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Regimental Colours to be Restored with Assistance from FCWM



Megan Gruchy and Eric Fernberg examine the unrestored Hemmingford colour. Photo: Stephen Darby, CMC.

A significant and exciting conservation project, funded by the Friends, has been launched to preserve and restore the regimental colour of the Hemmingford Loyal Volunteers – a 19th century Canadian military unit.

The Hemmingford Loyal Volunteers were a militia unit raised in Lower Canada to assist the government and serve alongside the British Regulars during the Lower Canada Rebellion. Organized under the command of Major

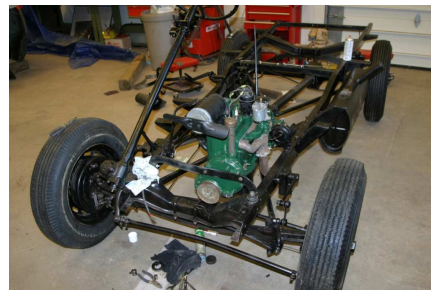
John Scriver at Hemmingford, Quebec, they engaged Patriote forces during the Battles of Lacolle and Odelltown, November 7 – 9, 1838. The hand-sewn regimental colour, made by Mrs. Gilchrist of Montreal, was presented to the unit by the ladies of Hemmingford on May 9, 1839.

The flag, according to Eric Fernberg, Collections Manager, Dress and Insignia, is quite significant, in that it represents an early 19th century military unit and carries the cipher of Queen Victoria. As a militia flag it is an early Canadian military use of her royal monogram, following her accession to the throne in 1837.

The conservation work will be done in-house at the CMC textile lab. It will involve precision, labour-intensive work by textile conservators Julie Hughes and Megan Gruchy. After conservation, the colour will once again be seen in its original dimensions of approximately 7 feet square.

The Friends have allocated up to \$20,000 for this project, which is expected to be completed early in 2009.

Fordson Van Restoration Project



The Fordson Food Van restoration, funded by the Friends, is nearly complete, as can be seen in the accompanying photos. The van should be on exhibit by the time this issue of The Torch is mailed in late November.

The Fordson Van in progress. Photos: Bill Kent

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President's Message Angus Brown

Happy New Year!

It may seem strange to say that in the autumn but, in many ways, this is the time when we all begin anew our activities for the coming months. Children go back to school. Activities and clubs begin their new season. And, at the Friends, we are beginning to look forward to our busy period.

The recent Remembrance Day ceremonies in each city and town across the country probably brought home to most of us renewed thoughts of the military history of Canada, that which has gone before and that in the making now. Of course, at the Canadian War Museum, it is like Remembrance Week all year round. And we Friends are continually working hard to support the Museum in its goals of preserving, commemorating and educating the Canadian public about our Canadian military heritage.

This summer I had the opportunity to speak to many of the visitors to the Museum. Without exception, they all came away impressed with this institution. One couple was so taken by the place that they skipped the Museum of Civilization tour that they had planned for their second day in Ottawa in favour of a return

visit here. This speaks volumes for the quality of the Museum.

In this issue you will read about an exciting restoration project that is about to commence. The colours of a nineteenth century Eastern Townships militia regiment will be restored and preserved at our expense by conservators at the Canadian Museum of Civilization workshops. There may be other colours still to be obtained and, if so, they would form a unique addition to the collection.

Of course, we all await our Fordson food van rollout that should happen soon this autumn. The truck is looking better each week as the restoration progresses. We hope to work with the Museum staff to make this a bit of an event to introduce this one-of-a-kind vehicle to the Canadian public, and to make them aware of one of the tangible things we do.

We will be looking for your annual subscription renewal soon. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the continuing efforts of the Friends to support the Museum. And don't forget that a subscription to the Friends makes a quick and easy gift for someone who has everything.

Dr. Tim Cook Wins Ottawa Book Award

The Ottawa Book Awards, each worth \$5,000, were announced on October 18. The winners are picked by peer juries. The actual prizes come from the city and are meant to honour the best books written by Ottawa authors.

Tim won for his book, *At the*

Sharp End: Canadians Fighting the Great War 1914-1916.

The second volume, covering 1917 and 1918, has just been published. Please see p. 6 of this newsletter to see how you can get a signed copy.

News from the Director General of the CWM

Mark O'Neil

As many of you know, John Corneil retired from the Museum at the end of September. John spent seven years at the Museum, and many years before at the CMCC. His leadership and positive approach to his work are a lasting hallmark, and I know that you join me in wishing him well in his retirement. I have asked Jim Whitham to act as Manager of Collections. Among other duties, Jim is attempting to replace himself as Manager, Transport and Artillery (not an easy task!).

Museum historians were busy over the last few months on many projects. Tim Cook's book *Shock Troops: Canadians Fighting the Great War, 1917-1918* was published, as was Peter MacLeod's *Northern Armageddon: The Battle of the Plains of Abraham*. And Research fellow Andrew Iarocci's book,

Shoestring Soldiers: The First Canadian Division at War, 1914-1915 was published, rounding off three excellent titles. I am immensely proud of their important scholarship.

A significant recent acquisition was the Peter Winkworth collection of powder horns. The addition of these objects has allowed the CWM to progress from merely having powder horns within its collection, to having a significant collection of powder horns capable of illuminating multiple aspects of military life in North America from the time of the Seven Years' War through to the Lower Canada Rebellion. A wonderful public programming initiative focussed on the play, *Through Roses*, a music-drama by composer Marc Neikrug performed for the first time in Ottawa by Canadian actor Saul Rubinek, violinist Pinchas

Zukerman and an ensemble of seven musicians in July in the Barney Danson Theatre. The presentation of the performance was a unique collaboration between the National Arts Centre Orchestra and the Canadian War Museum in conjunction with "*Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race*", an exhibition organized and circulated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Finally, Friends of the CWM will be pleased to know that conservation work continues on the 19th century Regimental Flag belonging to the Hemmingford Loyal Volunteers. This military unit was a militia regiment loyal to the government of Lower Canada and participated in the second series of engagements during the Lower Canada Rebellions of 1837-38. This project is being funded by the Friends.

FCWM in Running for Donner Foundation Award

A press release from the Fraser Institute has announced that the Friends of the Canadian War Museum has been chosen as one of 27 finalist organizations from among 600 entries in the 11th annual **Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services**.

FCWM is competing with two other entrants for a \$5K prize in

the category of "Alternative Education". Winners of each of the 10 social service delivery categories will be eligible for a final prize for the best-run organization in Canada.

The evaluation process for the Donner Foundation awards has been used by FCWM Executive Committee for a few years as a method of self-evaluation of our management practices. This year, to our sur-

prise, we were chosen in this category by the organizers.

Our application for consideration is the result of a lot of work by Deputy Treasurer MJ Tremblay and Secretary Howard Mansfield. The awards presentation for successful entries will be on 19 Nov in Toronto. Results will be available on our web site and in the next issue of *The Torch*.

New CWM Temporary Exhibits

A Letter from Japan: The Photographs of John Swope

This exhibit features images taken by the noted American photographer in Japan at the end of the Second World War. They include the release of Allied prisoners of war and the efforts of Japanese people to survive in the shadow of military defeat and economic ruin.

The exhibit comprises more than 100 photographs, complemented by excerpts from Swope's remarkable 144-page letter to his wife, detailing his thoughts and emotions.

During the Second World War, the Japanese people had been largely demonized in

Allied countries, portrayed as one-dimensional "enemies" who now had been defeated. Swope, however, saw his subjects — victors and vanquished alike — as human beings traumatized by war and struggling to survive in its aftermath.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the War Museum's Military History Research Centre will present a special display of archival documentary and photographic material related to Canadian prisoners of war in the Pacific from its unparalleled collection.

This exhibit was organized by the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles. It is presented at the Canadian War Museum from

December 17, 2008 to March 29, 2009.

Fields of Battle 1914 - 1918: Photography of Michael St. Maur Sheil

This exhibit comprises a collection of photographs depicting the battlefields that stretch across 600 km of the Western Front of the First World War, from Flanders to Switzerland. The work, accompanied by first-hand accounts of the participants in the battles, shows only hints of the conflict suffered during these dramatic events in the now healed landscapes.

11 Nov 2008 – 13 April 2009

Architectural Award Presentation



The Governor General of Canada honouring Jason Moriyama and Alex Rankin for their design of the new Canadian War Museum.

The architects of our splendid new Canadian War Museum were given well-deserved recognition by their peers at a ceremony on November 16th when they were presented with the Governor General's Medal in Architecture at the Governor General's residence in Ottawa, Rideau Hall. The competition is organized by The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, and the Canada Council for the Arts selects and administers the peer assessment jury.

Jason Moriyama of Moriyama and Teshima Architects, Toronto, and Alex Rankin of Griffiths Rankin Cook, Ottawa re-

ceived the medal from Her Excellency, Madame Michaëlle Jean. In his acceptance speech, Jason referred to the concept of regeneration, which was fundamental to the design of the museum and which was inspired by the deeds of Canadian veterans.

Mark O'Neill Director-General, Canadian War Museum, Victor Rabinovitch, President and CEO, Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation, and Howard Mansfield, Secretary FCWM were present to congratulate both the recipients and Raymond Moriyama who was unable to attend.

Absent Friends

Colonel Karen Ritchie, OMM, CD

Colonel Karen Ritchie died tragically in a motor vehicle accident in Burlington, Ontario on Monday, 13 October, 2008. The Friends remember her as an energetic, high-spirited member of our Board of Directors on which she served from 2005. Reluctantly, we saw her leave the board in 2007 when she was

posted to Montreal to command 5 Area Support Group.

Karen was part of the first female intake into the Royal Military College, Kingston in 1980, earning a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, and later a Master's degree in Integrated Logistic Support, both of which qualified her eminently for later becoming the Project Manager, Light Ar-

moured Vehicles. After completing the Canadian Forces Command and Staff course, she was promoted to full colonel in which rank she ran the Mounted Soldier Survivability Project.

The Friends have expressed our condolences to her husband, Chief Warrant Officer (Ret'd) Don Peddle, and to her family.

Artifacts in the Attic

First World War Military Ledgers

Mrs. Elsie Gates has presented the War Museum with five ledgers entitled "First Brigade Canadian Artillery the Great War" compiled by LCol Leonard W. Gates. The ledgers are handwritten and include information on awards received, promotions, commissions granted other ranks, Honours and Awards, a list of casualties, and material concerning the activities of the 1 Bde CFA 1917 and other miscellaneous material including a hand written letter by Major John McCrae to his Commanding Officer when he was President of the Officer's Mess Committee. Due to illness, the material was presented by Mrs. Gates' daughter Mrs. P. Abma and her husband.

Assistance in obtaining the donation was provided by Jerry Holtzauer of the Friends and Mrs. Mary Ann de Chastelain.

First World War Grave Markers

Earlier this year the Friends were contacted by Mr George Perkins of Toronto who had discovered two old wooden crosses in his grandmother's basement with regimental numbers stamped on metal plaques on them. His grandmother then told him that her two brothers had been killed within a week of each other in June of 1917 and that both telegrams notifying the family of their deaths had arrived on the same day. The family had been given the crosses that had marked the original graves after the soldiers had been formally reburied.

Mr Perkins sent in photographs of the markers, which were now kept in his attic, and Helen Holt, the CWM Collections Manager, Art and Memorials, was able to identify the two soldiers as 340846 Moore, Albert G, Canadian Field Artillery, 18th Battery, 5th Brigade, and 769468 Private. J Moore, 18th Canadian Battalion.



Mr Perkins was delighted when he was informed that his family's grave markers would be added to the War Museum's collection. He expressed his thanks that "the crosses will finally find a fitting place to stand, and my two great uncles will represent a past generation of long-silent heroes".

Adopt-a-Book 2008 – Final Report

Bill Smith

The 2008 Campaign was again a remarkable success and achieved a total of forty-five titles being adopted plus two additional titles after all the titles listed in The Torch were adopted. Well done again Friends; you have earned a

Bravo Zulu for your superb effort.

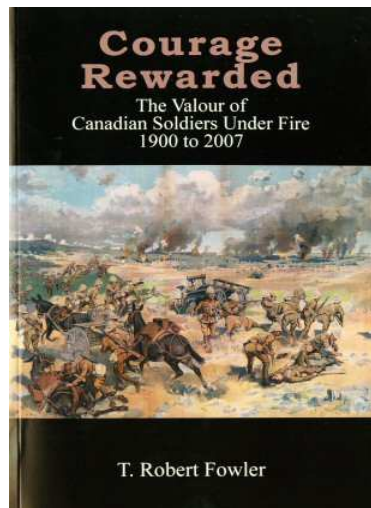
In all forty-seven books were adopted by twenty-two Friends. They are: Clifford Arthur, Pat Barnhouse, Pamela Brunt, Anthony Cannons, Larry Capstick, Barnett Danson, David Evans,

Brian Gough, John Grainger, Ralph Hennessy, Donald Hook, Marilyn Joseph, Liliane Lafleur, Ralph MacIntosh, Valerie Mansfield, Nelson Mercier, Terence Moore, Vivien Packham, William Smith, Howard Stutt, John Trant and Rollande Vézina.

Books by Friends

T. Robert (Bob) Fowler:
Courage Rewarded: The Valour of Canadian Soldiers Under Fire 1900-2007.

This book deals with a subject not been well covered before - the question of what is "courage in battle," and examines how this quality was shown by Canadian soldiers from the South African War to Afghanistan in 2007. The book does not proceed by presenting a large collection of citations but analyzes the meaning of courage using a wide variety of sources including, to the extent



practical, memoirs by Canadian soldiers. The book is 369

pages, costs \$29.75 plus postage and can be obtained from the author at 22 Parkside Cr., Nepean Ont. K2G 3B5, 613-224-3052. More information can be found at www.geocities.com/courage_rewarded.

Tim Cook, *Shock Troops: Canadians Fighting the Great War, 1917-1918.*

This second volume (of two) is available to Friends at a sale price of \$30.00 (autographed by the author). Please contact the office for details (819-776-8618).

Ask and You Shall Receive

Stephen Dunne, Book Sales Coordinator

The response by Friends to our request for book donations (Flyer included with The Torch of August 2008) was most encouraging. Some 100-150 additional titles enriched our collection, greatly improving the diversity of the current selection.

We are exploring ways to avail ourselves of donations from further afield, bearing in

mind the financial burden of postage today. Canadian Legion Branch 636 (Minden Ontario), one of our Group Friends, visited the War Museum at the end of October and brought with them donations from their district.

All donations are screened with the Permanent Collection staff. Titles surplus to their requirements are then made avail-

able for sale through the Friends' various avenues: Website, E-mail, Outreach events, and the book room in the FCWM office.

All revenues raised are directed to the aims of The War Museum.

Thank you for your continued support

Help us help Your Museum.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 17 Opening of new special exhibit in the McCrea Gallery: **A Letter from Japan: The Photographs of John Swope**

UPDATED DETAILS OF CWM EVENTS ARE FOUND AT WWW.WARMUSEUM.CA

Volunteer Hours in New Building

Cédric St-Amour of CMC Volunteer Services reports that since the opening of the new CWM building on May 8, 2005,

the following volunteer hours have been contributed:

- All Volunteers - 63,248 hours

- Volunteer Interpreters (subset of previous total) – 23,537 hours

Making New Friends

What better way to make new Friends than to give someone a Gift Subscription to the Friends of the Canadian War Museum? An annual subscription to the Friends makes a great Christmas gift while supporting the Museum in its mandate of

educating Canadians on our military heritage, preserving historical artifacts, and encouraging future generations to reflect on past sacrifices. All new Friends receive the FCWM pin, annual subscription card and copies of the quarterly

newsletter, The Torch. As a donor, you will receive a tax-deductible receipt for the full amount of your \$25.00 gift. For your convenience, we have enclosed a Gift Subscription Application along with this copy of the newsletter.

Leave Your Legacy to the Canadian War Museum

You can invest in the future of the War Museum by offering a major donation during your lifetime, or by arranging a gift to the Museum through your will. Through your gift, you can help to maintain a vibrant community and ensure that Canadians for generations to come understand

and appreciate our nation's military history.

As part of your long-term financial planning, a major donation or a gift through your will can offer you substantial tax and estate planning benefits while allowing you to make a larger and more lasting gift to the museum.

There are many possibilities for how you can structure your gift, depending on your circumstances. If you are interested in discussing the options, please contact Claude Drouin, Director of Philanthropy at (819) 7756-8625 or claudedrouin@warmuseum.ca

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Donations to the Friends

The following donations which were made to the Friends during the period July 1 through September 30, 2008 are most gratefully acknowledged. With your financial help the Friends continue to support the Museum through programs of acquisition, research, conservation and restoration of artifacts, and special events, as well as publication of the Newsletter.

In-Memoriam Donations

Ms. Mai-Yu Chan in memory of Mr. Fred Schrie, Canadian Army Service Corps, World War 2, Korea

Ms. Patricia L. Farrell in memory of Renfrew D. Mather
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Wm. Lister, KIA August 12, 1944
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New Friends

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between July 1 and September 30, 2008.

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		Gerald and Joan Mar-		

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