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Archive CD Books Canada Newsletter

1 - WELCOME,

We hope the absence of last months Newsletter didn't raise any issues for you but, "when you have nothing to say - Say Nothing!"

Hopefully this issue will make up for it with our release of a book containing a gold mine of biographies of "notable" people in, and from, Newfoundland at about the year 1927.

We are also launching our "Dog Days of Summer" sale. The protagonists in the Canada Post are destroying public confidence in "the mail" so we need to tempt you to brave their monopoly again.

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More about both these important events in the newsletter.

I have also been receiving notices about upcoming "events" and some of the exciting specials and presentations that Genealogy / History organizations are planning for the coming months.

We have also updated and refreshed all our other newsletter departments including breaking Genealogy News and Events.

- Our new digital version of Who's Who in Newfoundland 1927.
- Notice of our Dog Days of Summer SALE!
- A look at what's coming.
- All our news, gossip and announcements.

Remember this Newsletter is published for you so if you think we're missing something important, or there is something you would enjoy, drop me a line:

Send Me eMail

3 - A NEW RELEASE ON CD

3.1: Who's Who in and from Newfoundland - 1927

CA0438: \$24.00

The title continues: "A chronology of the chief events in the history of the Island since its discovery, and a review of the principal commercial and industrial enterprises of the country." Edited and Published by R. Hibbs (1876-1940).

We have extracted selected statements about the book's aims and purpose from its own description - specifically from the Preface - to provide you with as accurate a guide to its wonderful content as possible, e.g., on how the Subject individuals were selected we have:

"In the compilation of the work we have been guided by democratic principals, hence its scope is comprehensive enough to include more than merely the outstanding public figures, and the more prominent professional and business men.

Has a man or a woman played, or are they playing any part above the common in the affairs of the Country? Their relation to the outstanding affairs and the general development of Newfoundland is shown in the brief account of their career in its pages. To do this as fairly and as accurately as possible is the actuating motive of this compilation. An effort has been made to include the biographical sketches of prominent Newfoundlanders domiciled in other lands. ... We have secured, wherever possible, photographs of those whose biographies appear ..."

"In addition to the biographical section we have undertaken, likewise to describe some of the Industries and commercial enterprises of the Country, hence a brief history of some of the most prominent concerns are published herein.

A section furnishing general information on Newfoundland has been added and care has been taken to have this brief outline of the most outstanding events in our country's history as accurate and as reliable as possible."

While the book does offer its own Index (or table of Contents), it can only provide a reference to the principal subjects. However, any reasonable biography will make some reference to the subject's family and influential colleagues. This increases the number of specific individuals mentioned to many times that shown in the printed, subjects index. Our digital edition provides an index to **every** word in the book making it possible to extract the maximum amount of information – including names – from its data-stuffed pages.

The book mentions, several times, that this 1927 edition is the first issue of what is expected to be an annual series. We, however, found only two later editions by this author, dated 1933 and 1937 and so are forced to conclude that - in its own time - it was not particularly well received. Now, however, we believe that the true value of this snap-shot into the past, and hence into the future, of Newfoundland will be more fully appreciated.

This original copy of the 1927 edition has been carefully scanned at 400dpi, to provide high fidelity reproductions of every printed page, OCRed for searchability and the resulting text hand edited for close to perfect transcription.

To assist you with your selection of this digital book for your collection we have extracted the list of Subjects Names from the book's Table of Contents, and published it as a freely downloadable file on our website's "Free

Downloads" page (see under the "Info." menu, click to expand the "Free Downloads" link and then select "Newfoundland & Labrador Downloads." Look for CA0438 and click "Download Index.")

3.2: Dog Days of Summer Sale

Despite both sides in the current National postal dispute doing their level best to destroy our faith in the Canada Post "Crown Corporation," we are going to try to bring you a "Blow Your Mind" SUMMERSALE of ALL of our Canadian Products - yes even this month's New Release!.

Discounts go as deep as 50% on most items - some Gleanings are ONLY 1\$ each !!

We ARE still committed to using Canada Post (for now) so we will be watching their "negotiations" very carefully! Both sides are (supposed to be) committed to a 72 hour notice of strike / lock out action - which should be enough to clear any of our product out of their system, BUT it does mean we may have to cancel our sale at a moments notice. So don't hesitate. Shop NOW! This sale may be gone tomorrow!

To shop our sale use your normal access to our site - www.ArchiveCDBooks.ca - and the hierarchical menus to find your interests. ITEMS ON SALE ARE MARKED WITH A GREEN DOT.

4 - COMING SOON

Completing our project to digitally reproduce the Newfoundland biographies book, we will now be able to start work on our customer suggestion for a rare Prairie Provinces book. This book promises to be another Biographical gold mine!

In the mean time we have again gone to work on a book we were forced to shelve for a while. While not strictly meeting our criteria of "Canadian - ness" this is a "single name" genealogy book, which essentially makes it "Nationless"

as it is impossible to tell where all the related off-spring have traveled since the last recorded locations in the book. It IS clear that the N. American progenitor originated in England and took up residence in Massachusetts in 1633.

5 - NEWS & GOSSIP

If any of you have genealogy related questions of a general nature - or something specifically related to Archive CD Books - we'd be glad to publish your question in this newsletter so you can tap into the enormous fund of knowledge which I know is out there.

OGS Conference 2017 (revised Aug. 2016)

Hard as it may be to believe, preparations for the 2017 conference have been underway for several months.

Several sub-committees have been working and they are looking for some volunteers with specific experience:

"Meetings are held on-line, so you can participate from anywhere in the world.

If you would like to join one of the sub-committees, particularly if you have expertise in Marketing or Social Media, please contact Mike More at: conference2017@ogs.on.ca."

ALSO, from the same source: "If you belong to another heritage or genealogical organization in Eastern Ontario, we would be pleased to have you participate with us. For more details, contact Mike More at the same address as above."

OGS Branch Meetings (posted June 2016)

Being based in Ontario, we tend to hear the Ontario based events rather "louder" than we hear those in the rest of the Country. Consequently we are always in the difficult position of having to "pick-and-choose" what events we mention, in an attempt to remain even handed with our news distribution. We reserve our editorial rights as to what we "pick-and-choose," but we are also providing you with a link the CALENDAR OF EVENTS, maintained by the OGS,

giving details of ALL of their activities, which represents a good number of genealogy meetings scheduled in Ontario:

OGS EVENTS CALENDAR

Mackenzie House seeks stories about Eaton's employees. (Posted June 2016)

City of Toronto Museums & Heritage Services The City of Toronto's Museums and Heritage Services and the Archives of Ontario are collecting personal stories of T. Eaton Company Limited employees who fought in the First World War.

In 2014 the Archives of Ontario created an online exhibit, *Eaton's Goes to War*. Our goal is to expand this online exhibit with the personal stories of some of the individuals in the collection's photographs. This expanded exhibit will be displayed at Mackenzie House from September 29, 2017 to January 29, 2018. We want to know the stories of these men.

Can you help? For more information, click here.

<u>Digitization of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Personnel</u> <u>Services Files</u>

(Revised Aug. 2016)

The Digitization of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Service Files project announced that they had processed 50% of the files.

Please check <u>the database</u> regularly for new additions or, you may contact them directly at 1-866-578-7777 for more assistance.

The Archives of Ontario have opened a Facebook Page

(Posted Aug. 2016)

As of July 2016 the Archives of Ontario have opened a Facebook page so they can better display and share their holdings. Head over to their facebook page and if you like what you see "like" them so their postings appear on your page. To view their page click here.

<u>Museum of Toronto launches Call for Proposals</u>

(Posted Aug. 2016)

by Alex MacKinnon, Museum of Toronto

Museum of Toronto is launching a call for proposals for our second annual Intersections festival, which will take place in March 2017 and aims at exploring different perspectives on the city's natural, cultural and historic diversity.

To get a sense of what the festival is about, as well as past exhibits, <u>visit the</u> <u>website</u>. Follow this link to the <u>call for submissions</u>.

<u>Ancestry updates England and Scotland, Select Cemetery</u> <u>Registers, 1800-2014</u>

(Posted Aug. 2016)

from John D. Reid, Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections

There are 592,318 records in this updated collection, originally at Ancestry in August 2014. Unlike most of Ancestry's Select collections these are linked to images of the original record.

To see which areas have been updated, visit's John's blog.

Diaspora Tapestry coming to Toronto

(Posted Aug. 2016)

The Diaspora Tapestry is coming to Toronto. It will be at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Scarborough. (St Andrew's was founded by Scots.)

The tapestry will be on display from Sept 19 - Oct 1. Admission is FREE.

Hours for viewing:

Weekdays: Noon – 8 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 24, 10:00 - 6:00

Sun. Sept. 25, 2:00 - 6:00

Sat. Oct., 1, 10:00 - 4:00

Toronto Branch-OGS, Fall 2016; Educational Events

(Posted Aug. 2016)

Registration is now open for:

- Hands-On "Ancestry" Library Edition: (Instructor: Carol Nichols.)

Wednesday afternoons in September and October.

A three-session course on how to use one of the largest databases of Canadian and international genealogical records.

- Hands-On Early Ontario Land Records: (Instructor: Jane E. MacNamara.)

<u>Thursday afternoon/evenings in October.</u>

A three-session course to help you learn to use the collections at the Archives of Ontario to document land grants and transactions in Upper Canada.

- Basic Genealogy and Family History: (Instructor: Jane E. MacNamara.)

Wednesday afternoons from mid-October to early December

An eight-week course designed for those just beginning to research their family history or looking to upgrade basic research skills.

- Introduction to Genetic Genealogy: (Instructor: Linda Reid.)

Wednesday evenings in October

A new three-session course for genealogists with well-researched family trees who wish to confirm and expand them with genetic evidence.

- **Putting Your Family Tree On-line**: (Instructor: Marian Press)

<u>Tuesday evenings in October and November</u>

A three-week course to help genealogists understand their options for putting family information on-line for others to find.

For further information, please visit our Branch website at: http://torontofamilyhistory.org/learn.

6 - WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

We use our Facebook page to spread the word about notable events, special offers, and just plain old "scuttlebutt," which we think will be of interest to Canadian genealogists, and which may have a short "shelf life."

To me, being a Canadian genealogist means having roots in other parts of the World as well as right here. In an effort to keep focused on the Canadian content I try to filter out a lot of the vast wave of US (only) news which tend to overwhelmed most other news sources.

We made 23 posts on our Facebook page in the two months since our last newsletter. From these our "Top 5" posts are below:

- Announcing the release of the Download version of our Canadian Military history book "Dileas."
- 2. Interpreting the Copyright act in respect of "quotes" on the Internet.
- 3. Websites which review genealogy software
- 4. Advice on how to write your own Family History.
- 5. Announcing the release of "Who's Who in and from Newfoundland" (after two days of posting!)

We like to think of our Facebook page as a compliment to this Newsletter, and sometimes as a quicker reacting extension. It also allows "members" to react and express their POV,

- Add your "Like" to our FB page and be "in the know" as it happens.
- If you are already a Facebook member then you can find the Archive CD Books Canada wall by searching for our name or at:
 https://www.facebook.com/ArchiveCDBooksCanada
- If you have not yet joined Facebook you can use the same URL but you will need to "sign in" before you can read our wall.

If you have an item which you would like us to give a public airing on Facebook (and you don't wish to do it yourself) - or if you wish to have it posted in this newsletter then send it to me at:

Malcolm@ArchiveCDBooks.ca

and we'll see what we can do. (*Please indicate that you would prefer we post it on Facebook otherwise we may leave it to be posted in the newsletter.*)

7 - FAMILY HISTORY SHOWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We can include your Family History Societies announcements if you tell us what they are. Please give us AT LEAST one month's notice.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO EVENT ORGANIZERS: We can help you spread the word about your events. Our message reaches right across the Country and is read by genealogy fans. They want to hear your message and many of them pass along items that interest them. Get a wider distribution of your event notices by simply including me in your distribution list.

My eMail is: Malcolm@ArchiveCDBooks.ca

9 - 11th September, 2016; THE BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF GREATER OTTAWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO) is hosting its 22nd Annual Conference in the Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Nepean, Ontario. This is always a well attended conference with multiple presentation streams and an extensive Marketplace.

More information, including advance registration can be found on: http://www.bifhsgo.ca

We are planning to attend this conference marketplace with a large selection of our CDs (about 1,000 out of 4,000) and our other "soft" products. We will also bring our complete index-card catalogue and be able to show you the content of ALL the products.

if there is something you especially want to see let us know (<u>by eMail</u>) what it is and we can make sure it's there for you to see (no obligation to buy!) Remember to bring your "portable drive" if you want to buy a "download" product.

23 - 25th September, 2016; THE KELOWNA & DISTRICT GENEALOGY SOCIETY'S CONFERENCE

The Kelowna & District Genealogy Society's conference will take place at the Kelowna Inn and Suites in Kelowna, BC (heart of the great BC wine country). One of Western Canada's largest conferences, *Harvest your Family Tree* promises to be <u>bigger</u>, better and <u>more exciting</u> than ever! Featuring 10 acclaimed speakers from the UK, US and Canada with 33 topics to choose from. Whether you are just beginning your family history journey or you are a seasoned researcher, you will not be disappointed. Our Marketplace will be buzzing with information and the products you need to take your genealogical

pursuits to the next level. Add to this, the KDGS Family & Local History Resource Centre's Open House, Meet the Speakers Reception, Guided Historic Walking Tour, bushels of fabulous Door Prizes and Raffles all set in Kelowna during Apple & Grape Harvest Season... making THIS an event not to be missed!

More information, including advance registration can be found on: http://kdgsconference2016.blogspot.ca/

21 - 23rd October, 2016; From: THE GREAT CANADIAN GENEALOGY SUMMIT.

The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit is being held at the Courtyard Marriott - Brampton, Ontario, Canada.

"Derived out of a passion for family history, three Canadian genealogists banded together to develop a conference structure which has a mission to promote Canadian genealogists by providing a platform to showcase their talents as well as share their knowledge and passion for genealogy with others."

There are 5 sessions, each with two streams to chose from, plus add-on "field" trips available.

Full information and registration at:

http://www.cangensummit.ca/product/full-weekend-registration/

5th November, 2016; THE KITCHENER PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL GENEALOGY FAIR.

This year the Kitchener Public library will have Jen Baldwin of FindMyPast and Twitter's #genchat at their annual Genealogy Fair in Kitchener Ontario.

There is no registration, or cost, to attend this event but if you should have any questions you can email to genealogyfair@kpl.org or fax it to 519-743-1261, or send them by post to "Sheila" at the KPL main branch address.

<u>16 - 18th June, 2017; THE ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL</u> CONFERENCE.

"Our Canada — Your Family: Building a Nation" is the title, and the theme, of the annual Ontario Genealogical Society Conference. It will be held in Ottawa, at Algonquin College and will be hosted by the Ottawa Branch OGS.

For more information, please contact the Conference 2017 Program

Committee by email at: <u>program.conference2017@ogs.on.ca</u>.

8 - ARCHIVES & PREVIOUSLY RELEASED BOOKS:

Archives of this newsletter showing all the previous release announcements are available in the newsletter archive which can be reached through:

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All our newly released books are listed on the "home" page of our website. Go to:

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