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Celebration of Mothering Sunday in honour of Mercia Church's Special Birthday held at St. George's, Ayer's Cliff

On March 21, 2004, Holy Eucharist was celebrated at St. George's Anglican Church, Ayer's Cliff as a Greater Parish Service, with a congregation of one hundred twenty five. For many years the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been observed as Mothering Sun-

from Montreal; daughter Mary and Kevin Rippin and children from B.C. However due to distance daughter Lina and her family from Australia were not able to attend. A loving message of congratulations was read from them showing how very proud they are of their Mom and Granny. Many messages



Mercia Church presenting a rose to the Rev. Maxwell Jones, whose 92nd birthday was just the day previous to her 90th.

Photo K. Dickerson

day, especially in England where our 'guest of honor' was raised as a young child. March 21st was the day when Mercia Church was celebrating her ninetieth year and it seemed the appropriate time to honor her and give recognition to her for her wonderful contribution of music in the St. Francis Deanery area. So, on this day we gave thanks to God who gives us new birth, and for the Church, which, like a mother nurtures us in the life of the Spirit. We also gave thanks for our own human mothers and for all the qualities of mothering.

It was especially true that Sunday as we gathered to worship God and give thanks to Him for a lady who could well be considered our nurturing mother. Mercia Church has, for many years, brought music and culture into our lives. She has guided us and brought us wonderful riches through her love of music and, of course, her strong determination. This special lady, along with her late husband, the Rev. Canon Harold Church, has certainly served as an example to us all. Many of Mrs. Church's immediate family were present - son Philip and Linda Church and children

had been received and were presented to her at the reception following the service. Bishop Bruce and the Staff at Church House also sent congratulations and regrets for not being able to attend.

Families of deceased church members were also present in our congregation as their loved ones were remembered with dedications, done by Rev. Canon Curtis Patterson. New hymn books, **Common Praise**, were given to the Glory of God and in appreciation for Mercia Church's musical contributions; several name plates mounted on the Memorial Board; Canon Church's Crosses that had been skillfully mounted on a plaque by Ernie Wintle; the exterior lights in memory of Lois Dustin, a former Sunday School Teacher; and the exterior church sign in memory of Beatrice Schoolcraft, a faithful parishioner. A bouquet of red roses had been placed on the organ by Mrs. Church and later distributed to those who had celebrated a 'significant' birthday in March.

A musical prelude on the violin was given by Emily Fowler, a former pupil of Mrs. Church's. **Continued on page 2**

FLYING THE THE BISHOP ON HIS 13TH ANNUAL TRIP TO THE QUEBEC NORTH SHORE



By The Rev. Dr. Patricia Peacock

Our log books read:
Date: 08/03/2004,
Aircraft make and Model:
Cessna 185,
Aircraft Ident.: N369E
From: CYSC (Sherbrooke)
To: CYZV (Sept-Iles)
Remarks: Strong tailwind, smooth flying.

And so began my third winter trip with Bob Bryan, my husband, to the Quebec North Shore; our mission to fly the Bishop to the Anglican Churches from Kegaska to Saint Augustine.

The Right Reverend Bruce Stavert has been travelling to the Quebec North Shore to visit the Anglican communities every winter for the past 13 years. He first flew to the Coast 28 years ago when he became the Incumbent of Saint Paul's River. While serving on the Coast Bruce Stavert met Diana Greig, the nurse in charge at St. Augustine, who later became his wife.

Forty-five years ago The Venerable Bob Bryan flew to the Quebec North Shore for the first time. Forty-five years ago he fell in love with the Coast and the people. Forty-three years ago Bob Bryan founded the Quebec Labrador Foundation to promote local leadership, conservation, traditional skills and higher education on Quebec's North Shore. Since then he has been flying the little yellow plane with black trim, N369E, on hydraulic wheel skis in the winter, and on amphibious floats in the summer, to the Coast.

The Venerable Robert Bryan flew Bishop Stavert on his first trip 28 years ago; 2004 was the 13th year Bob had flown Bruce Stavert on his

Episcopal missions. Stavert is the fifth bishop Bob has flown on the Coast, he also flew Archbishop Carrington, and Bishops Brown, Matthews and Goodings.

Bob and I flew from Sherbrooke to Sept-Iles on Monday, March 8, where we spent our first night on the Coast. The Bishop was to fly commercially from Quebec city and meet us the next day in Natashquan. In Sept-Iles Bob and I are always met by Enis Cribb, Bob's friend and engineer/mechanic of forty-four years. The next morning Bob and I had breakfast with friends from all Saints Anglican Church, and then Bob and I departed from Sept-Iles. Whenever we leave that airport, Enis Cribb stays on the tarmac watching until we are safely in the air.

We flew from Sept-Iles to Kegaska where we unloaded the plane to make room for the Bishop. We backtracked to Natashquan where we met Bishop Stavert on Tuesday, 9th March, and then we flew back to Kegaska, our destination for that day.

At the airstrip in Kegaska we were met by Bob's old friend, Gordon Kippen, whom he calls "Brother", who is always there, with a number of other local friends, to help with the plane. Church Warden, John Evans is also always there to meet the plane. The men in Kegaska have been helping Bob for so long that they know exactly what to do with the tie-downs and the engine cover.

After securing N369E The Bishop, Bob and I were taken by snowmobile to Ruth Kippen's B & B called Auberge Brion, named after the shipwreck that happened in the 1970s. There we were, as always, wonderfully looked after by Ruth. The atmosphere in Auberge Brion is relaxed and welcoming and the food Ruth serves is delicious.

Tuesday evening we went to the Church of Saint Philip, Kegaska, where we attended the first of five Confirmation Services we would attend over the next week along the Coast. Many Anglicans struggle to make Church relevant and meaningful to young people; that did not seem to be a problem on the Coast. The number of candidates at each of the five services was impressive, starting with Kegaska. It was very moving to see the young people make this important step in their spiritual lives with such enthusiasm and conviction, and to see them stand so proudly at the front of the packed church in their very best apparel.

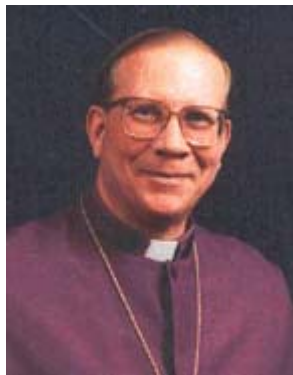
Bishop Stavert congratulated the candidates on the step they were



Confirmation, Harrington Harbour

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From the Bishop's desk:



Dear Friends,

What a blessing has been the final settlement which our church was able to make with the Federal Government some sixteen months ago. It put an end to the enormous expense of lawyers and litigation and meant as soon as the agreement was signed that financial compensation could begin to go to people who had been hurt in native residential schools.

A report on the Residential Schools Settlement Fund was in last month's paper. Even more recent figures indicate that to date over \$9 million has been collected and over \$2.5 million has been paid to victims of abuse whose claims have been validated.

When the Synod and Church Society decided to participate in the Settlement Fund Church Society set up a fund to receive gifts from individuals to go towards our participation of \$135,000. Last year \$7,500 was contributed by individuals and a few groups.

I take this opportunity to do two things; first, to thank all those who have contributed to this fund, and second, to encourage those who have made contribution to continue to do so for the next four years and to ask others to contribute. This will help in offsetting the upfront contribution of \$135,000 which was made by Synod and Church Society. Just as important it gives individuals an opportunity to take part in an important act of compassion and justice by our church towards people hurt by the residential school experience.

Contributions can be sent to Church Society marked Residential Schools Settlement Fund and receipts for income tax purposes will be sent.

Thank you and best wishes,

+Bruce

Bishop's Calendar May - June

May 1	Ordination to Diaconate of Bruce Myers	Montreal
May 5	Annual Meeting Citadel Foundation	Quebec
May 10	Convocation – Diocesan College	Montreal
May 11	Matrimonial Commission	Quebec
May 13-14	Visit of Bishop of Malaita	Quebec
May 15-23	Visitation	Gaspé Deanery
May 15-16	ACW Biennial	Gaspé
May 28 - June 4	General Synod	St. Catharines
June 6	Confirmation	Cathedral
June 8	Matrimonial Commission	Quebec
June 15	Quebec Deanery Council	Quebec

ACW meditation for May

By Cecily Hinton

Scripture: Psalm 131.

The writer of this short psalm has reached the point in his life's journey where he knows his limits. He is not as smart as he once pretended to be.

Instead of feeding his ego with pride, arrogance and self-sufficiency, he has found contentment and peace in humility, self awareness, and trust in God. He advises the people of God to follow the same path of trust in God to Peace.

'Peace comes from knowing that we are doing the best we can with the gifts that God has given us to use' (author unknown).

My term as Worship Chairperson in the ACW is finished now, having served in that position for the six year maximum, so this will be my last meditation for the **Quebec Diocesan Gazette**. Thank you for reading this material each month, and God bless you all. Good-bye

"Mercia Church" from page 1

First Reading from the Book of Proverbs 4: 1-9 was read by Lisa Church, a grand daughter. This was followed by a musical selection of Psalm 27- "The Lord is my Light"; and Psalm 56- "When I am Afraid", performed to music using sign language. This was done by six young Sunday School girls from St. George's, Lennoxville under the leadership of Diane Wintle-Fontaine, and enjoyed by all.

The Second Lesson from Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3: 12-17 was read by Phyllis Gauthier and the Gospel of Matthew 12: 46-50 was read by the Rev. Barbara Wintle. Many favorite hymns of Mrs. Church were led by a choir of friends with musicians, Karen Patterson-organist; Sue Wintle-Corriveau and Emily Fowler, violinists; Pam Norman-flutist; Dave Gray-tuba player. Emily and Matthew Fowler, former music pupils, gave a special and beautiful rendition of singing and playing during the service.



Six Sunday School girls from St. George's, Lennoxville under the leadership of Diane Wintle-Fontaine, performed Psalm 27- "The Lord is my Light" and Psalm 56- "When I am Afraid" to music using sign language. Photo K Dickerson

The Rev. Barbara Wintle, who began by explaining just what Mothering Sunday in England was all about, gave the sermon. Centuries ago it was important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old. Therefore children working as domestic servants would be given the day off to visit their mother and family. Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed on that day. Originally both Old and New Testament lessons on mid-lent Sunday made a point of food, a tradition that we would be keeping after the service. The food item especially associated with Mothering Sunday is the Simnel Cake, something that was often made by Mrs. Church in the past when we celebrated this day either at St. George's or at St. James in Hatley. A Simnel cake is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle. The cake is made with eleven balls of marzipan icing on top representing the eleven disciples, Judas not being included. The name Simnel probably comes from the Latin word, "simila" which means a fine wheat flour usually used for baking a cake. There's a legend told that a man called Simon and his wife Nell argued over whether the cake for Mothering Sunday should be baked or boiled. In the end they did both, so the cake was named after both of them: "SIM-NELL".

The sermon then continued by referring to the Epistle Reading in which Paul is giving the Colossians a recipe for happiness. He says life all depends on the clothes we wear, of course not referring to the outward clothes. However a good recipe for all of us to follow these days would be as such: When you get up in the morning and look in our closet and wonder what to wear, we should begin...for underwear put on **compassion**. As a shirt or blouse put on **generosity**; for a skirt or trousers put on **humility**; for a pullover put on **kindness**; for socks put on **patience**. When wondering about which pair of shoes to wear, put on the shoes of **forgiveness**. Lastly when you're putting on your coat, put on **love**. Just as we wouldn't forget to put on our underwear, shirt and pants, shoes and socks, we should always remember to do what our dear mothers were constantly reminding us of and that is.....not to forget to put on our COAT!

People's Warden, Muriel Martin, then led the Intercessory Prayers. This was followed by Holy Communion, celebrated by Rev. Canon Curtis Patterson, assisted by Rev. Barbara Wintle, while the choir sang "Tell out my Soul" and "Gloria", under the leadership of Pam Norman.

Thanks were given to everyone present for sharing their talents on this special day, with exceptional thanks going to Mercia Church, of course, for sharing her birthday and giving so much of her life for us. The service concluded with the singing of Amazing Grace.

The celebration continued as a potluck lunch was served in the Legion Hall and a time of fellowship enjoyed. Thanks go to Richard Stone and Shirley Webb for their help in setting out the food and serving. Mrs. Church was presented with many cards and wishes for a happy day. Among those were greetings from the Governor General, Adrienne Clarkson; Prime Minister, Paul Martin; Deputy of Compton/Stanstead, David Price; Pierre Reid, Minister of Education; Mayor Vincent Gerin, Mayor of Ayer's Cliff. Upon the cutting of the traditional cake, everyone sang happy birthday. In turn Mercia graciously thanked everyone for his or her part in making this day a special one for her to cherish. Dinner music was provided by Sue, Pam and Dave and a great time of visiting followed.

Thank you to all of you who attended and helped us to make this a special tribute to a special lady.....MERCIA CHURCH.

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about to take, about the importance of the Eucharist meal, and he spoke of how wherever they happened to be in their lives, they would always be able to find a church and part of the Anglican family where they would be able to share in the celebration of Holy Communion. The bishop also spoke about how delighted he was to be with Gladys Morency on the first occasion after her ordination service in Kegaska. There was a tea after the service at Ruth's B & B. Ruth and the mothers of the candidates provided the food, and the young, new confirmands were the first to dig in to the wonderful food.

The next day we had a smooth flight with Bishop Stavert to Harrington Harbour. The Reverend Gladys Morency travelled to Chevery by snowmobile. In Harrington Harbour Lloyd Ransom, Church Warden, is always there to meet N369E and help secure it against the elements. Wednesday night we had the second Confirmation Service in Christ Church, Harrington Harbour. Once again the young candidates looked proud and happy about the event taking place in their lives. Dressed in their very best, they stood straight and answered loudly and clearly as the Bishop asked the leading questions in the Confirmation Service. The Bishop again spoke of how delighted he was with the ministry of The Rev. Gladys Morency.

The next morning the four of us attended a service of Holy Communion conducted by the Bishop at the Pavillion where many of the community's elderly reside. The residents were very happy to see the Bishop, the Archdeacon, and the new Deacon, and they are always glad to be able to receive communion. Most of the residents know the service of Holy Communion by heart, and they sing the hymns with great gusto.

After lunch we went by snowmobile to Chevery; the Bishop travelled with Lloyd Ransom, and I travelled with Linda Ransom. Bob drove his own reliable vintage snowmobile, needless to say we all left him far behind! The Bishop conducted a service of Holy Communion in the Church of Saint Michael. The best sight of the day was Dave Chislett driving his wife Gladys to church, just like a member of the royal family, in the box behind his snowmobile. It was a pleasure to have such a good turnout, and to see Cecil Anderson, Church Warden. After the service we returned to Harrington Harbour.

Then Friday we had WEATHER! and what weather: Winds up to 85 miles and hour, and blowing snow. Bob tried going out, and managed to get to the plane, which was tied down in the harbour, to make sure all was well; but after parking his snowmobile outside the house the wind was so strong it blew him onto his knees as he made his way to the front door. On Saturday we also had the sort of weather which

made it impossible to fly. The Bishop and Gladys travelled to Mutton Bay by snowmobile, where they met up with the Reverend Canon Curtis Patterson, who was spending three weeks on the Coast filling in for the congregations of Mutton Bay, La Tabatière and St. Augustine.

Bob and I were able to take off from Harrington Harbour on Sunday morning, although we had a rough take off due to a strong



Confirmation, St Augustine

crosswind in the bay. In Mutton Bay we landed with the help of Eldon Bobbitt who was there to show the direction of the wind and where there was smooth ice. Eldon has been Bob's right-hand man in Mutton Bay for years. We also had the pleasure of visiting his parents, Mable and Percy Bobbitt, longtime friends of Bob's.

At 11 a.m. we had the third Confirmation Service in the Church of Saint Clement, Mutton Bay. Again the Church was packed with proud parents and friends. We were now five clergy members crowding into a sanctuary made for two, or at most three, and the Bishop gave us all a role to play in the service. I was again struck by how attractive and enthusiastic the young candidates looked, and how distinctly they spoke the confirmation promises. The Bishop congratulated the candidates and spoke of the importance of the Eucharistic meal.



Confirmation, Mutton Bay

After the service and a light lunch in the church, we left Mutton Bay for La Tabatière; Bob, Bruce

and I in N369E, Gladys, Curtis travelling by snowmobile. We had a smooth take off at Mutton Bay, although on ice the take off always feels a bit bumpy. La Tabatière posed a few problems for N369E. The new runway is quite short and there was a 90 degrees crosswind on the runway; in the end we decided to land on the frozen lake at La Tabatière; it was bumpy, but safe. There we were met by Jocelyn, Calvin and Clinton Robertson, who helped with securing the plane, and then they took us

on their snowmobiles to the home of Mrs. Ron Robertson (Riney) where we were to spend the night.

Sunday evening we attended our fourth Confirmation Service. All the churches we attended are beautiful and well cared for; the Church of Saint Andrew in la Tabatière is no exception. This time there were eight candidates. There were supposed to be ten, but two of the young people were out on a training weekend with the Rangers, learning, leadership and survival skills. They will be confirmed on the Bishop's next trip. The eight candidates, as all the ones before them, were well prepared and proud of the important event taking place in their lives. The church was full, and there was hardly any parking space left outside the church for all the snowmobiles. The service was followed by a congenial and constructive vestry meeting. That evening we said good-bye to Gladys and Curtis who were heading homeward the next day. We had had fun being a team of five working

together.

The following day, thanks again to the help of the whole

Robertson family, we took off from the lake at La Tabatière and headed for St. Augustine. There we were met by Justin Lessard, and old friend of Bob's an a QLF intern who Bob had helped to become a professional pilot, Dwight Driscoll and Ian Driscoll. The Bishop stayed with Mary and Dwight Driscoll, and we stayed with Alice and Gary Lessard. As everywhere on the Coast, the hospitality was warm and welcoming. In St. Augustine we celebrated Holy Communion at the home for the elderly, and visited friends.

Tuesday evening we had our fifth and final Confirmation Service in the Church of Saint Augustine. At this service there were thirteen candidates and the church, with its stained glass windows from East Angus in the Eastern Townships was full to overflowing. They ran out of chairs, hymn books and prayers books. The candidates filled up four pews, and were delightful in their sincerity and enthusiasm. One little girl, in her eagerness, forgot to shake the Bishop's hand at the completion of her confirmation. After the service she graciously returned and offered her hand to Bishop Stavert. The Bishop's mission was completed, and all the services had occurred on schedule. He was to return home the following day.

Bob and I had hoped to continue down the Coast to visit the other Anglican congregations and the QLF staff working on the Coast. Unfortunately the weather forecasts were not in line with our plans, and so we too headed west. Justin and Gary Lessard helped us pack up the plane, and Bob and I left St. Augustine and flew to Sept-Iles. We had a very strong tailwind and made great time. The weather was clear and visibility unlimited. It was just as well since the alternator failed and we did not have the benefit of any electrical equipment. When flying along the Coast it is easy to know exactly where you are from the visual landmarks, all of which Bob knows like the back of his hand.

In Sept Iles Enis Cribb was there to meet us and he was able to fix the alternator. We had dinner with him, and breakfast the next day with friends. We took off in clear weather and Enis was there to see us safely off. The forecast for the trip to Sherbrooke was excellent. The alternator was working.

The reader might have noted that at every stop Bob has faithful friends to help with N369E. At Sherbrooke those friends are Bernard Gohie, Jean Préfontaine and Fred Dallaire. As soon as N369E landed on the tarmac Fred was there closing our flight plan, opening the door to the hangar, fetching Bob's car, and helping with unloading the plane.

There is one last gesture that Bob always does after the completion of another safe trip as a bush pilot - he pats the engine cowl of N369E and says "Thank you".

At the Cathedral

By R. Clive Meredith

A new curate

Bruce Myers came to Quebec City about seven years ago as a reporter for a Montreal radio station. While here, Bruce was drawn to the Cathedral community, where he discovered a vocation to the Priesthood. In 2000 he returned to Montreal to take up studies at the Diocesan Theological Seminary, and, God willing, he will be ordained deacon on May 1 at Christ Church Cathedral, Montral. He will then serve as a deacon to the Cathedral from June 1 to November 30, 2004 until he is "priested" and posted to another parish. Of course we've got to know Bruce quite well over the past years, so we look forward to his stay among us.

Carter Hall restored

Carter Hall has been restored thanks to grants from the Religious Heritage Foundation of Quebec and the City of Quebec. Work included repair and waterproofing of the foundation, repointing of the masonry, replacement of damaged copper roofing, installation of a sprinkler system, and scraping and painting of all external woodwork. There is also talk of painting all the interior and improving the lighting for the offices.

Wow! a new organ

What a vision greeted my eyes this morning as I walked into the Cathedral! The eagle lectern at the front had taken wings toward the centre aisle and in its place stood the case for our new organ, where the wood pipes had already been installed. The metal ones are now being repaired and should be in place during the month of May. This organ is 14 years older than the Cathedral (!) but it might have been built for the place. The effect is truly breathtaking.

After this morning's service organist Ben Waterhouse gave a short impromptu lecture on this magnificent instrument, then - the ultimate thrill - a mini-recital! I kept thinking how Franz Joseph Haydn had been said to have touched those same keys, and how the candlesticks on either end of the keyboard were once not just for show! We'll never know who made it possible for us to acquire this gem, but I trust this note will express our gratitude.

The Souls of the Righteous...

As most members of the diocese are probably aware, our longtime Diocesan Treasurer, John H.C. McGreevy, passed away in March. Space forbids me writing all I would like about this good friend and brilliant, respected, hardworking man, but...well let's just say that now there's no one left in the world for me to call "Sir".

Word from Michaelgarth

By Mia Anderson



Michaelgarth and environs welcomed the great-great-grandson of a survivor of Grosse Ile back to Quebec City on April 2nd to tell a different story of death and resurrection. Actor James Douglas, namesake of Dr James Douglas of Quebec City fame and even notoriety, performed **The Easter Story: A Passion Play** in the church, the scriptural account of the mortal death and immortal resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, during the lead-up to Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

His progenitor, with younger brother George, had been two doctors among the many who worked so hard to save lives during the cholera epidemic. Both survived. Dr Douglas had brought his younger brother out from his native Scotland to train and to assist him in New York state. How New York state? And how Quebec City? Douglas's life reads like a tall tale. But I'm ahead of myself.

The latest James D. not long ago returned to Quebec to bury his own brother in the family plot in Mount Hermon Cemetery, which was co-founded by their great-great-grandfather all those years ago. A Treggett had been put in charge of the grounds then. Now both these historic family ancestors lie in Mount Hermon. The latest son, with these old family ties – and with the accident of having worked in theatre years ago with *moi*, the current rector of St Michael's – returned to make theatre out of scripture, a show he had already performed elsewhere in Ontario, where he now lives.

He could tell you about the Douglas mummy of his great-great-grandfather's – Pharoah Ramses I. That's what I said. The real thing: not a tall tale.

You might like to know something about this veteran actor's family tree, even though those of us present on April 2nd saw him enact quite a different history: one at once human and divine, the scriptural account of the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, as we approached Holy Week. Those who met recently here to debate the Mel Gibson film continued their discussion after **The Easter Story: A Passion Play**. The atmosphere of this telling could not have been more different from the film. A church, by candlelight, with musical interludes of Kathleen Battle's singing, and Bach and Arvo Pärt's music, is a far cry from Hollywood and violence. How did this actor come to be here doing this play? Look at great-great-grandfather.

Young James, born 1800, signed on as surgeon's assistant on a whaler that took him to Spitzbergen, also to the Canadian arctic. Anatomy was his thing. It took him to India. It took him to the Honduras, where he caught yellow fever. The fever led him to Boston for treatment. He was nursed back to health in Utica in 1823. With no intention of staying there, he happened upon a crisis: a farmer had fallen on his pitchfork, it was still lodged in his stomach, and he was going to die. Do something! Young Dr Douglas surmised that the man's clothing had created a kind of internal plug stopping the bleeding, and he dared to draw out the pitchfork. The man lived. Not much surgery involved – mostly anatomy. Douglas was famous overnight.

So he stayed in Utica, had a thriving business, married, begot children, taught anatomy. How? By dissecting corpses from the paupers' graves. But he didn't always use the right corpses. One scandal he survived. But when the second one blew up (a little something about the ex-mayor being unveiled before the watching medical students), he thought it best to get out of town fast – on a sleigh, in midwinter, with family and few possessions, across the frozen St Lawrence. On March 13, 1826, he arrived at the gates of Quebec city.

He quickly established himself as a skilled surgeon. He was, according to Marianna O'Gallagher, the one chosen in 1831 to lead the preparations in the face of the approaching cholera epidemic. Later, he was to head up the Marine and Emigrant Hospital, with Dr Joseph Painchaud as colleague. There was, though, another kind of medical crisis in Quebec to which later he turned his attention. The insane were kept in veritable dungeons, in chains, in the dark. Douglas was put in charge of ameliorating the situation for the province. He purchased Robert Giffard de Moncel's manor house in Beauport, and while living in it with his family, moved more and more of the insane into the back part of the house, extending it and giving them the manor farm to do chores on, in the sunlight which many had not seen in years. The therapy worked wonders. Many were cured and returned to their families.

Douglas's own respiratory ailments had taken him to exotic places in the winters – like Egypt. Hence the Douglas mummy. He gave many lectures at the Literary and Historical Society on a wealth of topics, and he brought back these mummies – some of which are still at Laval University, but one of which, by a most circuitous and tall-talish route, ended up being sold to the University of Georgia. Two years ago, DNA tests suggested that this mummy was none other than Ramses I. Last year, the tests were confirmed. The international headlines carried the news. And in September 2003, the Douglas mummy of Ramses I was returned to Egypt.

The patriarch Douglas is buried, with his line of descendants, in the Mount Hermon cemetery he co-founded. His family rejoices in an exclusive view of the St Lawrence.

There's more. How did great-grandfather come to name the Douglas Hospital in Montreal? And the Douglas Library in Queen's? How did grandfather get thrown out of Upper Canada College, yet have a residence at McGill named after him? "Rawhide Jim" he was called. But for that, ya had ta be there – with those of us who met with Jimmie after his one-man show Friday night before Palm Sunday, talking of family, and theatre, and how his **Passion Play** differed from Mel Gibson's, and how he came to imagine and then create this meditative spectacle.

Nuggets from the past

Compiled from past issues of the *Diocesan Gazette* by Dr. M.E. Reisner, Diocesan Historian

From its first issue, the **Quebec Diocesan Gazette** carried advertising. Its small format (roughly 6 x 9 inches) usually ran to 24 pages including its paper cover. Five or five-and-a-half of these would usually be completely taken up with advertising. Although advertisers varied from issue to issue, most were Quebec City businesses. Some would be familiar to today's readers, others completely strange. All make interesting reading, however.

On the inside of the cover of the **Quebec Diocesan Gazette's** May issue, 1904, are two advertisements: one for "Bijou Clocks in bronze, marble, wood and onyx" at \$6.00, by G. Seifert & Sons on Fabrique Street, the other for "Magi Caledonia Mineral Waters" as well as "Ginger Ale, Soda Water, etc.," by M. Timmons & Son, manufacturers, of Quebec. The facing page offers "Z. Paquet's Departmental Stores" carrying "Dry Goods, Furniture, Hardware, House furnishings of every kind, the best Quality at Lowest Prices. Why go to Toronto when we can supply your needs at same prices and half the express or freight charges. Deal with us and save money."

On the same page, Thomas J. Moore's "Up Town Store, 148 St John Street, Quebec," advertises "Prayer Books, all kinds from 20 cents and up, Hymn Books, all styles and bindings ... Pocket Bibles, Teachers' Bibles and Family Bibles from 15 cents to \$10," as well as "Church Registers and Blank Books of All Kinds ... Stationery, School Books, Toys and Fancy Goods."

"Holt, Renfrew & Co ... by Appointment to Her Majesty the Queen" offers "The Largest Stock of Fine Furs in Canada always on view. Ladies' Sealskin and Persian Lamb Coats, Muffs and Gauntlets. Gentlemen's Fur-lined Coats from \$60 up," suggests that readers "write for pattern book and price list." Wm Vincent, Merchant Tailor, "Importer of the best English Tweeds, Serges, etc., Clerical Tailoring a Specialty" (of 38 Fabrique St) offered a "Special Discount to the Clergy."

Other advertisers include two "Provision Merchants" at the Montcalm Market Hall, a coal merchant, an optician, a chemist and druggist, a manufacturer of "Parlor and Bed-Room Suites, Dining-Room and Hall Furniture, Bedding, etc.," and a "Sanitary Plumber."

There are only two out-of-town advertisement: for "Art Pianos" by Willis & Co. of Montreal, and "Stained Glass Windows" by Robert McCausland, Ltd, of Toronto.

It is unfortunate that when **Quebec Diocesan Gazette** subscribers had their back-copies bound, the advertising pages were often removed, for they give added insight into the tastes, services and prices of the times.

QUEBEC LODGE CAMP

July 4-10 -1st Pioneer Camp (12-15 yrs.) \$300.00	July 4-17 -1st Senior Camp \$565.00 -1ere Camp Anglais Langue Seconde Senior \$710.00 (10-13 yrs.)	July 18-24 -1st Junior Camp \$300.00 -1ere Camp Anglais Langue Seconde Junior (6-11 yrs.) \$350.00 -2nd Pioneer Camp (12-15 yrs.) \$300.00
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