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A WORD FROM

AMAN'S SECOND PRESIDENT - ANDRÉ



Sincere thanks to all members of AMAN for the confidence they have placed in me. With the help and encouragement of all of you, and particularly the members you have elected to the Board of Directors, I will do my best to continue in the tradition set by my predecessor.

The promotion and development of decentralized regional structures will be the top priority of AMAN during the coming months and special efforts will be made to set up local telephoning committees in those areas where the number of Mercier families warrant such a move. It is through the work of those committees that the link between the generations of Merciers will be maintained.

If I may be permitted one request, it is that each and every member of AMAN not only help the administrators achieve the objectives of AMAN but contribute directly to an increase in the number of members by recruiting at least one new member every year.

OUR FOUNDER AND PAST PRESIDENT, ERNEST

Firmly convinced of the necessity of bringing in new blood, the founding members of our Association have decided to transfer to younger shoulders the responsibility of directing the destinies of AMAN. However, they are not giving up the ship. they will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for some time and act as advisers to the new members in order to make AMAN into an Association to which all the Merciers and other related families will be proud to belong.



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fiscal year 1988 1989

During the fiscal year 1988-89, the Association of the Merciers of North America (AMAN) has maintained its constant efforts aimed at fulfilling the mission entrusted to it and reaching its designated objectives.

1. MISSION OF AMAN

AMAN's mission or major objective is to develop in the heart and mind of every Mercier in America an active interest in his or her origin and family history.

Most human beings -- at least 90%-- sooner or later in the course of their existence ask themselves the following questions: who are my parents? My ancestors? What did they accomplish during their lives?

The April 1989 edition of the News bulletin *Le Mercien* elaborates on these questions. In the spring, a young girl riding her bicycle, stops to rest under the branches of an apple tree whose burgeoning leaves already represent the promise of an abundant harvest. The sight of these newly opened leaves elicits in her mind unanswered questions on the transmission and continuity of life on this earth.

1.1 Respect for our ancestors

True to their traditional wisdom, oriental races, viz., the Chinese and Japanese, have made their elders, their ancestors and even their political leaders, objects of worship. Peoples in the Middle East have made theirs this oriental idea of the cult of ancestors.

The Old Testament and the genealogy of Christ as related in the New Testament

and until recently read in all churches during the Christmas mass provide striking examples of the deep respect for genealogical history among peoples of all beliefs, whether Christians or pagans. Every great civilization, Greek, roman, etc., has recognized and acknowledged the importance of bridging the gap between generations. Senior citizens, more than anybody else, have the leisure and also the duty to do so.

2. OBJECTIVES OF AMAN

The secondary objectives or aims of AMAN are Threefold:

- . develop the cult of the family;
- . promote the respect of our elders;
- . honor the memory of our ancestors.

The family is the oldest and the most credible of the three major institutions which have to this day molded the destiny of the human race, viz., the family, the Church and the State. For more than 35 million years, parents have transmitted, from one generation to the next, physical life, the first signs of which appeared on earth more than 3.8 billion years ago. The family has contributed more than any other human institution to the well being of members of the human race.

3. HOW TO ACHIEVE THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF AMAN

There are four ways of achieving the aims and objectives of AMAN:

- . organizing small active groups in each telephone district where people bearing the name of Mercier can be found in sufficient numbers;

- . publishing, on a regular basis, a news bulletin for the purpose of keeping members of AMAN informed and receiving their suggestions; keeping genealogical records in all families related to the Merciers of North America;
- . Keeping genealogical records in all families related to the Merciers of North America;
- . Holding regional reunions in those areas where the Merciers have resided or made their mark in history.

4. WHAT AMAN HAS ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE LAST FISCAL YEAY

During the fiscal year 1988-89, AMAN has been directly or indirectly involved in the realization of projects in each of the above mentioned fields.

4.1 Local organizational groups

The success obtained on the occasion of the Mercier reunion in Bonnyville, Alberta, during the weedend of June 3rd 1989, provides a striking example of what small but active local groups can accomplish.

In the middle of last winter, Mrs. Lucienne Mercier Croteau learns that the president of AMAN, Ernest Mercier, will be visiting Edmonton during the latter part of the month of May. She decides to organize a reunion of the descendents of her maternal grandfather Joseph Mercier. These included the offsprings of Joseph Mercier's first marriage to Emilie Mailhot and those of his second marriage to Hélène Bérubé.

In less than three months, she was able to put together a team of voluntary workers who immediately got busy organizing a gathering of all the descendents of her pioneer ancestor as well as other Merciers residing in the province of Alberta. Approximately 40% of some 750 direct or indirect descen-

dents of Joseph Mercier and his two wives attended the reunion. This regional get together, reported in the July 1989 issue of Le Mercien, illustrates in a remarkable way what can be accomplished by active and devoted local organizational groups. How many of the Mercier families established elsewhere in Canada and the United States are prepared to follow the example set by the Merciers of Alberta?

It would be presumptuous to expect every family in North America to obtain results comparable to those achieved by the Merciers of Alberta. The important thing is to communicate, to keep in touch with members of your own family. The descendents of Cléophas Mercier and Mathilde Boulet of Saint-Thomas de Montmagny regularly get together for a family reunion every year. Such reunions are not always reported in the medias, but does it really matter? A telephone committee is currently being organized in Sherbrooke, Qc, under the leadership of Alfred Mercier.

4.2 Genealogical family records

The January 1989 edition of Le Mercien contained a specimen of the genealogical family record which every Mercier family in the world should have in its possession and keep scrupulously up to date. Some families are already doing so and duly forwarding copies to the genealogical department of AMAN. This is highly appreciated.

4.3 News bulletin

For four years now Le Mercien has been providing members of AMAN and others with news of the Merciers of America and elsewhere. During the fiscal year 1988-89, the following changes have been brought about in the publication of Le Mercien:

- . publication is now under the general direction of an editing Committee;

- Le Mercien is now published in tabloid format;
- The front page or cover of Le Mercien is now reproduced on coloured paper to represent more less the four seasons of the year: grey for winter, a soft green for spring, pale blue for summer and yellow for autumn.

Such a change in colour from one season to the other is not the result of a sudden whim on the part of the editing Committee. It was suggested by the administrators of the Federation of Founding families of Quebec and corresponds to the wish of AMAN, that all its members become well acquainted with the activities of their family association.

4.3.1 English version of Le Mercien

At the request of some English speaking members from the United States and Canada, members of the Board of Directors of AMAN have decided to publish an English version of Le Mercien. Members of the Board are confident that the resulting increase in the number of English speaking members will justify their decision. Time will tell.

4.3.2 Supplement to the book "Mercier depuis des siècles"

Our fellow member, Joseph Norbert Mercier, of California, U.S.A., has completed an English translation of the first five chapters of the book "Mercier depuis des siècles". This addition to the volume will contribute, it is hoped, to the recruiting of new English speaking Merciers desirous of learning more about their roots and their family history.

4.3.3 Communication between members

In the July 1989 edition of Le Mercien, the Editing Committee stressed the importance of communication among members of the Association regrouping the Merciers of North America and Western Europe. The Committee is now anxious to find out whether the people responsible for the administration of the Association have been successful in interpreting for your benefit the mission and the objectives of AMAN and whether the quarterly news bulletin provides the required incentive to encourage members to keep in touch with one another.

If you have not already done so, please detach the survey-questionnaire included in the July 1989 issue of Le Mercien, fill it in carefully and return it in the pre-addressed envelope also included. Thank you for your cooperation.

4.4 Holding regional reunions

In addition to the general gathering of the Merciers in 1987, AMAN has held several regional reunions, including Berthier-sur-Mer, l'Assomption and Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in 1986, Montreal in 1987 and Quebec City in 1988. Annual general meetings have also been held in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in 1986 & 1987, Sabrevois in 1988 and St-François-du-Sud in 1989. Alternating the site of the annual meeting of a Family Association, besides representing a remarkable opportunity to recruit new members, does provide existing members with the chance of becoming better acquainted with the places and regions where members of the Mercier family have, in their sometimes modest way, illustrated themselves.

More anglophone Merciers will have to join AMAN in order to lower the printing cost of the English version of Le Mercien.

5. FINANCIAL SITUATION

Thanks to the **generosity** of its members and the much appreciated contribution of the Federation of Founding Families of Quebec, AMAN has been able to overcome, at least for the time being, some of its financial difficulties. Our treasurer, Benoit Mercier, will give you the figures in a few minutes.

The time has come for senior members of our Association to relinquish the responsibilities attached to the administration of AMAN and to transfer them to younger shoulders. Our vice-president, Paul H. Mercier, will shortly submit for your approval a new list of administrators well equipped to continue the development of AMAN and to make into a strong and active family Association to which we will all be proud to belong.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues on the Board of Directors, to the members of the Executive Committee and to all the members of AMAN who have forwarded the copy of their genealogical family records to our secretary. I also wish to thank all those voluntary workers who have done such wonderful work on the various regional telephoning committees.

A very special thank you to the persons responsible for the organization of the Mercier reunion in Bonnyville, Alberta, as well as to those who have been entrusted with the task of organizing today's meeting.

And last but not least, my very special thanks to all of you present here, today, at Saint-François-du-Sud and to the civil and religious authorities who have given us such an excellent reception.

Congratulations to all of you. I love you all.

Ernest Mercier
President

Lucienne Mercier Croteau
from Alberta



Beatrice Mercier, outgoing Sec.
Rachel Mercier, outgoing V.P.
Ernest Mercier, outgoing P.
Isabelle Mercier, incoming V.P.
André Mercier, incoming P.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
July 1st, 1988 to June 30th, 1989

RECEIPTS	1989	1988
Membership Fees	4,958	5,817
Interest earned	943	330
August 1987 reunion	- - -	4,318
Grant	1,000	2,700
Sale of Mementos and Souvenirs	227	348
Organized Tour -- France and England	- - -	2,534
Miscellaneous and Donations	56	129
	<u>7,184</u>	<u>16,176</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Cost of meetings	714	210
Stationery & Office supplies	1,991	1,849
Monument and Commemorative plaques	- - -	888
Le Mercien	2,145	5,126
Travel expenses	456	- - -
Association Fees	200	295
"Musée Emigration Percheronne"	400	600
Miscellaneous	156	230
	<u>6,062</u>	<u>9,198</u>
Surplus	1,122	6,978

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30th, 1989

ASSETS	1989	1988
Cash on hand and in bank	10,453	5,104
Advance to the AMAN Fund	200	- - -
Inventory (Souvenirs, at cost)	931	1,095
Certificate of Deposit	- - -	5,000
Furniture and Appliances	229	229
	<u>11,813</u>	<u>11,428</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	384	1,121
Advanced by Administrators	800	800
	<u>1,184</u>	<u>1,921</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Surplus to June 30th	9,507	2,529
Operational gain for the period July 1st, 1988 to June 30th, 1989	<u>1,122</u>	<u>6,978</u>
	<u>10,629</u>	<u>9,507</u>
	<u>11,813</u>	<u>11,428</u>

Members' annual dues are
for AMAN what sap is
for the tree: a matter
of survival.

Thank you for your
help.

Approved

Ernest Mercier President

Benoit Mercier ..Treasurer
Benoit Mercier

I have examined the books and records of AMAN for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1989, as well as the financial situation of the Association at that date. In my opinion, the present statements reflect the true financial position of the Association according to accounting practices generally accepted, and applied in the same manner as for the previous year.

Lauréat Mercier c.p.e.
Lauréat Mercier, c.g.a.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AMAN

A. CHARACTERISTICS

- Type - Non-profit association founded in 1985.
- Mission - Genealogy and family history.
- Interests - Family, elders and ancestors.
- Communications - Telephone, correspondence and reunions.
- Ambition - A minimum of 1,000 regularly paid-up members.

B. IDENTIFICATION

- Coat of Arms - Blazon - motto.
- Initials - A.M.A.N. or AMAN.
- Symbols - Map of North America sketched on a representation of the terrestrial globe with the name of AMAN printed across.
- By-laws - Adopted in 1987 on the occasion of the first general reunion.
- Secretariat - In association with that of the Federation of Founding Families of Quebec Inc.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Reunions - Continental, held at Sainte-Anne de Beauré on August 14th and 15th, 1987.
- Regional meetings held at Berthier-sur-Mer, Sainte-Anne-de-Beauré and L'Assomption in 1986; Montreal in 1987; Bonnyville, Alberta in 1989.
- Special meeting in Quebec City in 1987 and 1988 in front of the monument erected to the memory of the honourable Honoré Mercier.
- Annual meetings - Sainte-Anne-de-Beauré in 1986 and 1987; Sabrevois in 1988; Saint-François-du-Sud in 1989.
- History of the Merciers - "Mercier depuis des siècles" published in 1987, parts of which have been translated into English in 1989.
- News Bulletin - Le Mercien. (French version since 1985; English version since January 1989)
- Regional committees - Montreal, 1988; Alberta, 1989; currently being organized in Sherbrooke, San Francisco, Toronto, Quebec North Shore and the Gaspé peninsula.
- Organized tours - Europe (France and England) in 1988.
- Foundation - Initial steps taken in February 1989.
- Monuments - To the memory of the pioneer couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain and their children erected in Sainte-Anne-de-Beauré in 1987.
- Commemorative plaques - Tribute to Jullien Mercier of Tourouvre, France, in 1988; to Pierre and Alexandre Mercier, also known as Caudebec, at Saint-Pierre-du-Sud; to the descendents of J. Paschal Mercier at Berthier-sur-Mer, in 1989.
- Publicity - Salon du Livre at Montreal and Quebec City in 1988 and 1989.
- Wanted - Volunteer workers, Regional Agents and administrators.
- Recommandation - JOIN THE RANKS OF AMAN

REGIONAL AGENTS - AMAN

Several people among the members of AMAN have requested further information on the role and duties of a Regional Agent before accepting to act as official representative of AMAN in their respective areas or regions.

ROLE

The Regional Agent is the official representative of AMAN in a well defined territory where a sufficient number of Merciers can be found.

DUTIES

The duties of the Regional Agent are as follows:

- 1- set up telephone committees in every district where families directly or indirectly related to the Merciers reside and can be reached without resorting to long distance telephone calls.
- 2- recruit and instruct the number of persons necessary to contact by telephone all the Merciers residing in the area assigned to him or her by the administrators of AMAN.
- 3- accept the responsibility of recruiting new members and collecting both initial and renewal membership fees in the territory assigned to him or her.
- 4- promote the sale of the book "Mercier depuis des siècles", published by Ernest Mercier of Quebec as well as the English version of the first five chapters of the same book completed by Jos. Norbert Mercier of California in 1988.
- 5- organize regular small gatherings of the Merciers in his or her territory

6- report to the secretariat of AMAN any and all events or incidents of significance involving one or more of the Merciers in his or her territory.

7- convey to the Mercier families in his or her territory, on behalf of AMAN, congratulations on the occasion of marriages, births, nominations and promotions as well as condolences in case of death.

8- encourage and help all Mercier families in the territory assigned to him or her to keep up to date family genealogical records, to hold on to family photographs and to record all incidents pertaining to the family history.

9- provide the secretariat with the names and addresses of all his or her brothers and sisters, wherever they may reside, as well as that of co-workers likely to become members of AMAN.

10- participate actively in the organization of group visits in Canada and abroad.

11- counsel and advise the administrators as to the means of decentralizing the activities of AMAN and accentuating the importance of the work carried out by the district telephoning committees, the basic structure of any family association.

N.B. At its regular meeting held on September 18th, 1989, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution authorizing the treasurer of AMAN to pay a commission -- the size of which is still to be determined -- to all Regional Agents and to the persons responsible for the activities of the district telephoning committees on all moneys collected from initial or renewal membership fees and the sale of the book "Mercier depuis des siècles" and various mememtos or souvenirs put up for sale by AMAN.

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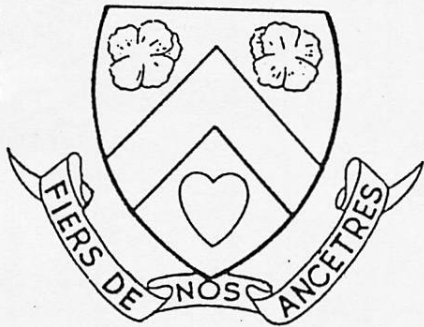


AMAN WANTS TO KEEP YOU AS A MEMBER

Two of the main objectives of AMAN ARE:

- to discover and record the history of the largest number possible of Mercier families in North America.
- to trace the ancestry of those families to one of the six Mercier pioneers who settled in New France in 1770.

The only possible way of reaching our objectives is to be able to count on you as staunch and faithful members of our Association. You have been of tremendous help in financing the activities of AMAN since the very beginning. AMAN graciously acknowledges that help. Remember, your annual contribution is the only means of financing all of AMAN's activities, including the publication and distribution of the newsbulletin Le Mercien.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Enclosed you'll find my 12,00 \$ Annual Fee for:

New Membership
 Membership Renewal _____ \$

Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Last _____ Maiddle _____ First _____
 (If applicable)

Address _____ # Street _____ City _____ Apt. # _____

State (Province) _____ Country _____ Postal (zip) Code _____

Phone _____ Business _____ Home _____

If you already are member of AMAN, please indicate the number mentioned on your card

turn to: AMAN, C.P. 6700, Sillery (Québec), Canada, G1T 2W2

WHAT AMAN CAN OFFER YOU

- Participation in the organization and development of a young and dynamic family Association;
- a relatively young but well established organization committed to the task of drawing up a complete inventory of the Mercier heritage and retracing the history of a family whose roots reach back to mediaeval times;
- a systematic method of keeping family genealogical records including date and place of marriage or admission to a religious Order, date and place of birth and burial and cause of death if recorded;
- the possibility of contributing to AMAN's genealogical data bank;
- the possibility of obtaining, at affordable costs, a record of your Mercier ancestry, including collaterals, sisters and brothers of the particular ancestor who provides the connecting link between you and one or the other of the six original Mercier pioneers who married and settled in New France between 1647 and 1770.
- participation, either through direct lineage or marriage ties, to a family Association dedicated to the purpose of leaving for future generations the history of wonderful people who would never otherwise find a place in the usual history books.

Your AMAN card number gives you the date of your last annual dues payment. This date is also indicated on the last line or your address sticker. For example, the codification 458-1988-08 means that your association number is 458 and that your last annual membership dues should have been paid before August 1988. Did you do it?

AMAN HAS FOR SALE

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit / Price</u>
.....	Etiquette à vin / Vintage label2,00 \$
.....	Tire-bouchon / Corkscrew	3,00 \$
.....	Bouton de revers / Lapel pin	3,00 \$
.....	Porte-clef / Key-ring	3,00 \$
.....	Chanson-thème sur cassette / Theme song	10,00 \$
.....	Vidéo du rassemblement / Reunion vidéo	40,00 \$
.....	Album souvenir "MERCIER DEPUIS DES SIECLES"	45,00 \$

Enclosed is my personal cheque or money order to the amount of _____ \$

To: AMAN, C.P. 6700, Sillery, Québec, Canada G1T 2W2.

P.S. AMAN Secretariate still has a limited quantity of post cards illustrating AMAN's coats of arms at 10,00 \$ per dozen.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

AMAN - an experience in democracy

Q. How are the members of the Board of Directors of AMAN chosen?

A. The members of the board of Directors of AMAN are elected by the regularly paid-up members present at the Annual General Meeting (Article 4.04 of the Official By-Laws).

Q. How many members of AMAN can be elected to the Board of Directors?

A. Eleven regularly paid-up members of AMAN are chosen by the General Meeting to serve on the Board of Directors. Members of the Board are elected for a period of two years, five being replaced in the even numbered years and six in the odd numbered years.

Q. Do the Regulations and By-Laws adopted in 1987 impose certain obligations on the members of the Board of Directors?

A. Yes. They are required to attend meetings of the Board. The presence of six members is needed to form a quorum (Article 6.04) unless the Board decides otherwise.

Q. Is it desirable to reduce the number of presences required to form a quorum at meetings of the Board of Directors?

A. Definitely not. It would be undemocratic.

Q. How can an Association like AMAN, with strictly limited financial resources, really reflect and promote the interests of its members, scattered as they are throughout North America and even as far as Western Europe?

A. Through its Regional Agents.

Q. Who can become a Regional Agent for AMAN?

A. Any paid-up member, interested in the development of AMAN in a telephone zone where actual and prospective members can be reached without resorting to long distance calls, can become a Regional Agent for AMAN.

Q. Why is it so important for AMAN to be able to count on the cooperation of voluntary workers at the local and regional levels?

A. Because it is the only way to establish and maintain contact with the Merciers. Local and Regional Agents are the only ones who can:

- a) keep up to date family genealogical records;
- b) draw up realistic and interesting family histories;
- c) report news of special interest to the Merciers to the general secretariat in Quebec City;
- d) foster the development of AMAN in their respective areas.

TRAVEL BY COVERED WAGON

The arrival of the traditional covered wagon was included in the program of the Mercier gathering held at Bonnyville, Alberta, during the weekend of June 3rd, 1989.

This outstanding event was a presentation of the family of Raymond Croteau, who have years of experience as competitors in the Calgary Stampede. It is a striking reminder of the history of our pioneer ancestors and a tradition the memory of which must be passed on to the new generations.

It took more than a week for Joseph Mercier and Hélène Bérubé, with their children and farm animals, horse, cow, calf, chickens and rooster, to travel the 170 odd miles (280 kilometres) between Edmonton and "Moose Lake" (Bonnyville) in the summer of 1907. A magnificent example of courage and determination.

For his presentation, Mr. Raymond Croteau had collected specimens of most of the traditional implements, tools and kitchen utensils which the pioneers carried along in, or hanging out of, the covered wagon, washboard, wash tub, two handled cross cut saw, axes, to mention just a few of the many things which the pioneers needed to survive in their new surroundings.

SECRETARIAT OF AMAN

The Annual meeting, held at Saint-François-de-Montmagny on August 20th, 1989, provided the occasion for Beatrice Mercier and her husband Bernard Lacroix to pass on to others the duties of secretary of our Association.

Both Beatrice and Bernard have earned our everlasting gratitude for the task they have accomplished during the last three years.

In his final report to the General meeting, Bernard recalled that during the last fiscal year, the Board of Directors had met four times, the Executive Committee three times and that four editions of *Le Mercien* had been distributed to some 3,000 people. AMAN had 331 paid up members.

The current campaign for the collection of membership renewal fees is extremely important.



Bernard Lacroix
André Mercier
Ernest Mercier
Paul H. Mercier

55th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Mercier (Stella Couture) of Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce, Quebec, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on September 15th, 1989. Mr. & Mrs. Mercier have nine children, nineteen grand-children and one great-grand-daughter. Before his retirement, Mr. Mercier worked as an undertaker.

AMAN extends to Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Mercier its best wishes for many more years of good health and happiness.

50 years of Religious life

On Sunday, September 3rd, 1989, a ceremony took place at the monastery of the **Ursuline Sisters of Quebec City** to mark the various anniversaries of religious life of the members of the Order.

On that occasion, Sister Marie Mercier celebrated her fiftieth year as a member of the Ursuline community.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Sister Marie Mercier.

Vice-president of the Quebec Society of Judicial Information

On July 12th, 1989, Mr. Guy Mercier, Notary public, was re-appointed to the vice-president to the vice-presidency of the Quebec Society of Judicial Information.

Congratulations!

*Can you recruit a new member?
Thank you so much*

THE MERCIERS OF ALBERTA ARE ON THE MOVE

Early in September 1989, the Mercier Club of Alberta resumed its activities. A well phrased thank you note was forwarded by the organizing committee of the Mercier gathering to all those who had contributed to the success of the extraordinary family reunion held during the week-end of June 3rd, 1989.

Such an outstanding success would, of course, not have been possible without the magnificent performance of Mrs. Lucienne Mercier-Croteau, and the moral support and financial assistance provided by the descendents of the Merciers and other indirectly related families. Their spirit of initiative and active involvement is an example to all. AMAN reiterates its congratulations and extends a renewed vote of thanks.

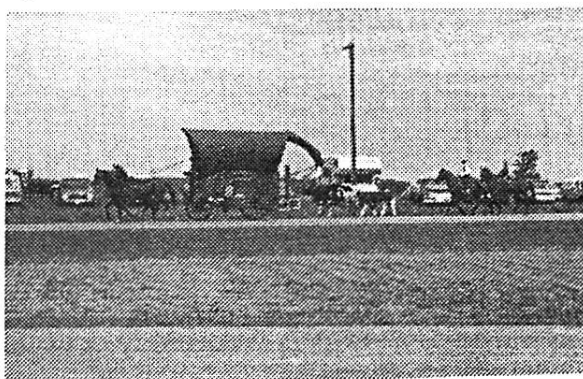
The Merciers of the world -- demonstrated by their family history -- have always been, and probably always will be, initiators and leaders in agricultural development, in politics and in the sphere of diplomacy. Their ancestral origins, linking as they do, the Germans, the Merciers of Great Britain, the Normans of Scandinavia and the Franks of Gaul, have prepared them well for their emigration to North America.

Congratulations to the Merciers of Alberta, most of whom are direct descendents of the pioneer couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain. In fact a considerable number of the Merciers of Alberta have as their common ancestors, François and Françoise Mercier. François was a fourth generation direct descendent of Jullien and Marie Poulain through Jean Mercier and Barbe Monmainier. Françoise is also a fourth generation descendent of Jullien and Marie through Paschal and Anne Cloutier. François and Françoise were married in Berthier-sur-Mer on the 7th of November 1757, two years before the battle of the Plains of Abraham. They were the great-grand-parents of the

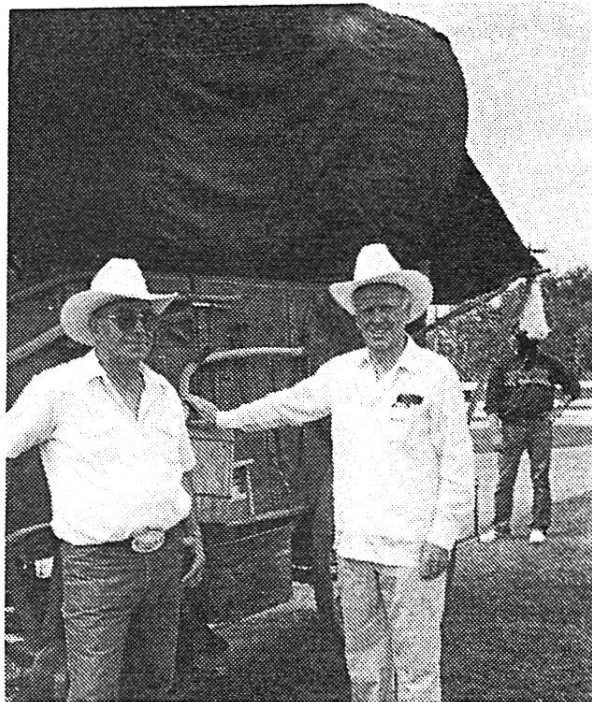
honourable Honoré Mercier, who became Premier of the Province of Quebec (1840 - 1894).

The Merciers of Alberta, like those of Quebec and others in North America, have been born with a spirit of adventure in their genes. The work they are doing is extremely appreciated and AMAN will be eternally grateful.

The arrival of the covered wagon in Bonnyville on June the 4th.



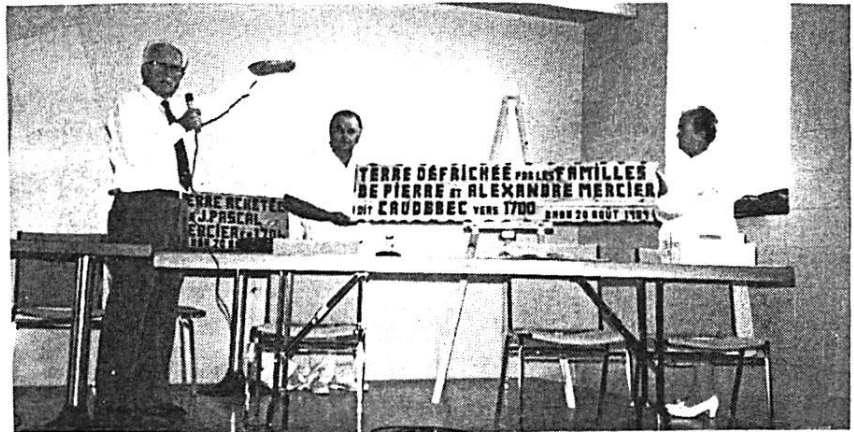
Raymond Mercier-Croteau, from Calgary, explains to President Ernest the content of the covered wagon.



A TRIBUTE TO THE MERCIERS OF THE COTE-DU-SUD

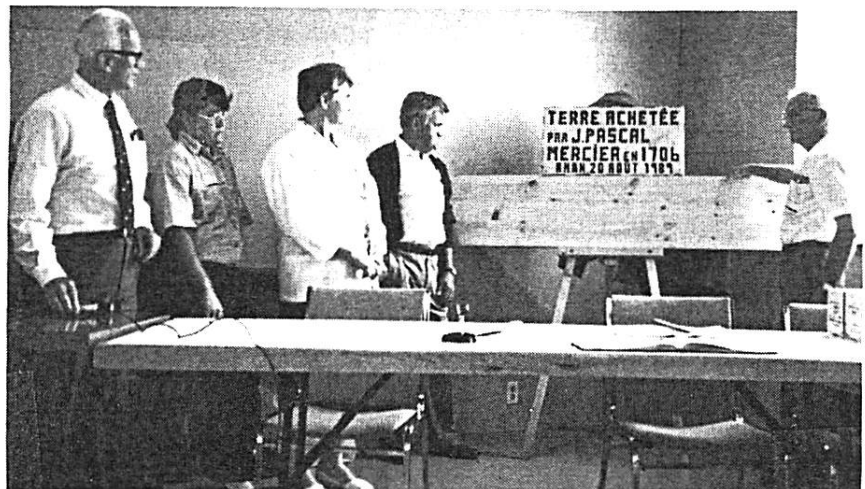
On the occasion of the fourth annual general meeting, held in Saint-François-du-Sud, on Sunday, August 20th, 1989, AMAN unveiled two commemorative plaques in memory of the original Merciers of the Côte-du-Sud.

Ernest Mercier
Roland Mercier
M. Paule Mercier



J. Roland Mercier and his wife, Marie-Paule Pelletier, of La Pocatière, at the invitation of the president, Ernest Mercier, unveiled the first plaque in memory of the pioneer couple Pierre Mercier, also known as Caudebec, and Andrée Martin, who, with their children, cleared a lot of land situated on the North line of Rivière-du-Sud, early in the eighteenth century. (Municipality of Saint-Pierre-de-Montmagny)

Ernest Mercier
Nathalie Mercier
Georgette Blais-Mercier
Maurice Mercier



Maurice Mercier and his wife, accompanied by their daughter Nathalie and their uncle Noël, unveiled the second plaque recalling that seven generations of Merciers have farmed the very tract of land originally cleared by J. Paschal Mercier and Madeleine Boucher, who came from the Côte-de-Beaupré to settle on fertile lands on the Seigniory of Bellechasse on the Côte-du-Sud.

DÉCÈS DE MERCIER

L'AMAN transmet ses condoléances aux familles Mercier dont l'un des membres a été inhumé récemment.

<u>Nom</u>	<u>Date d'inhumation</u>	<u>Endroit</u>
Henri Mercier	31 décembre 1988	Saint-Damien (Bellechasse)
Arthur Mercier	15 mars 1989	Rimouski
Georges Mercier	15 mars 1989	Beauport (Montmorency)
Soeur Marguerite-Marie Mercier (1)	30 mars 1989	Saint-Damien (Bellechasse)
Roger Mercier	15 mai 1989	Québec
Charles Mercier	25 mai 1989	Québec
Aline Mercier-Bouchard	31 juillet 1989	Québec
Rachel Taillon-Mercier	8 août 1989	Québec
Élien Mercier	12 août 1989	Sainte-Foy
Gemma Drouin-Mercier	12 septembre 1989	Saint-Henri (Lévis)
Marie-Louise Rousseau-Mercier	12 septembre 1989	Québec

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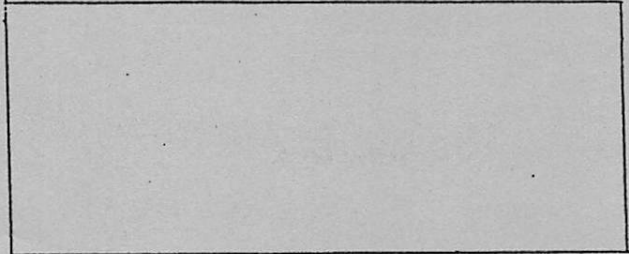
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GROUP VISIT TO FRANCE

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If any of you among the readers of Le Mercien are interested, please notify the secretariat of AMAN not later than December 31th, 1989.

WHAT ABOUT A USEFUL GIFT

Do you want to make a usefut gift? Give to your children relatives and your friends the book entitled "Mercier depuis des siècles" or the English translation of the first five chapters of that book.

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