## Directors' Message

The year 1995 will mark the 10th anniversary of AMAN's foundation at Québec, in April 1985. At that time, the founders were hoping to recruit 1 000 paid-up members during the first decade of existence of our small family association.

The present AMAN directors must honestly admit that their predecessors and themselves have not yet succeeded - in spite of their sustained and perseverant efforts - to recruit 500 paid-up members, the latter being considered the minimum number of suscribers needed by any family association to operate effectively. Is it ashamed?

If your answer to that question is positive, please replace the present AMAN directors by Merciers and their akin who can do better. If your answer is negative, roll up your slevees and, please, help AMAN managers to recruit each year a paid-up suscriber among members of your family and kinship. It is the only way to reach the objective of one 1 000 members aimed at in 1985 by AMAN pioneers.

Having said so, the present directors wish to all Merciers and their akin, especially the members of AMAN: MERRY CHRISTMAS

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

They hope that each member of our young family association will recruit an other one during 1995. The future of AMAN depends on the recruitement of more members. Thank you for your help.

Fraternaly Yours.

The benevolant directors Jean Mercier, President

#### 20 years of service by Lucie to the Plessisville municipality



Recognition of benevolant mark In spite of her family obligations and her full time secretary status, Lucie Mercier Daigle finds time to participate actively achievements of the Mercier and Rioux family associations.

The Plessisville Section of the National Municipality Employees Syndicate has paid a tribute of homage to Lucie for the 20-year of faithful service to the town of Plessisville. In order to underline the event, the Syndicate' president Michel Bellemarre has presented to Lucie Mercier a «plaque souvenir» at the evening party organized by the blue and white collars of the Police Fraternity.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1993-1994 TERM

On behalf of the members of the Board : André, Benoit (sec.-treas.), Benoit (222), Ernest, Jean, Lionel, Marie and Paul H Mercier, I report today AMAN achievements for the term ended June the 30th 1994.

#### Mercier gathering at Sherbrooke

The 1993 Mercier Gathering held at Sherbrooke, on September 25th, 1993, was very successful: close to 300 registrations, 13 new members, several annual dues paid and a financial surplus of about 1 000 dollars. Excellent meals served, a well organized city tour under sunny conditions, an elaborate mass, exhibition of several Mercier paintings and genealogy charts, as well as varied entertainments, contributed to the success of the event. Sincere thanks to the AMAN-ESTRIE team responsible for the organization of that memorable Mercier gathering.

#### Regional structures

Efforts are made to organize in **Beauce** and **Lac Saint-Jean** regional committees as active as those of the **Bois-Francs** and **Estrie** regions. The setting up of active regional structures is the only way to build a strong family association. Members are invited to second the efforts of AMAN managers who are requesting local and regional help.

#### Liaison Bulletin

The AMAN's management has not yet succeeded in getting the Mercier business people to purchase publicity in *Le Mercien*. Some members have suggested to include more information on regional committees. I have suggested to sound the members in order to find out what they would like to see published in *Le Mercien*. The new **Board of directors** will have to consider these suggestions. I know it will put more pressure on Ernest's shoulders whom I congratulate for all the work he does for AMAN.

#### **Family Association Federation**

On September the 13th, André and I attended the meeting of the Family Association Federation held at Laval University. The Federation is experiencing financial difficulties. Each family association is endeavouring to help the mother association that is publishing *Le Mercien*.

#### Recruting new members

Ernest has contacted several members and asked them to help setting up regional structures and recruit new members. He finds it difficult to recruit bevenolent workers. The **Management** is purchasing from the **Federation** lists of all Merciers, giving the name, address, telephone number and postal code grouped by municipality within a given region.

The Estrie and Bois-Francs regions are using their lists and found them very useful. They enable benevolent workers to contact all Merciers in their immediate vicinity and discover the unknown women wedded to non Merciers. Telephone calls, letters, visits, and Mercier gatherings are the best ways to recruit new members.

#### Paid up members

On September 30, 1994, AMAN had 365 members. The objective of 500 remains the same for the time being. There is still lots of work to be done. All members should each endeavour to recruit an other one, especially among their respective family.

#### Maple Sugar party

The maple sugar party, organized by the AMAN-BOIS-FRANCS Regional Committee, took place at Sainte-Croix (Lotbinière), on Saturday, April the 9th and was attended by 78 people. They came from several areas of Québec and even Eastern Ontario. Sincere thanks to the organizers: Cécile, Marie-Reine and Benoit (222) Mercier.

#### Financing

This year, AMAN has received from the Quebec Urban Community, Hydro-Quebec and the Quebec Government publicity grants to help producing a special number of *Le Mercien* commemorating the centenary of the death of Honoré Mercier, ancient Premier of Québec (1887 to 1891). Sincere thanks to our generous partners.

AMAN did not succeed in grouping enough members interested to purchase, for their long distance calls, Bell telephone cards on which the association could have gotten a commission.

#### Honour to Ernest Mercier

On September the 13th 1994, the Canadian Association of Animal Breeders presented to Ernest Mercier a Certificate of Merit for his outstanding contribution to the development of artificial breeding and dairy cattle improvment in Québec. Congratulations, Ernest.

#### Genealogy

Recently, a Genealogy Committee has been set up by AMAN. Benoit and Ernest from Quebec City and Robert Mercier from Valleyfield work together toward the consolidation of the GÉNAMAN BANK. The Committe is receiving regularly from members requests to find their Mercier roots.

It is, therefore, imperative to maintain the data bank up to date. It is now possible for many members to obtain some valuable information from the GÉNAMAN BANK and to prepare their ancestry title at moderate costs.

#### Perspectives

In the 1993-1994 term, the AMAN Management has put the emphasis on :

- The updating of family genealogical records of members and their relatives;
- The ways and means of enrolling former members and recruiting new ones.

These achievements are only the beginning of future operations. More must be done to assure the long-term development of our family association. The Management and members must endeavour to:

- Improve the content of the liaison bulletin, Le Mercien, in presenting new departments corresponding to desires of members and needs of AMAN;
- Consolidate the Genealogy Service;
- Discover new ways of facilitating recruitment;
- Organize occasionally local and regional events that might interest the Merciers and their relatives.

Here are some of the challenges we have to accept during the coming years. I continue to believe that the younger generations must come foreword and continue to implement actions undertaken by your Boards of directors. I wish, therefore, that several of you will accept to be candidates in the coming election of directors in order to maintain continuity in the change.

Finally, I want to thank all members of the Board whom I had the pleasure to work with during the last term. Thanks to all of you Merciers and relatives for your support and your presence today at Québec.

The President Jean Mercier 1994-10-01

## Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord — Association of Merciers - America of the North

#### Pourquoi suis-je un membre à vie de l'AMAN? Why am I a life member of AMAN?

Nom - Name	Endroit - Place	Numéro de membre - Member Number
Mercier, Alain	Sillery, Qc, Canada	77
Mercier-Nadeau, Cécile	Plessisville, Qc, Canada	385
Mercier, Charles	Cap-Rouge, Qc, Canada	76
Mercier, Christine	Cap-Rouge, Qc, Canada	75
Royer, Cécile	Sainte-Foy, Qc, Canada	47
Mercier, Georges	Sept-Iles, Qc, Canada	219
Mercier, Gérard	Laval, Qc, Canada	787
Mercier, Jean	Freligsburg, Qc, Canada	951
Mercier-Bédard, Jeanne	Ottawa, On, Canada	204
Mercier, Laurent	St-Esprit-de-Montcalm, Qc, Can.	580
Mercier, Louis	Bussy, Paris, France	52
Mercier, Luc	Longueuil, Qc, Canada	152
Mercier-Gélinas, Marie	Lévis, Qc, Canada	169
Mercier, Maurice	Boucherville, Qc, Canada	306
Mercier, Paul-H.	Sainte-Foy, Qc, Canada	31
Mercier, Pierre	Saint-Bruno, Qc, Canada	73
Mercier, Raymond T.	Canterbury, Ct, USA	961
Mercier, Rhéo	Disraéli, Qc, Canada	4
Mercier, Roland	La Pocatière, Qc, Canada	61
Mercier, Suzanne	Montréal, Qc, Canada	74
Mercier, Vincent	Mont-Joli, Qc, Canada	500

J'aime mieux payer une somme convenable d'argent, une seule fois pour toutes dans ma vie, plutôt que de débourser annuellement une cotisation pour être membre d'une association de famille à laquelle je suis fier d'appartenir.

I prefer to pay a reasonable amount of money, once for all during my lifetime, rather than to disburse annual fees which enable me to be a member of a family association I proudly belong to.

## Membres honoraires à vie - Honorary life members

Mercier, Ernest	Québec, Qc, Canada	32
Mercier, Jean	Sherbrooke, Qc, Canada	1008
Mercier, Monique	St-Grégoire-le-Grand, Qc, Canada	49

Les membres honoraires à vie ne sont pas tenus de payer la cotisation annuelle mais doivent être des bienfaiteurs notoires de l'AMAN.

Honorary life members do not have to pay annual dues but must be AMAN's benefactors.

# Secretary-treasurer's report

From June 30, 1993 - to June 30, 1994

During the last term, the Board of Directors met four times; the Executive Committee, eight times.

#### Membership

As in the past, the member's registry (name, address, postal code and telephone number) was held up date. On September the 30th, AMAN had 365 paid-up members of whom 24 are life members. The net increase in paid-up members was 45, that is to say 13 %. Regional committees must be congratulated for their recruiting efforts. The increase in number of life members (from 15 to 24) is significant. These results indicate that regional committees can recruit not only new members but also bring back ancient AMAN members.

#### Financial operations

The deficit of operations for the last term amounted to 965\$. It is difficult to explain that deficit because most of the important expenditures items were lower for the last than the previous terms. However, the main source of income has decreased by 20 % following the delay in sending notices concerning the payment of annual dues. Without that delay, the last term budget would have likely been in balance.

#### Outside sources of income

During the last two terms, the **Management** endeavoured to accredit AMAN closeby **Loto-Québec**. The commission received from Loto-Québec by our family association during the last term amounted to 8 % of its total income. That earning is not negligeable. It corresponds to about one dollar per member annually.

Thanks to those Quebec AMAN members who suscribe annually to Loto-Québec through their family association. Who does not buy weekely a 6/49 or other

Loto-Québec tickets? Why not do it through AMAN? In doing so, you do not have to check the weekly drawing. AMAN and Loto-Québec do it for you. Loto-Québec will mail you directly your earnings if you are a winner. In taking through AMAN your annual subscription for Loto-Québec, you not only help financially your family association but you are sure to be notified if you are a winner.

#### GÉNAMAN BANK

The AMAN secretary-treasurer is member of the **Genealogy Committee** and one of the watchmen of the GÉNAMAN BANK. Up to now 3 800 marriage contracts, 2 200 birth and 700 death certificates have been recorded in the GÉNAMAN BANK. The Bank managers rely on all members and their akin to chech the data entered in the bank.

These data enable the Genealogy Committee, of whom Ernest is the principal actor, to ascertain the ancestry of the descendants of the Mercier immigrants who landed in New France before 1800.

The only way to consolidate the data Bank of your family association is to send your **genealogy family registry** to the AMAN Secretariate, C.P. 6700, Sillery, Québec, Canada, G1T 2W2. Please, give the correct name of your father and mother, their place of birth, marriage and death — if possible — and the same basic information for your Mercier grand parents. **Genealogy family Register** forms are found in your kit and at the registration desk.

#### Thanks

Odette Côté and Hélène Breton must be thanked for assisting in the secretariat activities. Sincere thanks to Laureat Mercier, c.g.a., for having audited without charge AMAN's books since 1987.

Benoit Mercier Secretary-treasurer

P.S. Members outside Québec cannot participate directly to LOTOMATIQUE; however, they are not excluded from Quebec groups.

# A- FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE LAST TWO TERMS ENDING ON JUNE 30TH

	1994	1993
NCOME		5 483
Membership fees	4 336	151
Grants, gifts, Lotomatic, genealogical fees, sponsoring	405	335
Interest and Profit from the sale of souvenirs	381 5 122	5 969
Total income		
EXPENSES	047	
Liability insurance	217	975
Regional committees	400	250
Related costs, bank fees, travelling	185 551	559
Meetings and conventions		204
F.F.S.Q Services and fees	331	3 474
Le Mercien	2 668	10000
Advertising - promotion		63
Secretariat	1 538	1 613
Genealogical services	197	1 039
Total expenses	6 087	8 177
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE TERM	(905)	(2 208)
B- BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30th	1994	1993
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ASSETS	1994	2 048
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30th, 1994. In my opinion, these statements represent accurately the financial position of AMAN according to accounting procedures generally recognized and applied in the same ways as they were

Laurent Mercier c.g.a.

in the previous years.

# HONORÉ MERCIER'S KINSHIP

Ancient Premier of Québec (1887-1891)

Honoré Mercier's kinship is divided into four groups: the descendants (1) and ascendants (2) in **direct line**; the descendants (3) and ascendants (4) in **collateral line**.

#### Warning

Readers must be remembered that in animal genetics — the latter includes, of course, human genetics — individuals are note considered to be related at the 4th generation.

That wise practise in use since seculars must be retained, especially in **Judeo-Christian religious**, to prevent the transmission of indesirable defects in human beings. Zoogenetists (animal breeders) practice line breeding between outstanding collateral individuals in order to detect and eliminate weak offspring. They can rigorously eliminate at birth all undesirable individuals. It is not permitted to eleminate human beings in most religious societies.

In the present article, I refer readers to the following references: first, *Le Mercien*, Volume 10, number 3, summer 1994 and; second, *Mercier depuis des siècles* (1987), pages 120 to 153. Furthermore, I must mention that Honoré Mercier was wedded twice and that the only daughter of the *first marriage* (Eliza) and the only one of the *second marriage* (Héva), as well as two of the four boys from the second wedding (Honoré II) and Paul-Emile were married and have descendants in North America.

# Group one (1) — Descendants in direct line

This first group includes boys and girls issued from the 8th to the 9th generations inclusively (boys and girls) and their

descendants. They bear the patronym (family name) Mercier, Mercier Gouin or Mercier Fauteux (See *Le Mercien*, pages 34-36) and (*Mercier depuis des siècles*, pages 152-155).

#### 2. Group two (2) - Ascendants in direct line

The ascendants in direct line include the fathers and mothers, the grand fathers and grand mothers, as well as great grandfathers and greatgrand mothers of Honoré I Mercier. They include also the ascendants of the two spouses of Honoré I.

This looking back in the past generations brings genealogists to François and Françoise Mercier, the great grandparents of Honoré I Mercier who were cousins at the third degree. Both are descendants of the ancestral couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain. But they are from two different lines: Jean Mercier and Barbe Montmagnier (father's side) and Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier (mother's side). The readers will find additional genealogy information in Le Mercien, pages 31-37 and in Mercier depuis des siècles, pages 148-153).

# 3. Group three (3) — Descendants in collateral line

All descendants of Honoré's I brothers (Jean Baptiste, Thomas, Edouard, François Xavier) — they are Merciers of the 7th to the 9th generations inclusively — are, of course, nephews and nieces at the first (8th generation), secod (9th generation) and third (10th generation) degrees (See *Le Mercien*, vol. 10, no 3, page 34).

# 4. Group four (4) — Ascendants in collateral line

All descendants of the paternal aunts and uncles of Honoré I Mercier, that is to say the daughters (Reine and Véronique Mercier) and sons (Laurent, Joseph, Bernard, Jacques, Jean-Baptiste and Pierre Mercier) of the 6th generation, as well as those of the great aunt Marie Françoise and the great uncle Jean François Mercier of the 5th generation can claim their kinship with Honoré I Mercier. However, their kin degree is very small.

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In short, only two of the five sons of the ancestral couple **Julien Mercier** and **Marie Poulain** are direct forefathers of Honoré I Mercier. They are **Jean** and **Paschal**. On his father's side, Honoré I descends in direct line from **Jean Mercier and Barbe Montmagnier** (7th generation); while, on his mother's side, he descends directly (7th generation) from Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier (see **Le Mercien**, page 37).

Around 1700 years, the couple Jean and Barbe farmed a concession of land on which are found today the Mont-Sainte-Anne Skying Center and the Abitibi-Price Paper Mill. The couple Paschal and Anne Cloutier farmed land located on the Saint-Joachim parish main road on the Beaupré Coast. In 1724, the descendants of Jean farmed land in the actual Saint-François-du-Sud

parish and heirs of **Paschal** were prospering on good land at **Berthier-en-Grève** on La Côte-du-Sud, on the other side of the Saint-Lawrence River. (See *Le Mercien*, vol. 6, no 2, April 1990), pages 2-6).

At the 4th generation, François and Françoise Mercier —, both descendants in direct line of the ancestral couple Jullien Mercier et Marie Poulain — were wedded at Berthier-en-Grève (Montmagny), on November 7, 1757. The couple had nine children of whom Jean François who was the grand father of Honoré I Mercier.

No descendant of **Charles, Louis** and **Pierre** can claim any kinship with Honoré Mercier, ancient Premier of Québec (1887-1891).

**Ernest Mercier** 

1994-11-21

#### DIAMOND WEDDING JUBILEE

Congratulations to Trefflé Mercier and Ella Baril residing at Bonnyville, Alberta, Canada. On October 23, 1994 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The aging couple has nine children — only one is dead —, 14 grand children and 15 greatgrand children. Congratulations!

The AMAN management and the association members, as well as the kinship of Trefflé Mercier and Ella Baril wish to the elderly couple many years of health, happiness and tolerance.



# BASILE PASCAL MERCIER alias John Nicolas Emeric (1762-1816)

Who is heir of that rich ex-quebecer and american adventurer?

Several AMAN members have called or written to me in order to establish their possible kinship with **Basile Pascal Mercier** who left to two of his brothers and their heirs a fortune that is estimated to some 80 million american dollars managed by the Mellon Bank in USA.

The following note is a late but last answer to all those who are looking for precise information concerning their kinship with Basile Pascal Mercier. It refers readers to the patrilinear ancestry title of Ellis Mercier published in *Le Merciern*, volume 10, number 1, winter 1994, page 7. Up to now, Ellis Mercier is the only AMAN member issued from a brother of the two named heirs in the deed of John Nicolas Emeric. Here are the facts known about the rich exquebecer american Mercier adventurer.

- Basile Pascal Mercier alias John Nicolas Emeric was born and baptized at Cap-Saint-Ignace, QC, Canada, on April 16, 1762.
- He is son of Joseph Pascal Mercier and Marie Josephte (Josette) Marguerite Bernier wedded at Cap-Saint-Ignace on January, the 10th, 1754.
- Basile Pascal migrated to the United States around 1780 where he changed his full name for John Nicolas Emeric after the above mentioned date.
- John Nicolas made money in fur trading; associated himself with John Jacob Astor; died during a trip to the

Delaware River and was buried in a lutheran cemetary at Philadelphia, USA.

- 5. In his deed, John Nicolas entrusted his associate John Jacob with the management of his fortune and requested that a notice be published every ten years in order to find his two elder brothers **Christopher** and **Valentin**, from Cap-Saint-Ignace, to whom he bequeathed his fortune.
- 6. John Jacob Astor died in 1848 and let to his son his fortune and that of Emeric.
- 7. After 1827, several americans came from time to time to Cap-Saint-Ignace to locate Emeric's heirs.
- 8. **Joseph W Hough** who apparently found some documents concerning Emeric's affairs has disappeared since a long time.
- Normand Lapointe from Québec is endeavouring to find the ex-quebecer's deed and other documents that would enable him to locate the 150 to 200 heirs of John Nicolas Emeric.
- The USA Mellon Bank has bought the Mercier and Girard Bank in 1984 and manages John Nicolas Emeric's fortune.

The above facts are drawn from an article published in page 2 of *Le Journal de Québec*, Tuesday, May 10, 1994.

The address of Ellis Mercier is 166, N. Main Street, Oconto Falls, WI, USA, 54154.

Ernest Mercier 1991-11-21

### Correspondance - Correspondence

Commemoration of the death centenary of Honoré I Mercier, Premier of Québec (1887-1891)

#### From Mississauga, ON

My husband and I regret not to be able to attend with our dear Mercier friends the centenary of the death of my dear grand father Honoré I Mercier. My health hinders me from undertaking that long trip.

Salutations to my kinship and all the Merciers.

Jeanne Mercier de Bretan,

daughter of Honoré II

#### From Montréal, Outremont, Qc

I have received today, September 22, 1994, the liaison bulletin of l'AMAN and the program activities to commemorate the death centenary of my grand father Honoré I Mercier.

I have informed my children about that coming event. I do not think that my children and I will be able to go to Québec city on November the 1st 1994. I thank you for that invitation which I would have been happy to accept but I do not believe it is possible.

I am sending you, as requested, photocopies of articles published in *La Presse* under my signature and I give you, at the same occasion, my children's names.

Unless unforseen, I will probably not be at Québec. I congratulate you for your devotion and work.

#### Sincerly yours

Yvonne Mercier Bernard, daughter of Honoré II

#### Lévis, November 1994

As I have not found the telephone number to reach you, I am writing to get some information I would like to have.

I am Georges Mercier's sister, a well known AMAN member from Seven Islands, QC. I am a nun of La Charité de Saint-Louis congregation and some of my family members would like me to write an article concerning myself and have it published in *Le Mercien*.

I would like to known:

- 1. If a photo is permitted.
- If the article could narrate some of my obediences, my activities in mission countries where I spent many years.
- 3. The cost of a half page article.

I would be much obliged to have that information which you could give me by telephone. I will be at Saint-Michel (telephone number 884-2169) from November the 13th to the 19th and otherwise at the provincial couvent, in Lévis (number 833-2101).

Thanking you in anticipation. I am Respectfully yours.

Jeanne d'Arc Mercier, c.s.l.

#### From Québec

Following my telephone call of November 20, 1994, I am sending you under cover the *Le Mercien* number in which appeared an article on Olivine Mercier, one sister-member of your congragation and my first cousin.

The Committee in charge of the liaison bulletin, *Le Mercien*, welcomes articles of persons of all ages who have interesting life achievements to relate to their kinship, the Quebecers, Canadians, Americans and Europeans, etc. Many members are fond of facts related to Merciers at the local, regional, national, international and world levels.

Naissances		Births	
Congratulations to the	ts d'un enfant né récemment. parents of a recently born child.	Dete	Fuducit Bloco
Nom-Name	Parents	Date	Endroit - Place
1- Mercier	André et	1994	Sherbrooke, Qc
Marc-André	Christine Topping		
2- Mercier-Demers	Mario Demers et	1994-08-06	Sherbrooke, Qc
Cassandra	Danielle Mercier		
3- Mercier Justine	Daniel Mercier et Sylvie Cloutier	1994-02-06	Sherbrooke, Qc

† Décès		Deaths +	
Condoléances aux familles Mercier dont l'un des membres est décédé récemment.  Deepest sympathy to Mercier families that have lost a member recently.			
Nom-Name	Inhumation - Burial	Endroit - Place	
Thomas A. Mercier	94-03-07	Norwich, CT, uSA	
Charlotte Beauchesne, soeur, c.n.d.	94-04-13	Victoriaville, Qc	
Hélène Bernatchez-Mercier	94-05-30	Sept-Iles, Qc	
Émile Mercier	94-07-01	Montréal, Qc	
Annie Mercier-Lacombe	94-07-09	Montmagny, Qc	
Lorraine Mercier	94-07-09	Montmagny, Qc	
Simone Bouchard-Mercier	94-07-28	Montmorency, Qc	
Ginette Mercier	94-08-04	Ste-Agathe (Lotbinière) Qc	
Alexina Labbé-Mercier	94-08-05	St-Damien (Bellechasse) Qc	
Lucien Mercier	94-08-18	Sept-lles, Qc	
Marie-Claire Mercier-Therrien	94-08-23	St-Patrice (Beaurivage) Qc	
Gisèle Mercier-Paquet	94-10-08	Charlesbourg, Qc	
Laurent Mercier	94+10-22	Limoilou, Qc	
Dollard Mercier, prêtre	94-10-23	St-Damien (Bellechasse) Qc	
Jeannette Vallée-Mercier	94-11-10	Courville, Qc	
J.Paul Santerre (Jeanne d'Arc Mercie	er) 94-11-28	Ste-Foy, Qc	
		Isabelle Mercier-Dufour	

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# Facts to report on the 1994 Mercier Gathering

- 1. First annual meeting of the AMAN members responsible of regional committees at Québec.
- 2. Eighty-two (82) registrations and a few new member adhesions.
- 3. Presence of three young descendants of Honoré I Mercier.
- 4. Election of 11 administrators: André, Benoit (sec.-treas.), Benoit (from Saint-Agapit), David H., Ernest, Françoise, Jean (Pres.), Lionel, Lucien (2nd V.P.), Marie (Sr) and Paul H (1st V.P.).
- First presentation by the author, Gilles Gallichan, of his book on Honoré Mercier Politique -Culture.
- 6. Distribution of nine (9) life membership certificates at diner's time.
- 7. Forty-seven (47) participants to the Quebec City tour.
- 8. Discussion on the akin between some association members with Honoré I Mercier, as well as with Basile Pascal Mercier alias John Nicolas Emeric.
- 9. Surplus of incomes over expenditures of the Mercier gathering due to the financial help of three organizations:
  - Quebec Urban Community
  - Quebec Government
  - Hydro Quebec.
- 10. Sincere thanks to the organizers of the 1994 Gathering and the benevolant people who welcomed

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