active service serving with the RCAF during WW II.

A life-long friend of the late peer said, "He (Campbell) had an unsettled childhood which saw (his family) forced from France by the Germans. He then moved to Portugal, Switzerland and Canada. This cosmopolitan lifestyle gave the Duke a great knowledge of the world. But no matter where he was, he always looked forward to returning to his beloved Argyll."

Two representatives of the Queen were in attendance and six members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's) Regiment carried the coffin through the streets of Inveraray.

As the cortege wound its way from the parish church to Inveraray Castle, the streets of the town on the banks of Loch Fyne were silent. Local residents bowed their heads and policemen saluted. As many wept, the sound of a lone Argyll piper pierced the hush as he played an extract from the duke's favourite pibroch, *The desperate Battle*. [from that written by Bruce McDonald].

Funeral ceremony of Ian Campbell, 9th Duke of Argyll May 1914

The tenants of one of the duke's estates

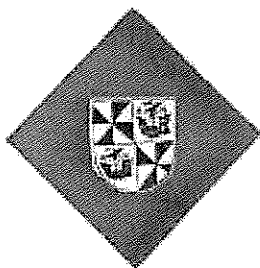
pushed the coffin on a hand bier from the pier to Lorne's favourite little church. The sun was blazing on loch and hills, the gorse making the near slopes a mass of yellow and gold against the blazing blue waters of the Holy Loch. Nine thousand had arrived from the far flung Western Isles and despite their large numbers, the crowds were so well-ordered and quiet, they were almost unobtrusive.

They had come to bury not some great public figure but a man known to all of them, the Mac Cailein Mor, and as Princess Louise stepped ashore to the skirling of the pipes - and the pipes are calling, calling, Lochaber no more' - she came, not as a princess of the royal blood but, as his wife, who among friends and family, to bury their Highland Chief.

The sun beat down upon the heralds in their tabards, the Provost carrying the heraldic banner, the Chamberlain with the baton, the pipe band in their kilts, the gun carriage and pallbearers, who were all Campbell lairds, and upon the coffin covered with a great banner rested Lorne's bonnet, claymore and plaid...

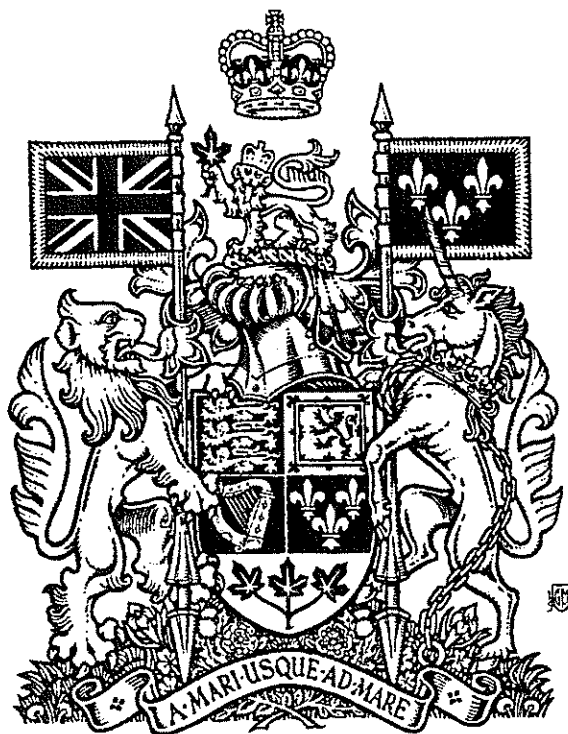
When the long procession started, minute guns fired and the noise flew over the water and was repeated again and again in fainter echoes among the surrounding wooded hills...the tolling bells, the pipes, they made one's heart ache as the cortege followed the dusty, winding road through crowds who stood on each side, silent, bareheaded, their heads bowed.

There's certainly something to being Scottish, is there not? REM



From the mouths of politicians

As reported in the last issue of this bulletin, our Society submitted a resolution to Prime Minister Pearson on October 25th, 1966, respectively urging him to continue to display boldly and with good taste the Royal Arms of Canada on all Post Offices, mail boxes and mail trucks, as evidence that the Mails of Canada would still receive the traditional protection of the Crown. Here in part is the Prime Minister's reply: "I have noted the resolution which was adopted at the Inaugural Meeting of the Society, and I wish to give you my assurance that the Government has no intention of replacing the Ensigns Armorial of Canada approved by His Majesty George V (sic) in 1921...The Government has never contemplated, nor has it any intention of changing or substituting another symbol for the Ensigns Armorial of Canada." [*Regrettably, Mr. Pearson's successor, Pierre Trudeau, was not reading from the same script when he took office-Ed.*] From Vol. 1, No. 3 April, May, June 1967 *Heraldry in Canada*



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The HSC Web Page, the Branch Link and the www.

The three initials stand for world wide web for those unfamiliar with the INTERNET. We are fortunate within the Heraldry Society to have two dedicated persons maintaining the Society's web page and the links from it.

Possibly there are a number of our Branch members and friends who, although connected to the INTERNET, have not looked at the Society's web page either in the past or in more recent times. The HSC web page and its links to this Branch and Toronto are a magnificent mine of information complimented by accompanying heraldic graphics.

The Heraldry Society's web page mastered by Stewart LeFort of Little Bras d'Or, Nova Scotia, explains the Society, and its purpose to viewers. The names of all the Fellows and Hon. Fellows of the Society, the Officers and Directors, the Branch Presidents, and much more, can be found by checking with www.hsc.ca. There is a guest book to sign and thus far Stewart reports more than 37,000 users have hit this web page.

The most recent link on the HSC web features the cover of the current *Heraldry in Canada*, its index of articles and a selection of the same. Try: <http://www.hsc.ca/hinc.html>.

The BC/Yukon Branch web master is Darren George of Edmonton. Darren has created a beautiful tapestried "desktop" page of Branch badges divided into links to the Branch's activities, the armorials of the West and the contents of all past issues of *The Blazon*. Both Darren and Stewart have their own personal web pages devoted to their special interests.

What is needed by the Society is a volunteer who will assist Blair Churchill of Ottawa in monitoring the guest book and direct requests and comments to those of us who can provide the answers.

REM

Charles adds to his forest of titles by Simon de Bruxelles

His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Earl of Chester, Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles and Prince and great Steward of Scotland, is now also Lord of the Manor of Aconbury

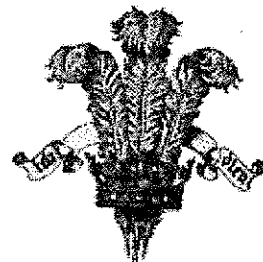
Unlike some of his illustrious ancestors the Prince has not purchased his new title as a status symbol or for reasons of self aggrandisement.

The ancient manorial title bought at an auction recently grants the Duchy of Cornwall Estates rights to manage the woodland on a 12,000 acre slice of Herefordshire farmland it brought two years ago.

The mixed farmland formerly owned by Prudential Assurance, was acquired by the Duchy in 1999. For reasons unknown the Prudential decided to hold on to the six lordships of the manor attached to the land. The Duchy soon realised without the title of Lord of the Manor of Aconbury it did not have full rights over the woodland on the estate.

It made the winning bid of £5500 for the title at an auction held in London by Manorial Auctioneers. The title gives the Prince or his agents the right to mineral excavation in the woodland, the disposal of the manorial waste, the verges beside the roads and the common land enclosed in the estate.

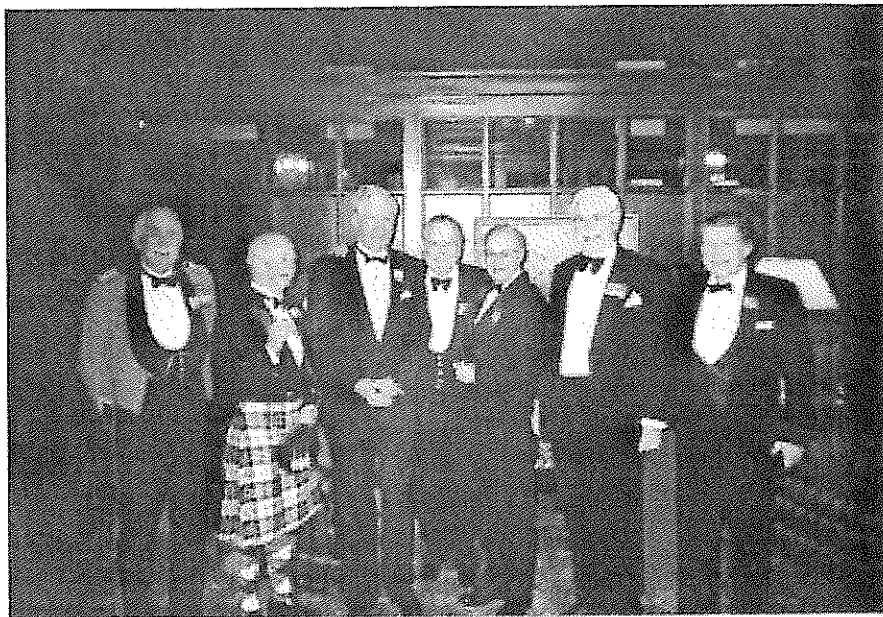
Robert Smith, of the firm, Manorial Auctioneers, said Prince Charles is also Lord of the Manor of Kennington (in London). Aconbury is four miles from the city of Hereford. [*Manorial Auctioneers and the Manorial Society number several Canadians and Americans among their clients, some of whom are members of The Heraldry Society of Canada-Ed.*].



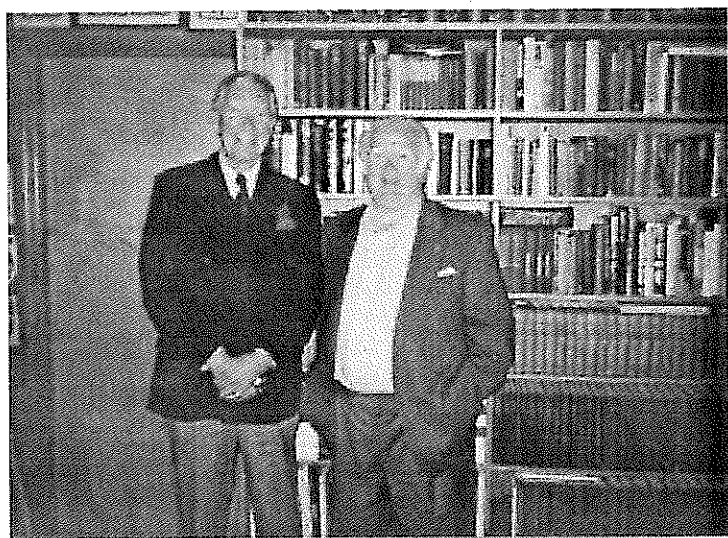
Here and There with *The Blazon*



Commissionaire Desroches at Government House, Victoria with William IV sterling salver, a gift to the BC/Yukon Branch and Heraldry Society.



A jolly gathering at the Union Club, Victoria: Colonel "Pip" Holmes, "Kentucky Colonel" Ian McPherson, Richard Bird, Colonel Geoff Corey, Major Dale Murray, Major Alex Greenwood and Rean Meyer.



Gordon Macpherson, (left), in the library of his Burlington home with Cyril Woods of North York.



Our Patron the Lieutenant-Governor and Her Honour, Mrs Gardom, bid farewell to a large gathering of their admirers at Government House before His Honour's retirement September 25th. (Picture of His Honour taken earlier in the year).

Photos: *The Blazon*

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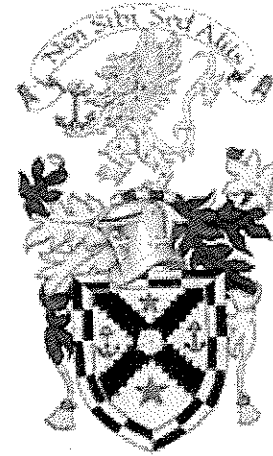
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Graham Leslie Anderson, FHSC - Cowichan Herald Extraordinary

The fountain of all honours is the Sovereign but she does get more than a little assistance locally from one of her subjects. Graham Anderson was appointed Cowichan Herald Extraordinary by the Governor-General in September 1999. In the 13 years since the foundation of the Canadian Heraldic Authority, Graham has designed 50 grants of arms.

Acting as an heraldic consultant he meets with the interested party, takes their desires and ideas under consideration, makes them conform to the laws of heraldry--not always an easy task--prepares a rough draft of shield, crest and in some cases, a badge and as Graham puts it, "shepherds the petition along."

Having received a warrant from the Herald Chancellor to proceed, the Chief Herald then reviews the submission from the herald or consultant and initiates the preparation of an approval painting. When all parties are satisfied the end result is a handsome Grant of Armorial bearings in the form of Letters Patent from the Crown.



A grant of arms from the beginning to end may take up to two years including the decision-making process between the Herald and the petitioner. The wording of the grant in both official languages, together with the artwork and calligraphy, are all very time-consuming, each step in the process depending on the workload of the craftsmen involved. Ideally, requests are treated in the order in which they are received. An exception may occur when a viceregal appointment or similar occasion arises and arms have to be worked up to meet the deadline.

Graham Anderson, a teacher of history, was instrumental in obtaining arms for Shawnigan Lake School where he has taught for many years. Other corporate grants received through his consultancy are: Collingwood School in North Vancouver and the College of New Caledonia. In addition he has acted for the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia, the BC Medical and the BC Pharmacy Associations. Among the cities, towns and municipalities he numbers Prince George, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam, Midway, North Cowichan and Sayward. Grants to individuals include Peter Gardner and Anne Taylor-Gardner of Sidney, Ian MacPherson of Victoria and Jean Matheson, formerly President of the Heraldry Society, of Ottawa.

Elected a fellow of the Society in 1988 Graham has, until his appointment as Cowichan Herald Extraordinary served on the Board of Directors of the Heraldry Society of Canada and the BC/Yukon Branch. He may be reached by calling or faxing (250) 748-2372 or through this publication at (250) 658-4296.

Non Sibi Sed Aliis



Armorial bearings of Graham Leslie Anderson Esquire
A Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Canada and
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