



St. George's News



Annual Publication of St. George's Church Foundation

President's Letter Cathy Mullar

Good morning everyone! Usually Saturday's are reserved for housework and catching up on all that was not done during the workweek, but this morning I will come and spend some time with you and let you know how our year here at the Foundation has gone.

The Foundation has taken on a more active role in support of the St. George's Church. The rentals are now managed by the Cooperation du Commissariat au Commerce on behalf of the Foundation and through the Foundation's website, which helps the Church tremendously and relieves Doris Mace and Bob Taylor of this task. Among the various rentals, the Commissariat also arranged for the rental of the presbytery to university students during their time in Drummondville last summer while participating in an Urbanism Workshop. With this agreement, and to further support the Church in meeting its financial obligations, the Foundation directors resolved to pay the utility costs which are partially offset by the rental income. The directors greatly appreciate the Commissariat's support of the Foundation. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Doris and Bob for the hard work and dedication in handling this task over these many years.

Of course, we held our annual BBQ in June which as well as being fun is a good fundraiser. And, we still work actively in finding ways to make the property self-sufficient. There have been meetings, discussions, suggestions, possibilities, etc...., the work continues.

There was the hurricane clean-up in September to which many members (and their families) showed up. All those branches are composting in our hill as we speak. We were very fortunate as there was no damage to the Church or surrounding buildings, although there was a lot of damage across the street from the Church.

In recent years we have reported that the floodlights that



illuminate the Church have been either stolen or vandalized which added to the costs of maintaining the property. With the kind support from the City of Drummondville the lights have been installed on metal posts out of the reach of the vandals. We are very grateful for the City's support in coming up with this solution and seeing to its installation.

As you can see, the Foundation has a good working relationship with the City. They provide us with information and professional advice and assistance. I think we complement each other well, as we all look to preserving this wonderful heritage site.

As usual I have to thank my fellow directors. Each and everyone have busy lives, yet on the last Friday of the month; most manage to come and sit around the table and bring solutions, ideas and energy to this long term project of preserving and maintaining St. George's Church. What a great group of people! This year we were glad to welcome Denis Cartwright into the group. He is a great addition to the group.

Last, but not least, I thank you, loyal supporters of the Foundation. Without your financial support we would be unable to continue. You are our biggest source of revenue. We appreciate your donations and utilize them as wisely as possible.

I enjoy this possibility of touching base with you once a year, to be able to thank you for all you do for us.

May 2013 be kind and gentle to you all.



More frightened than hurt

It was an F-0 tornado, on a scale of F-0 to F-5, with winds estimated at 120 km/h, which hit downtown Drummondville shortly after 5:30PM, on September 8, 2012. The 'La Marguerite' building was the most affected. The winds were stronger at roof level of the four-storey building and the suction effect literally tore the roof off the building projecting it in the direction of the St. George Church. Debris was scattered over a distance of more than 200 meters. Debris was found at the back of the Church property. Fortunately, no one was hurt during the tornado and the Church property suffered no damage.

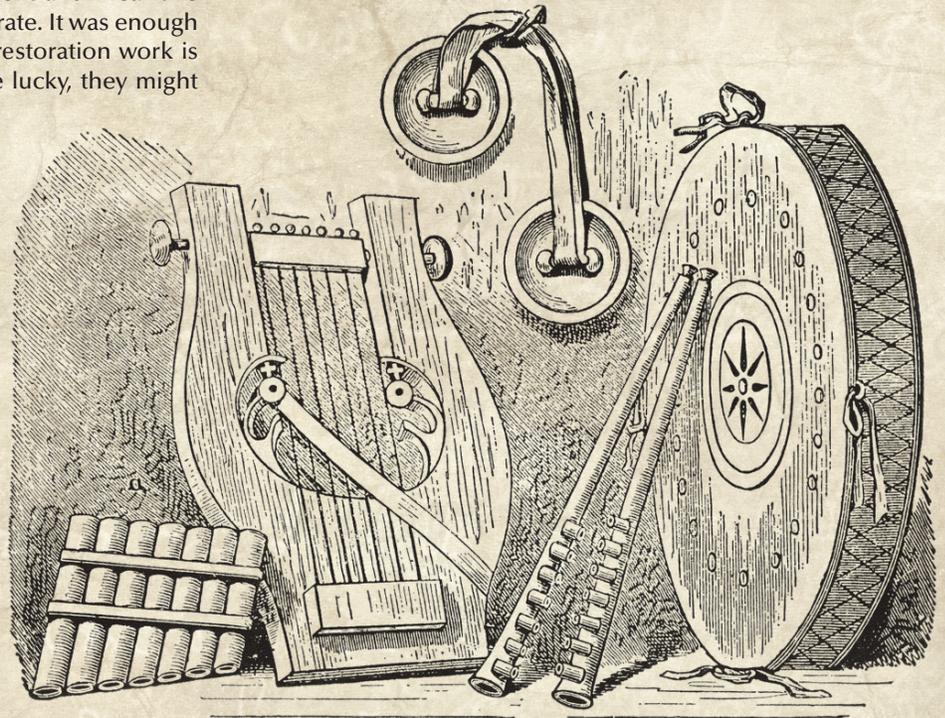


Clean-up crew following the tornado of September 8th.

Ghost Hunter

Not long after the Adopt-a-Ghost program a few years ago, the restoration of the Menzies-Duncan enclosure was started. The wrought iron fence was dismantled and the obelisk grave stone was relocated temporarily. It is well known that ghosts dislike changes to their environment and I fear this may have been more than they could tolerate. It was enough to make them flee altogether. Since the restoration work is now complete, I thought that, if we were lucky, they might return.

I recently forgot my shovel somewhere and I suspected that I might have left it in the cemetery. Well, what a surprise. There it was, near the Wright headstone. But look carefully at the photo. Could that be old Gideon Wright himself wearing his familiar fur hat and leaning on my shovel? Look again at how the names on the headstone seem to have been wiped clear of snow. I thought I could feel a strange presence nearby but there was no one else in the cemetery. I slowly walked away. I'll go back for my shovel some other time.



Rear view mirror

A business meeting of the Drummondville Dixie Minstrels was held in the St. Georges' Hall last Monday evening with Mr. Louis Moore as Chairman.

Following the reading and adoption of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, it was unanimously agreed that the local group of entertainers would continue their work of providing entertainment for the armed forces and war charities.

Mr. Galt Parker, musical director of the Minstrels, outlined the program for the 1943 edition of the show. There will be more musical numbers than in the 1942 edition of the Minstrels, with different staging effect, all combined to make an entirely new show.

Rehearsals will begin immediately and before the 1943 Dixie Minstrels present the first of the new series of shows, a good many rehearsal hours will have been used up.

Drummondville Spokesman
Friday February, 1943



St. George's Parish lost a beloved figure, on August 12 last year.

Eunice Morton Lloyd had been our organist for many years. A member of the United Church of Canada, she was always ready to play in any church that needed her services.

She enjoyed playing at the Drummondville Penitentiary every week with her dear friend Betty Chavous. She also played at the annual service at the Anglican Church in Acton Vale, and for many years participated in Ecumenical Day of Prayer in Drummondville. She also served as secretary of the Drummondville Protestant Cemetery for many years.

Eunice moved to Drummondville with her parents and sister as a young girl. Apart from the one year she attended grade 11 in Quebec City, she remained a steadfast citizen of Drummondville until the last few months of her life, when deteriorating health necessitated a move to The Wales Home near Richmond.

After graduating High School, she began working in the Celanese chemistry lab. She also began a decades' long pursuit of continuing education. Through correspondence courses and later at the Cegep de Drummondville she built her knowledge of chemistry and management and eventually became head of both the main lab and the research lab.

At the same time she began studying music at McGill at a time when Montreal was not just a quick drive down the highway from Drummondville. After earning her degree, she often taught young piano students in her "spare time".

Eunice's love of music extended beyond the church. She was involved in many local musical productions, including USO shows at the Haskell Opera House on the American border in Beebe during World War II.

In 1976 Eunice Morton married long-time family friend Austin Lloyd. They happily shared their lives together, until Austin's death in 1990.

Eunice took great joy in helping others. Be it a drive to an appointment, a church service, to visit people in the hospital, she was always more than happy to help.

She contributed to numerous charities, and discretely helped many friends and acquaintances in need.

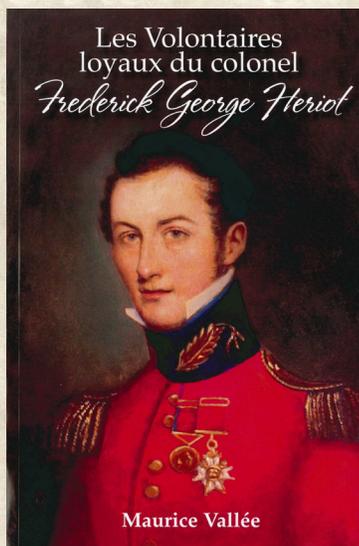


A prolific letter writer, she corresponded with over 80 people on three continents.

She never had any children of her own, but many generations of youngsters were welcomed into her kitchen for milk and cookies. She delighted in the antics of young ones, and lent a sympathetic ear to teenage trials and tribulations.

A life well lived, we are saddened by her passing, but blessed by her memory.

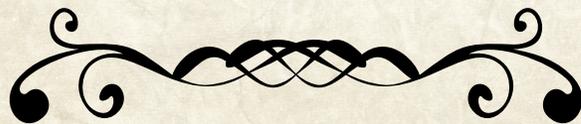
«Les Volontaires Loyaux du colonel Frédérick George Heriot»



To learn more about Drummondville's founder, the Société d'histoire de Drummond invites you to obtain the latest book by Maurice Vallée, on sale at its premises at 555 des Ecoles (the old DHS) at a cost of \$20. A synopsis of the book *Les volontaires Loyaux du colonel Frederick George Heriot* (Colonel Frederick George Heriot's Loyal Volunteers) "To counter the movement of the Patriotes in the Eastern Townships in 1837, Sir John Colborne, Commander in Chief of the British Forces in America, called upon Colonel Frederick George Heriot, the militia officer at the St. Francis River colony". In the space of a few days, he organized a small army of loyal volunteers from the Townships, for the entire territory from the village of Drummondville to the border village of Stanstead.

Having taken an oath to the King and the British Empire, these veterans of the Duke of Wellington on the one hand, as well as immigrants, loyalists and the Abenakis, actively monitor the villages, roads and even the woods thanks to their cavalry. The few French Canadians of the St. Francis River Valley are under close surveillance but American loyalists of more conformist views are under even more suspicion. The facts and actions of these loyal volunteers tell us a bit more of the real mission of the colony on the St. Francis River and the enigmatic Colonel Heriot.

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The Carrington Rover Crew Den

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THE SCOUT LEADER

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Drummondville Rovers Build Own Headquarters

An article in "The Scout Leader", November 1947 describes how a group of Rover Scouts, many of whom served in the armed forces during WWII, got together after the war and reorganized the group to be known as the Carrington Rover crew. They decided to build a headquarters of their own and in the summer of 1946 they started to work on a site offered by the Anglican Church just behind the rectory. All of the work on the 20 x 30 foot building was done by the Rovers using salvaged lumber and masonry offered by local companies. The only money spent was \$70, a portion of the profits from Apple Day in which the Rovers played an active part. The Rover Den, shown here, remained in use until the 1960's at which time the Rector had it demolished as it was no lon-



ger actively used by the scouting movement and posed a problem of vandalism.

Members of the group in 1946 (photo) included veterans of the R.C.A.F. the R.C.N.V.R as well as veterans of the campaigns in Italy, France, Holland and Hong Kong. Readers may recognize George Cartwright, Henry Arseneault, Bob Rout, Ralph Taylor, Ken Daley and Olaf Bogstad. Can anyone name the others?

You want to do some genealogical research?

Thanks to Lisa Elvin Staltari, of Arizona and a Drummondville native, we can now access the listing of graves in our cemetery.

The website is: www.findagrave.com and search: St. George's Anglican Church Cemetery.

Treasurer's Report - 2012

The 2012 financial reports will show that income exceeded expenditures by \$1,977. Donations continue to be the Foundation's major source of income reaching \$12,625, up significantly from \$9,372 in 2011. Major contributors were Edward and Lenora Needham, Alan N. Rhodes, Joan Holton – In memory of Jill and Peter Conrad, John Imlah, David Jones, H. Gordon Meyer and the Kaatza Foundation.

As mentioned in the President's Letter, the Foundation, in cooperation with the Commissariat au Commerce, is now managing the rentals of the Church buildings and is paying the utility bills. Income from rentals reached \$9,831 in 2012 while income from activities was \$1,913 compared to \$2,727 last year, and interest income from term deposits and bank interest was \$208 compared to \$289 in 2011. Miscellaneous income was \$500.

In 2012, the Foundation undertook several maintenance projects, including Church roof repairs resulting from ice damage, tree trimming, repairs to the Rectory and required improvements to the fire/emergency alarm system which totalled \$8,033 compared to \$10,962 last year. The cost of our fundraising activities was \$2,737 which was up very slightly from \$2,718 disbursed in 2011. Only some very minor work was performed in the cemetery totalling \$31. Rentals costs were \$1,080 for the year. Cost of utilities, which are hydro and gas, reached \$10,273 in 2012. And finally, directors' insurance and miscellaneous charges totalled \$946 compared to \$1,080 in 2011.

In summary, total income was \$25,077 in 2012 up from \$12,788 in 2011, while expenditures were \$23,100 up from \$22,163 in the previous year. Finally, the surplus as of December 31, 2012 stands at \$37,776 versus \$35,799 at the beginning of the year.

Hugh E. Bieber, Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2012

		31/12/12	31/12/11
		(\$)	(\$)
ASSETS	Cash on Hand	10 406	2 689
	Guaranteed Income Investments	25 895	31 680
	Accrued Interest	51	77
	GST/QST Refund Receivable	1 424	1 353
TOTAL ACTIFS		37 776	35 799

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	Accounts Payable	-	-
	SURPLUS	37 776	35 799

Statement of Income and Expenses for the Year Ending December 31, 2012

		2012	2011
		(\$)	(\$)
INCOME	Donations and Memberships	12 625	9 372
	Interest Income	208	289
	Income from Activities	1 913	2 727
	Rental Income	9 831	400
	Miscellaneous	500	-
TOTAL INCOME		25 077	12 788

EXPENSES	Repairs to Church Property	8 033	10 962
	Fundraising Activities	2 737	2 718
	Cemetery Project Costs	31	4 462
	Directors' Insurance	699	913
	Rental Costs	1 080	-
	Utility Costs	10 273	-
	Bank Charges	-	5
	Miscellaneous	247	194
	Professional Fees	-	2 909
	TOTAL EXPENSES		23 100

Net Income or (Loss) for the Period	1 977	(9 375)
Surplus at Beginning of Period	35 799	45 174
Surplus at End of Period	37 776	35 799



Donation



Send us you tax deductible donation, you will help the Foundation achieve its mission to restore and preserve our heritage for future generations.



Rentals



The Hall and the Church can be rented for private events.

For details, go to :

www.st-george-foundation.org/location



Membership



The Foundation continues to need your support. Become a member today!



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Don't forget!

Annual Feast of St. George
Saturday, June 8 2013 !



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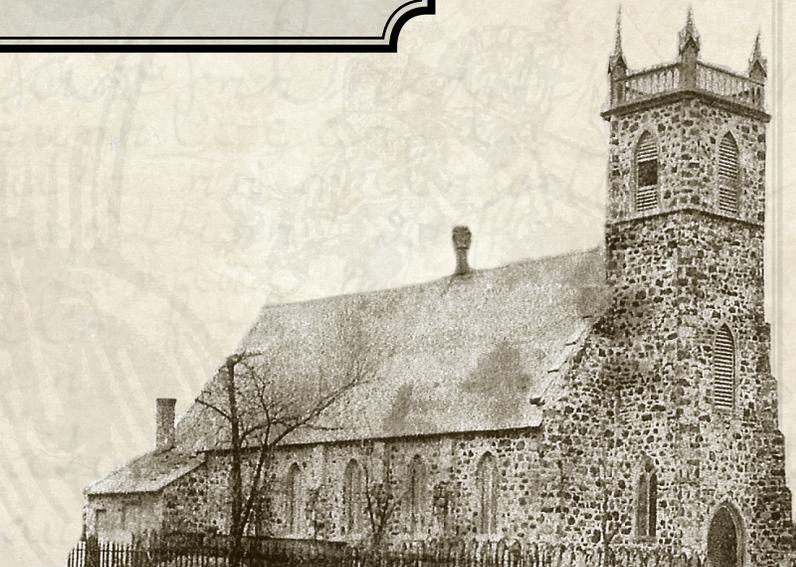


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