

The United Empire Loyalists' Association
of Canada - New Brunswick Branch



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New Brunswick Branch

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Professor Doctor Bonnie Huskins



Stephen Davidson – Teacher & Author

Atlantic Regional Mini Conference ~ Fall 2010 Saint John, New Brunswick

The Safari Room at the Cherry Brook Zoo was a unique location for the Conference's Speakers Corner which included presentations by Stephen Davidson, Dave Laskey and Professor Bonnie Hutchins on the topic of *Loyalists As Refugees*.

Dominion President, Fred Hayward was guest speaker at the Gala Banquet. The 2-day event also included a service at Trinity Church, where hangs the Hanoverian Royal Coat of Arms which was "removed" from Boston's Old State House by New Brunswick Loyalists as they left town in 1783.



Members from Abegweit, Halifax/Dartmouth, and New Brunswick Branches enjoyed the Gala Banquet at the Union Club.

What's New in the New Brunswick Branch



Dear fellow members

Your Branch has a few projects under way, although they're not all progressing at the same speed. Maybe a brief update would motivate some of you to get involved in one way or another.

The project to produce **Loyalists All, Volume 2** is slowly moving forward. Eric Langley of Courtenay, BC has accepted the challenge of managing the project as editor-in-chief. Other people have volunteered for a variety of editorial and writing positions. We hope to have an update from Eric in time for our fall newsletter.

The **Scanning Project** to convert our archives and genealogical information into electronic format is on hold for the moment. However, we have reached an agreement with the Saint John Free Public Library to place our documents at the Library on permanent loan. The Library has agreed to provide some space for the Scanning Project and will allow us the dedicated use of a conference room until next September.. After that, we will be tucked into a seldom used corner of the Library's open space. We will provide the scanning equipment and will also create some form of secure storage cabinet for the time when we are operating in open space.

The **Loyalist Cemetery Project**, i.e. the project to place a plaque at *cemeteries* known to contain the remains of Loyalists, has been given tentative approval. Currently, we are researching the cost of producing a plaque similar to the one used by Hamilton Branch for their cemetery project. The Branch is also exploring the possibility of marking known Loyalist *graves* with the UEL plaque available from Dominion Office

The Branch executive has also discussed a possible **Loyalist Grave Marker Project**. The idea is that the graves of known Loyalists could be marked with the plaque that is available from Dominion Office. However, given the cost per grave and the number of graves to be marked, it seems likely that the Branch will simply encourage members to mark the graves of their Loyalist ancestors - at their personal expense. The Branch would probably maintain an inventory of the plaques in order to keep costs low for members.

The project to produce a **New Constitution** for the Branch is nearing completion. This project was prompted by the recognition that our current constitution was a bit out of date and, given our uncertainty about amendments to the current constitution we concluded it might be better to start with a clean slate.

We formed a committee consisting of Frances Morrissey, our Historian & Archivist, Dr. John Mackay, now our Branch Genealogist and myself. We then asked whether any other branches had recently updated their constitutions and we learned that Victoria Branch had done a very thorough job with theirs. Victoria Branch graciously provided a copy of their constitution, which became the template for our proposed new constitution. The committee spent many months discussing the wording of the constitution and finally produced a draft that could be circulated to the rest of the executive for their review and comments. As a result, a number of changes were made to the draft and it now seems that we have a document that addresses all known issues.

We would like the new constitution to be presented to the membership for debate and a vote on adoption at the Branch's Annual General Meeting in June. In order to make sure that all members have an opportunity to review the constitution and make comments thereon, we are giving notice of our intention to introduce the motion at the AGM. The notice of motion appears elsewhere in this newsletter and will also be introduced to the Branch's next meeting in April. ***Included, with this newsletter, is a draft of the revised constitution***

We encourage all members to review the draft and to send us your comments. We will work very hard to reflect the views of our members in the final draft. Indeed, we will not bring the motion to a vote until we are convinced that we have reached a broad consensus.

Cheers Dave Laskey, President

Upcoming Events



Loyalist Days
May 15 & 18
2011

Sunday, May 15

10:30 am ~ **Loyalist Church Service**
at Trinity Church, Saint John
NB Branch Members
in Period Costume if desired

Wednesday, May 18

10:15 am **St Mary's Band** at City Hall Plaza
10:30 am **Flag Raising** at City Hall Plaza
Noon **21 Gun Salute** at Fort Howe

Reception & Dinner at the Union Club
NB Branch Members & their Guests
Cocktails at 6:15 pm ~ Cash Bar
Dinner at 7:00 pm

Speaker: John Leroux on
"The Loyalist influence on Architecture"

Tickets \$40 per person*

*Contact Frances Morrisey to reserve Dinner Tickets
(506) 693-7054 fmor@nb.nbnet.ca

~ Menu ~

Cream of
Fiddlehead Soup

Broiled Salmon
Roast Potatoes
Vegetable Stir-Fry
Fresh Rolls

Dessert
Coffee, Tea

NB Branch Meeting ~ Thursday, April 14th at 7 pm,
Stone Church, Saint John

Guest Speaker: Graeme Somerville. Topic: "Mining the Gold in Baptismal Registers", based on his upcoming book 'A Century of Methodist Baptisms in Saint John and Portland, NB 1811 – 1910'

Annual General Meeting ~ Thursday, June 9th at 7 pm
Stone Church, Saint John

NEWS from the Loyalist Research Network (LRN)

Website: www.loyalistresearchnet.org

- **Upcoming meetings** of the **Canadian Historical Association** (CHA) in Fredericton in late May-early June 2011. The LRN is officially sponsoring one of the sessions, as noted on the website.
- See website for the exciting collaborative project headed by UNB's Chantal Richard on the textual analysis of late 19th-century Loyalist and Acadian texts.
- A **Loyalist Symposium** in 2012 in Saint John is in the works - more info as it becomes available.

Contact: Bonnie Huskins bhuskins@unb.ca Co-organizer of Loyalist Research Network

Ruth Lesbirel, UE

Christmas Pot Luck & Auction

In the fashion of our Loyalist ancestors, members of our Branch gathered on Dec.4, 2010 to enjoy a sumptuous potluck luncheon and to join in the singing of Christmas carols and other seasonal songs, led by Ruth Lesbirel and accompanied by Don Flewelling at the piano.

The buffet luncheon included lovely casseroles featuring seafood, beef, chili, and chicken mushroom, rolls, cheese, pickles, baked beans, shrimp, a luscious cake, pies, tarts, cookies and squares, tea, coffee, and mulled cider. The tables were beautifully decorated with crackers, greenery, holly, and over-sized Christmas balls. After the singing and delicious meal, a lively auction was held to raise funds for the branch. Thanks to all those who set up tables and worked in the kitchen, and to Dave Laskey, auctioneer. Auction proceeds were \$197.50



Ruth Lesbirel and Marilyn McKenzie



Dave Laskey



John Mackay and Keith Dow



Albert and Betty Button



List of New UE Recipients

Congratulations

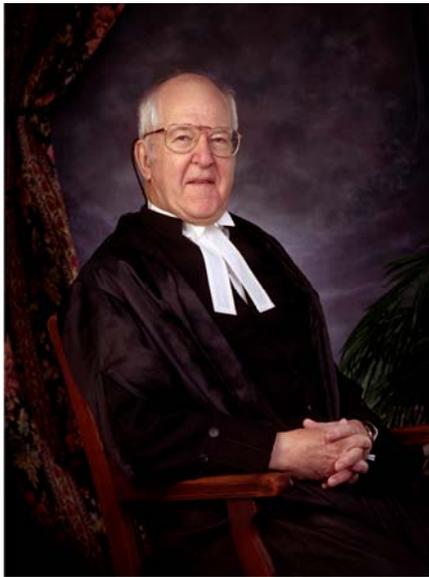
Daniel Barton Mackay, UE
 Fraser Duncan Mackay, UE
 Laura Elizabeth Martin, UE
 William Sherwood Aubrey Martin, UE
 John Joseph Noble, UE

Ancestor

Gideon Palmer
 Gideon Palmer
 Ezekiel Seeley
 Ezekiel Seeley
 Daniel Smith

Obituary

Eric Lawrence Teed
 May 19, 1926 to Dec 30, 2010



The NB Branch/UELAC regrets the passing of Eric Lawrence Teed, O.C., C.D., Q.C., Kt.D., B.Sc., B.C.L., B.A. of Saint John, New Brunswick on December 30, 2010. Born in Saint John on May 19, 1926 he was the son of Muriel Vivien (Wetmore) and John Francis Hanington Teed Q.C. Survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois Anita (Smith); sons: Robert, Peter (Cathie Hurley) of Saint John; Christopher (Brenda) of St. Stephen; Terrence (Karen) of Moncton; David (Julia) of Saint John.

Also survived by his brother Hugh (Betty) of Toronto, and sisters Gloria Trivett (Donald) of Clifton Royal, NB and Mary Gillis of Nova Scotia (Honorary Vice President, UELAC), he was predeceased by his brother George, and sister Beth Young (both past presidents of the NB Branch/ UELAC) sisters Hazel Hazen, Alice Teed

Called to the Bar of NB in 1949, he had a distinguished law career for 60 years, retiring in June 2009. Appointed a Master of the Supreme Court of NB in 1958 and Queen's Counsel in 1966, his list of service to his profession is extensive and there are few committees at the provincial or national level in which he did not participate. Eric's service to his

community, for which he had great passion and love, was extensive. He served two terms as **Mayor of Saint John** from 1960 to 1964; served as an **MLA** for Saint John from 1970-74; and as a **Councillor of the City of Saint John** from 2001-2004. He served with the New Brunswick Scottish Regiment, attaining the rank of Captain. He was appointed a **Knight of the Order of Danneborg** for his many years service as the **Danish Consul** in New Brunswick. Eric was a Freemason and a Past Master of Albion Lodge. In recognition of his long standing community service, he was appointed an Officer of the **Order of Canada** in 1987. He was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977 and the Queen's 50th Jubilee Medal in 1992.

In 1964, the New Brunswick Loyalist Society was re-activated after a latent period of 25 years. Eric and his Mother, Muriel Vivien (Wetmore) Teed, were eventually responsible, in 1967, for facilitating its change-over to the New Brunswick Branch of the national UELAC. Eric remained passionately interested and involved in the NB Branch and in all things related to New Brunswick's Loyalist heritage. Right up until his death, he tirelessly hatched projects and programs designed to keep the Loyalist presence alive in Saint John. He was a passionate historian and worked to ensure that Saint John's role in the history of New Brunswick was recognized. Over the years he served as Historian and President of the St. George's Society of Saint John; Chairman of the Fort La Tour Development Authority; President of the Saint John Horticultural Association; member of the Rockwood Park Advisory Board; Editor of the NB Historical Society Collections; President of the Loyalist Zone NB Senior Citizens Federation, and President of the Seniors' Information and Resource Centre. Eric's passion and generosity will be sadly missed by his family, his friends, the legal community, his City and his Province.

Dues are Due !

2011 Membership Dues are due each Jan 1st
Single - \$45 Family-\$65 Secondary-\$10
 (Secondary = Members who also belong to another Canadian Branch of the UELAC)

Have you re-newed for 2011 ?

Please make your cheque payable to
NB Branch/UELAC Membership
 and mail to: Dave Laskey 86 Meadow Dr,
 Darling's Island, NB E5N 6R3

LOYALISTS ALL – Vol 2



LOYALISTS ALL, published by the New Brunswick Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association, is a collection of biographical sketches of New Brunswick Loyalists, with lines of descent to the contributing author. The first volume of 56 Loyalist Ancestors, was compiled and edited by Gail Bonsall Pipes in 1985, and is still available from the New Brunswick Branch. It provides a unique & invaluable contribution to the resources for Loyalist genealogical and family history data available for 21st century research.

One volume cannot begin to include the tens of thousands of Loyalist families who fled the ashes of the American Revolution, and found refuge in the Province of New Brunswick, and to that end, a second volume is being organized. With descendants of the Loyalists now spread across Canada, the United States, and beyond, many more of their stories need to be recorded, in a drive to keep them alive for Their Ever-Expanding, Ever-Connected, Ever-Proud, and Ever-Curious Descendants.

If you have genealogical and biographical data related to your Loyalist Ancestor who settled in New Brunswick, please consider submitting their story, and your line of descent, for inclusion in Volume 2 of *Loyalists All*, by contacting the Project Editor. An example of the format of the story will be provided, as well as information on those Loyalist Ancestors covered in the first volume. In the case of more than one descendant offering their Ancestor's story, those 'cousins' will be asked to combine their work into one narrative, with multiple lines of descent. If you are not a writer, an interview can be arranged to record your Loyalist story.

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Notice of Motion

The undersigned, as members of the Constitutional Review Committee of the NB Branch of the UELAC, hereby give notice of our intention to introduce the following motion at the Annual General Meeting of the NB Branch, which is scheduled to take place on 9 June 2011. *The purpose of the motion is to rescind the current constitution and to replace it with the attached new constitution.*

Frances Morrisey, John Mackay, David Laskey

Motion

MOVED that:

- 1. All previous Constitutions, By-laws, Terms of Reference and other documents respecting the governance of the New Brunswick Branch be cancelled and revoked at 11:59 p.m. on 30 June 2011; and that...**
- 2. The attached Constitution and By-laws be implemented and take effect at 12:01 a.m. on 1 July 2011***

All members are asked to read the attached draft of the revised **Constitution and By-laws** and to respond with their comments... **either** (1) in an email to Dave Laskey at dave@laskeyfamily.ca **or** (2) in a letter to Dave Laskey at 86 Meadow Dr, Darling's Island, NB, E5N 6R3 Canada

More Incredible Miniatures

Ruth Lesbirel has added more miniatures to her Loyalist House Collection which she hopes will eventually include all of the furniture in the 1817 heritage house in 1:12 scale models.



a) The Hooded Cradle has a real linsey-woolsey inside, linen thread warp and wool weft which I wove with a needle on a comb loom, as well as a baby dress and a christening gown and bonnet – all from lace scraps.

b) Wing Chair

c) Pair of Fainting Couches

d) Georgian Reception Table



Books for Sale

'Loyalists All – Vol 1' and 'The Loyalists of New Brunswick' by Esther Clark Wright are available from our NB Branch for \$25 each + shipping & handling. The 'Teachers' Loyalist Resource Book' is also available for sale for \$6.00 + shipping & handling. **Contact Shana Ganong at shana1@nbnet.nb.ca or phone (506) 466-2601**

Queries

*** Gilbertson/Smith

Delores Gilbertson believes one of her ancestors was John Smith, b 1799 in NB. He married at Gagetown 1820 Jane Day who was b 1804 in New Brunswick. John Smith's father may have been Robert Smith, Loyalist, b 1752 possibly at New York, d 1829 in Queens Co, NB. Robert Smith is listed in the Loyalist Directory. Robert Smith may have married Mary Golding, b 1776 at New York, New York, the daughter of John Golding and Anna Merrit. This marriage is questionable due to the 24 year differences in their ages. *Dolores would welcome any additional information.* **Dolores Gilbertson**, E-mail dgilber@comcast.net Postal address available upon request.

*** Morris/Wilmot

Lemuel Wilmot's New York home, now Putnam County, was the southern part of Dutchess County before the [Revolutionary] war. The entire county was the property of three Philipse heirs who lost it for their Loyalist connections: Mrs Beverly Robinson, Mrs Morris and Frederick Philipse. Lemuel lived in Fredericksburg and was on the 1772 tax list. I would like to copy all the names on the tax list and match it to Loyalists and to the NY 1790 census. Lemuel was b in Connecticut and moved to New York – no records at this time. *Would these taxpayers' names be of any interest as a match to other New Brunswick settlers? Could anyone connect me to any Wilmot descendants in your area?* **Ellen Thorne Morris**, E-mail thorne.morris@gmail.com

***McNeil (McNeal)

I've never been able to link my gr gr gr grandfather, William McNeil (1768-1853) to a Loyalist [ancestor]. William married Rachel Barlow of Maugherville whose father, Richard Barlow, was the head of stores for the St John River Co. Esther Clark Wright mentions John McNeal, who settled in Burton and Thomas & William who both settled on the Nashwaak. William (1768-1853) entered NB in 1784 according to the 1851 Census. William's sons are Thomas, b 1809, and James, b 1803. William's father may have been John who died in Maugherville in 1812 and who married Sarah Frasher. *I have not been able to find any land grants or muster rolls. Any help with this search would be appreciated.* **Bob McNeil**, E-mail mcneilm@nbnet.nb.ca

***Moore/Clark

Alexander Clark is listed in the NB Genealogical Society's list of First Families. He died before 1818, and had settled at Grand Lake by 1783. *Does anyone have any information on Mr Clark? If he came from the colonies, which one? What were the possible regiments he served in?* **Tim Moore**, E-mail timjes@gmail.com
820 - 7th Street, Nelson, BC, V1L 2Z9

***Nygaard/Smith/Carpenter

Sergeant Stephen Smith, in the KAR settled in Hampstead, Queen's Co, NB. Married 3rd wife, Jane Rosel in 1792 at Gagetown. Jane's 'widow's army pension' records are on PANB. *I can't find his gravestone or birth/death dates.* Have found a Private Stephen Smith, stationed in Quebec, but this is not the same person. *Are the ancestors listed on the NB Branch website proven Loyalists? Archelaus Carpenter is also my direct ancestor and I would like to contact the member who descends from him.*

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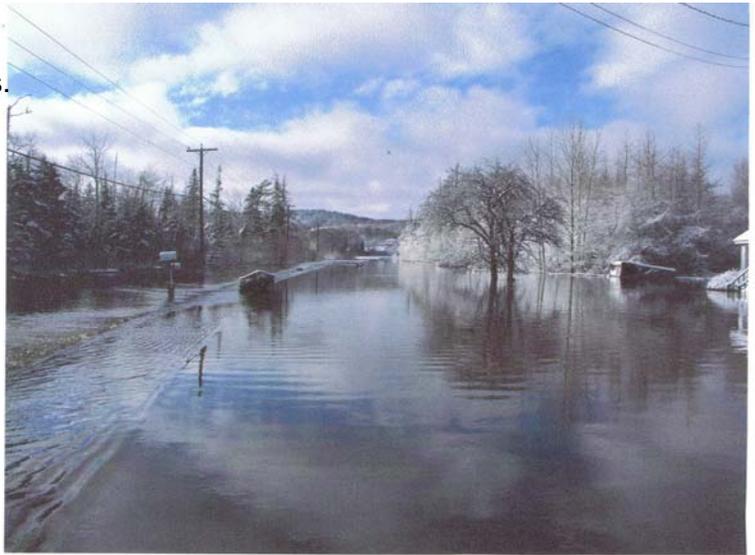
The Flood at Bonny River

Upon retirement, NB Branch members Barb and Calvin Craig built a home in Bonny River, near St George, NB. It was on a land grant received by Cal's ancestor, John Craig, in 1797. On Dec 12th, 2010, one of three intense storms forced hundreds of New Brunswickers from their homes & wreaked millions of dollars worth of damage. At the height of the southern New Brunswick floods, Bonny River was completely cut off as all roads leading to the community were covered with water.

Sat, Dec 18th, 5:03 pm

First of all, many thanks for the emails & phone calls. We lost our phone service on Tuesday just before we had to evacuate the house. We had torrential rain for a day or two and very warm. Nothing like this has happened in almost 100 years! And, yes, [the water] was most certainly "over the meadow".

We had 3 inches on the main floor, 10 inches in the sunroom, 4 feet in the sleeping cabin, 5 feet in the garage, and 6 feet in the mini barn. Still no phones. Our cell phone never works up here in Bonny River, and the regular phone answering machine filled up fast. Our hero was next-door neighbour, Vincent Travis, who, in his canoe, unbound our white dingy from a tree and brought it over to the office door.



Cal was still reluctant to leave but we convinced him as the water was lapping around the house and the current was unbelievable. He had earlier moved the RoadTrek to our neighbour Sheldon Lee's driveway, in the middle of the night, after an urgent call from his cousin that THE RIVER WAS COMING UP! We spent two nights over there. We had power and our furnace, so we were all set. We moved out of the house about 11 am on Tues the 14th and back at 4 pm on Thurs the 16th. Vincent (our hero) slopped back and forth (all of us in rubber boots). He was able to get the electric on, at least some of it, so we turned up everything to help dry out, and the roaring fire in the fireplace helped. It was wonderful to be back in our own bed. The propane tank, which supplies the little stove in the hall, upended, so we still have to get them here.

Yesterday and today there has been a steady stream of inspectors, electricians, and emergency people trooping through. Cooke Aquaculture had two emergency boats cruising up and down the river, hauling supplies and people during all this. If you can imagine a 4-lane highway - that is what the Magaquadavic [River] looked like. Unbelievable. Now, of course, there is a lot of talk about "gates of the falls in St George" not being opened soon enough, etc. Some people think it wouldn't have mattered anyway... that gorge is so narrow, only so much can get through, and then it backs up. The Bonny River/Second Falls Fire Hall was the emergency depot, but we could not even get up there!. Going the other way to St George, the road was really under water. If some of you remember Cal's grandfather's house... just past that, the water was really deep, so for two days we were like a little island. In fact, the Bonny River was meeting the Magaquadavic at that spot. When the water did start to recede, it went down fast, but not as fast as it came in, believe me! We have never seen anything like it in our lives.

There were a couple of dramatic rescues: one being a couple who were sightseeing (if you can imagine) at 9:30 at night. They managed to get them - someone came out of the Fire Hall to use their cell phone, and saw the taillights in the water - the couple had climbed on top of the car. Quite a scary experience for them. The other was Cal's cousin - her daughter has terminal cancer and she refused to leave until the very last, so the ambulance drove down the lane as far as they could, and they boated out to her. She is now in St Stephen Hospital.

Yesterday, bright & early, we had the St Stephen Fire Dept here with a giant water vacuum to suck the water out of the crawl space. Next came our second heroes, Tim & Mary Lou Parks, who came equipped with a big wet vac. They proceeded to rip up carpet in the office & spare room and worked most of the day mopping underneath with Javex & water mix – all of this supposed to stop mould. Next day came the “inspectors”. Some say we may save the pine flooring; it’s buckled but not badly... others say we will have to replace it. Apparently, any room with gyproc has to be cut up a foot from the floor, and replaced. The back deck off the sunroom is floating, but the front one, built with the house, is fine.

I must say we have been “looked after”; even meals-on-wheels today with hamburg soup and sandwiches. Someone came with a chit for \$240 worth of groceries. Just now, as I’m typing, a big truck has arrived with a dumpster, so we have a place to put all the wet carpet. Moving all the furniture in those rooms and pulling that soggy, wet carpet was a monstrous job, and although Cal helped, Mary Lou and Tim did most of it. The next effort is to purify the well – we will get someone to come and do that. You will all wonder how we will come out of this financially in all this. Apparently JD Irving (who owns the Mill in St George) has said “give the people what they need”. Some were so much worse off than we were... Christmas presents in the basement etc. The premier flew over, and then actually came up to the Fire Hall... so I guess this is a DISASTER! We are OK. Cal is tired and lame [with] all the paddling, etc. I came down with the chills after we got back in the house, but I am feeling better today. Again, thanks for your emails and calls – you may not hear from us for a while.
Barb and (Cal)

Wed, Feb 9, 2011 5:40pm

Well, we are well on our way to recovery here at 1104 Route 770, Bonny River, NB! It has been a long journey but with the main floors now sanded & stained (look lovely) and work on replacing rugs in the Den/Office & the spare bedroom, things are really looking up! The old freezer (1977) and the small dishwasher are condemned, so that will be a treat to replace those anyway. Our stay in the Granite Town Hotel was of 25 days! The first estimate was 5 days. It was a novelty for 4 days. We did have a microwave and small frig and could buy our meals wherever we wished. The weather was horrid, so between running up and down to Bonny River, at night we were exhausted, so it was nice to be able to eat at the hotel, even though there was only one meal (no choice) and served at 7:30 pm. That was to cater to the highway workers staying there who are involved with the building of the new 4-lane highway to St Stephen.

We moved back to the house on Sat, 29 January, where we have survived with two lawn chairs & TV tables; and of course, the microwave & frig are fine; the range is now fixed. The workman had an accident with that. While pulling it out to get at the heavy-duty plugs, the whole door fell to the floor in a pile of shattered glass! We still have no furniture as it has been stored all this time so the floor sanding could be done. This coming Friday is moving day for the furniture. We had ordered a new sofa & recliner before Xmas & before the flood. Fortunately, the order was delayed and Bustin’s in Saint John has been storing it for us.

Sat, Feb 12

The furniture came yesterday and it’s lovely. It was so long ago that we chose it; we had almost forgotten what it looked like. It looked great ... a nice soft seat to sit on now! So we are soldiering on. Tired but happy to be getting settled again. I will sign this off now, and complete it in a day or so, as we of course are not hooked up to the internet yet... Our very best to all, and thanks for your concern, it meant the world to us. Barb (&Cal)

Regular Army/Navy Royal Artillery Recruiting Notice

■ Strong able bodied men that are willing to serve as VOLUNTEERS in the Royal Regiment of ARTILLERY LET them repair to Brigadier General CLEVELAND, and if approved of, they will be new cloathed, and receive the same Pay with the Men of the Artillery, and meet with every other Encouragement. Those Men engaged in the Provincial Troops will have Leave to serve in the Artillery.

The Pay of a Matross is One Shilling and four Pence farthing per Day.

New York Gazette & Weekly Mercury, April 28, 1777