



Le Mercien

La voix des Mercier d'Amérique

The voice of the Merciers of North America

World of the president

Sinceres tanks :

- ▼ To the 56 Merciers and allied who came to the AMAN annual meeting held on september 26, 1998 at Allan's Corner, Howick, Québec;
- ▼ To Pierre-Paul Mercier who organized the reunion and acted as coordinator of that meeting of the young Mercier family association at the *Federal Interpretation Center*, where everything took place according to the program established by the organizer and his volunteers;
- ▼ To the *Ville de Mercier's* authorities who have welcomed the participants at the end of the afternoon — the first time that town received a member of the *Fédération des familles souches du Québec* — and exchanged gifts at the wine cocktail with AMAN's representatives.

Congratulations and thanks to all those who have contributed to that succesful reunion.

Michel Mercier, président

**AMAN's administrators
for the 1998-1999 term**

In the usual order: Pierre-Paul, Ernest, Cécilia, Michel, Marie-Reine, Dolorès Morin, Françoise, André and Lionel Mercier. Claude and Yvon Mercier could not attend the meeting.



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In order to hasten communications with the management, please contact directly the members in charge of the AMAN's Services.

Si vous déménagez, veuillez avertir le trésorier au moins six semaines à l'avance.
If you plan to move, please inform the treasurer at least six weeks ahead of time.

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À vie / *Life* (moins de 65 ans/less than 65 ans): 250 \$

Veuillez faire parvenir vos commentaires et suggestions à l'une des adresses indiquées en bas de page.

Please send your comments and suggestions to either address listed below.

**Le Mercien - Dates de tombée saisonnières
Seasonal deadlines**

Numéro Number	Saison Season	Date limite Deadline
1	Printemps / Spring	1er mars / March 1st
2	Été / Summer	1er juin / June 1st
3	Automne / Autumn	1er septembre / September 1st
4	Hiver / Winter	1er décembre / December 1st

***L'AMAN peut vous aider à produire votre
titre élargi d'ascendance patrilinéaire
Mercier***

***AMAN can help you to prepare your
Mercier patrilineal ancestry title***

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Editorial

The AMAN's administrators undertake, at the end of 1998, the first two stages of the *VISION 2000 Consolidation Campaign* of our young family association.

The present issue of the information bulletin, *Le Mercien*, includes:

- ▼ a copy of the invitation letter to be sent to some 8 000 occupants of Mercier households in North America asking them to join AMAN's ranks and convince their relatives, namely their married sisters who have given up their patrilineal name after marriage, to do the same;
- ▼ a registration form to obtain the AMAN's Commander title, form which describes the way benefactors, Mercier business people and relatives will pay 1 000 \$ dues to settle, once for all, the consolidation of AMAN's financial position.

Why include in the present issue of *Le Mercien* these two documents which dues-paid AMAN members will receive a second

time by the mail as occupant of a Mercier household in North America?

Simply to enable dues-paying members to properly assume their role of leader among their family folks and let them know they will soon receive an invitation from the presidents of the *VISION 2000 AMAN Consolidation Campaign*.

As to the third stage of the above mentioned campaign, it will be initiated when Revenu Canada — the AMAN managers hope it will be soon — will have granted to our young family association the permission to set up the Mercier foundation (See *Le Mercien*, Nr 2, Summer 1998).

Meanwhile, let us all put the shoulder at the wheel in order to be successful with the first new members recruiting stage and the second stage of consolidating the financial position of our young family association.

Ernest Mercier

Word of the coordinateur Pierre-Paul

If the annual Mercier and allied reunion has been a real success in 1998, it is due:

- to the help of some members of the board of administrators, namely: Ernest, Benoît, Lionel and Michel, who have provided me with suggestions to consider and precautions to take in order to have such successful meetings;
- to the treasurer Benoit who was able to find, at the last minute, an allied voluntary small bus driver who assumed the task of taking the Québec group to Allan's Corner where the meeting was held;
- to volunteers of my family (Marie-Claude and her friend Rodrigo), as well as those of the family association (André and his wife) who

helped me at the registration desk and various stages of the Mercier annual reunion;

- to the manager of the *Federal Interpretation centre of la Bataille-de-la-Châteauguay* who has suggested to me names of local caterers who can prepare lunches for groups of people visiting the centre;
- to the authorities of Ville de Mercier who sponsored a cocktail and informed AMAN managers about their desire to receive all published volumes of *Le Mercien*, in order to have them in the town's library.

It is my pleasure to reiterate my gratitude and that of the AMAN administrators to all these people whom I have already addressed it to verbally and in written form.

Pierre-Paul Mercier

Financial Summary at June 30th, 1998

	1998	1997
ASSETS		
Cash on hand	3 111	1 152
Advance to the F.F.S.Q.	600	600
Advance to the Gathering Committee 1997		3 500
Inventory of souvenirs (at cost)	946	629
Furniture	2 962	2 962
TOTAL ASSETS	7 619	8 843
LIABILITIES		
Reserve — Life membership	5 025	4 200
Reserve — genealogical data	1 836	1 799
Advances of AMAN's benefactors	5 334	
Accounts to pay		772
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12 195	6 771
ACCUMULED FUNDS		
At the beginning	2 072	2 777
Surplus (deficit) for the term	(6 648)	(705)
At the end of the period	(4 576)	(2 072)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ACCUMULED FUNDS	7 619	8 843

For the Board of administrators

_____ président _____ trésorier
 Michel Mercier Benoît Mercier

I have examined the statements of income and expenses as well as the balance sheet as at June 30th, 1998. 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 in the previous years.

 Lauréat Mercier, c.g.a.

Objectifs - AMAN - Objectives

Dear Mercier Friend :

The present letter from the administrators of the Association of Merciers of North America (AMAN) is a personal invitation to you and your allied Merciers :

- to become a full-fledged member of AMAN;
- to fully participate to the consolidation of our young family association;
- to contact locally members of other family associations who wish, like you, to promote the enthusiasm for the ancestral patrimony, if the setting up a Mercier Foundation, of which a request for creation is presently under way, is authorized.

Since 1985, the AMAN administrators have accomplished $\frac{3}{4}$ with a small annual membership fee which was increased from 10 to 20 dollars within the first decade of its existence $\frac{3}{4}$ remarkable achievements the list of which is found in an enclosed letter. They cannot and will not ask more money to the majority of dues-paid members who have shouldered the Merciers' Family Association since its founding in 1985. The actual administrators invite all business Mercier people and allied to participate to the Association's lasting financial program. These benefactors will be granted the AMAN **Commander status** of which the advantages are listed in the enclosed letter.

As co-presidents of the AMAN's VISION 2000 Renewal Campaign, we strongly invite you :

- to become a dues-paying member if you do not already belong to the Mercier's Family Association;
- to imply yourself financially in making, at your choice, either a one-time donation of 1 000 \$, two payments of 500 \$ or five annual payments of 200 \$ each, of which conditions are mentioned in the enclosed letter;
- to fill the enclosed subscription form and return it to the AMAN's office in the preaddressed envelope at your earliest choice.

On behalf of the actual AMAN's administrators we thank you in anticipation for helping all of us to fulfill our duty towards the family society and our ancestors.

Yours truly,

Léonce Mercier
Canadian Senator

Ernest Mercier
Founder and first AMAN President

Light infantryman Mercier at Chateauguay (1813)

A soldier named Michel Mercier of Québec City was member of the J.B. Juchereau Duchesnay's company that fought under the lieutenant-colonel Charles Michel de Salaberry of Beauport, QC, the winner of the Chateauguay Battle, on the 26th of October 1813.

The light infantryman Michel Mercier, who had brown complexion, hair and eyes, signed up at 17 years of age on april 24, 1813 and was discharged in 1815.

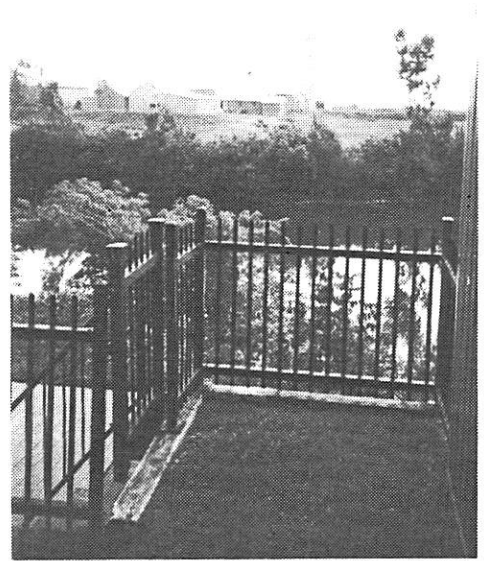
Do you know the parents of that infantryman Mercier? If so, please, send me their names, date and place of marriage if you have that information. Thank you in anticipation.

Ernest Mercier

Réunion - 1998 - Reunion



Marie-Claude Mercier, fille de Pierre-Paul, agit comme caissière au comptoir d'inscription des Mercier à Allan's Corner, Howick, QC



Vus de la véranda du premier étage du Centre fédéral d'interprétation, des bâtiments actuels de ferme occupent le site de la Bataille-de-la-Châteauguay



Des participants s'apprêtent à signer le Livre d'Or du Centre fédéral avant le départ. On observe, entre autres: Cécile Mercier de Plessisville, Georges Mercier de Sept-Îles, Marie-Reine Mercier de Sainte-Agathe (Lotbinière).

Le président Michel remet au père rédemptoriste Bernard Mercier, sous l'oeil bienveillant de André, de Mascouche et de Lionel de Victoriaville





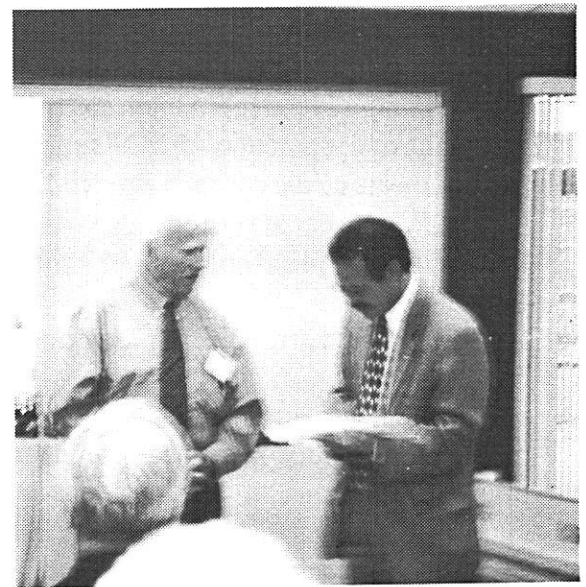
Le directeur du Centre d'interprétation Marc Lavoissière, dispense les deux mannequins volontaires: Benoît (le soldat) de Québec et Julienne (l'officier) de St-Roch l'Achigan, de revêtir le pantalon, après avoir endossé la chemise des militaires de 1813-1815.



L'animateur, Pierre-Paul Mercier de Longueuil, présente le pro-maire, Robert Gauthier - représentant du maire Alain Desjardins -, lors de la réception des visiteurs à l'Hôtel de ville de Mercier



Le pro-maire Robert Gauthier et le conseiller Jacques Lambert, remettent à l'animateur, Pierre-Paul le nouveau volume de la ville de Mercier



Ernest Mercier, l'auteur de *Mercier depuis des siècles* (1987) remet un exemplaire de son volume au pro-maire Robert Gauthier de la ville de Mercier



Le président Michel remercie le pro-maire Robert Gauthier pour la réception chaleureuse des visiteurs de l'AMAN à la mairie de la ville de Mercier

Promotion Campaign VISION 2000

Achievements since 1985

- ◆ Setting up and supporting regional committees
- ◆ Organizing annual reunions in various regions of Québec and Alberta
- ◆ Holding of two large international gatherings – 1987 and 1997
- ◆ Publishing, since 1988, a bilingual quaterly liaison bulletin, *Le Mercien*
- ◆ Printing of the Album Souvenir *Mercier depuis des siècles* (1987)
- ◆ Translating from french to english the first five chapters of the Mercier's Album souvenir
- ◆ Producing and marketing AMAN's souvenirs
- ◆ Commemorating the centennial anniversary of Honoré Mercier's death (October 30, 1894)
- ◆ Producing a video on the 1987 first grand gathering
- ◆ Producing and distributing a promotional leaflet on AMAN
- ◆ Establishing and animating a genealogy service producing extended patrilineal Mercier ancestry titles
- ◆ Guiding two organized Mercier tours in Europe : 1988 in England and France; 1993 in France
- ◆ Holding of special sporadic activities : family reunions, branch (line) gatherings, maple sugar and corn-husking parties
- ◆ Attributing the Mercier patronym to sites : road and cove
- ◆ Erecting monuments and affixing plaques :
 - ✓ Ancestral couple Jullien and Marie Poulain, at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in 1987
 - ✓ Ancestral couple Pierre and Andrée Martin at Saint-Pierre de la Rivière-du-Sud in 1988
 - ✓ J.-Pascal and Madeleine Boucher at Berthier-sur-Mer in 1989
 - ✓ Jullien Mercier at Tourouvre, France, in 1993
- ◆ Making a special contribution to the Fédération des familles souches québécoises Inc.

To become a member! Why?

- ◆ To know more about one's ancestral roots in the world
- ◆ To honour our ancestors and maintain their influence
- ◆ To fraternize between Merciers and allied in a spirit of solidarity and mutual help
- ◆ To participate in collecting any document needed to complete the Mercier archives and enrich the Merciers' patrimony
- ◆ To promote the keeping of genealogy records in each family
- ◆ To contribute to the maintaining of the liaison bulletin *Le Mercien*
- ◆ To underline and make known the outstanding facts and the special achievements of contemporary Merciers
- ◆ To develop a dynamic family association regrouping more Merciers in order to highlight and to bring out the best return of the Merciers' patrynonny and to support their objectives and projects
- ◆ To be informed of what is being done and planned within the AMAN

Hommage grandement mérité

Madame Ghislaine Mercier Dubois de Plessisville a été élue personnalité bénévole de l'année 1998 par la Fédération québécoise de déficience intellectuelle en collaboration avec l'Association québécoise d'intégration sociale. La récipiendaire du Prix Florand Rousseau, Mme Mercier Dubois a été honorée à Montréal lors du « Gala DÉFI-1998 ».

Chaleureuses félicitations!



AMAN Registration Form

Yes! I agree to become

- * **Regular member** for Cost
- one year 20 \$
- five years 100 \$
- life time 250 \$

* That cost includes the suscription to the liaison bulletin *Le Mercien*.

- * **Commander** : (Special sustaining member) and pay
- One single sum of 1 000 \$
- Two equal amounts of 500 \$
- Five annual amounts of 200 \$

* For that membership category enclose, please, with your payment a short biographical note and a photo.

AMAN's Commander Privileges

Life membership – Honorary membership certificate – Free registration to AMAN's activities – Photo and condensed biographical note published in *Le Mercien* and insertion of his/her name in each issue of the liaison bulletin – Free copy of the album *Mercier depuis des siècles* - Granting of the Association pin – Member of the Commander Bureau.

N.B. : Please make your cheque or money order to AMAN and use the enclosed preaddressed envelope.

Note : If you know Mercier friends or allied persons – especially your Mercier sisters – who might be interested in participating to the AMAN consolidation campaign, please give us their names and addresses. Thank you in anticipation.



I have decided do become :

- regular member and pay : annual five-year or life dues
- commandeur and pay : 1 x 1 000 \$ 2 x 500 \$ or 5 x 200 \$ amounts

NAME: _____ FIRST NAME : _____

Address : _____
Number Street apt. City

Province or State Zip Code Country

Phone Number : () _____

Optional : _____
Place of birth Year Civil Status

Signature

Patrimoine artistique **Bérangère Mercier (1898-1981)**

Née à Laurieville au Québec, Bérangère Mercier est arrivée en Alberta en 1910. Elle finit ses études et devient secrétaire bilingue au ministère des Postes à Edmonton. Elle occupe cette fonction pendant 18 ans.

Parallèlement à son travail Bérangère Mercier fut une pionnière dans le domaine culturel. Toute sa vie, elle excelle dans le chant, la peinture, l'art dramatique. Sa grandeur d'âme l'amène à tour de rôle à prêter généreusement son concours dans divers organismes artistiques (juge, hôtesse, secrétaire, présidente, vice-présidente, trésorière, directrice ou représentante). Diplômée du Conservatoire de musique à Toronto, peintre de grand talent et de grande réputation, cette canadienne française a fait les manchettes des journaux anglophones. Elle a assuré avec maîtrise une présence française dans les milieux artistiques de ce coin de pays. Bérangère Mercier fut une première chanteuse à être entendue sous le plus ancien poste de radio d'Edmonton. Sa voix de soprano colorature est vite devenue familière aux amateurs de concert. Elle fut applaudie par les francophones comme

les anglophones. Cofondatrice de la Galerie d'Art d'Edmonton les peintures de Bérangère Mercier se retrouvent dans presque toutes les parties du monde. Son appartement est un vrai petit musée ou même un profane trouve une joie à voir les différents tableaux. De vieux albums, des découpures jaunies par le temps gardent le secret d'une carrière musicale fort remplie et révèlent une activité artistique assez intense.

À l'occasion de l'Année internationale de la femme et du 60^e anniversaire de la Fédération des femmes canadiennes françaises Bérangère Mercier est devenue une des 35 femmes franco-albertaine à être honorée pour sa grande contribution à sa communauté dans le domaine des arts et à son apport culturel aux programmes français en Alberta. Elle est décédée à l'âge de 83 ans en 1981.

Isabelle Mercier-Dufour

Source : Livre Mercier 1647-1997 par Lucienne Mercier-Croteau (1997), Chapitre 4, pages 12, 14

In Mémoriam

Paul H. Mercier (1923-1998)

Né à Québec le 23 décembre 1923, en la paroisse de Saint-Malo, Paul-Henri Mercier complète ses études supérieures en administration et gestion des affaires à Québec. Il parfait ses connaissances de la vente et de la mise en marché à Montréal et Toronto. Le 4 juin 1949, il unit sa destinée à Jacqueline Beaupré, née le 23 mai 1923. De ce mariage, sont nés 5 enfants: Jean en 1950, Louise 1953, Yves 1954, Pierre 1959, Anne 1963. Ils comptent présentement 8 petits-enfants.

Paul-H. entre au service de l'*Imperial Oil Ltd* en juillet 1946, au bureau de Québec. Il parvient à gravir les différents échelons au sein de cette firme nationale. En 1948, il devient le plus jeune gérant résidant au Canada



Bérangère Mercier

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
Hilaire Mercier	98-08-24	Loretteville, QC
Clairette Richard Mercier	98-08-25	St-Henri, Lévis, QC
Léo Mercier	98-06-18	Coaticook, QC
Madeleine Mercier Lavoie	98-03-16	Bromptonville, QC
Julie Mercier St-Cyr	98-03-20	Bromptonville, QC
Pauline Mercier Gagné	98-03-07	Sherbrooke, QC
Rosaire Fournier (époux de Noëlla Mercier)	98-08-31	St-Rodrigue, QC
Bernadette Mercier, Sr	98-09-04	Sherbrooke, QC
Corona Laroche Mercier	98-09-07	Pont-Rouge, QC
Jean-Marc Mercier	98-09-19	St-Fabien-de-Panet, QC
Philippe Mercier	98-10-03	St-Charles, Bellechasse, QC
Benoît Mercier	98-10-03	Bienville, Lévis, QC
Louis André Gariépy (époux Gilberte Mercier)	98-10-05	St-Grégoire, Montmorency, QC
Antoinette Laflamme (épouse de Paul-E. Mercier)	98-10-05	Montmagny, QC
Richard Mercier	98-10-07	Montmagny, QC
Thérèse Mercier Ouellet	98-10-09	Québec, QC
Michel Boulanger (époux de Louise Mercier)	98-10-29	Ste-Foy, QC
Marie-Paule Mercier Noël	98-10-31	St-Luc de Courville, QC

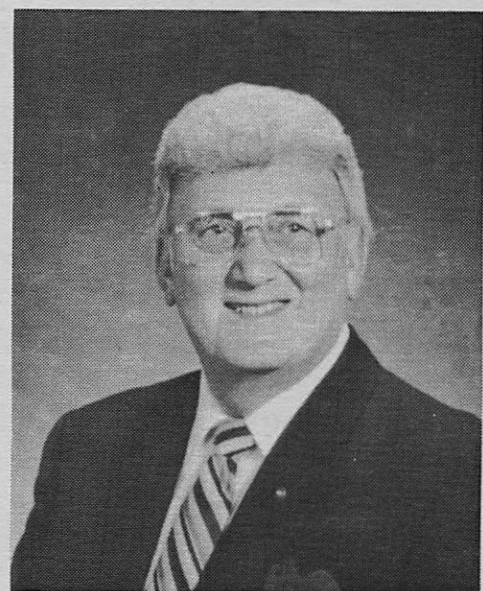
Responsable : Isabelle Mercier Dufour

avec territoire en Gaspésie. Après un autre stage à Chicoutimi, c'est en 1954 qu'il revient à Québec comme gérant de district pour l'est de la province. Suite à une réorganisation du système des ventes et opérations, il occupe successivement les postes de **conseiller technique** auprès des vendeurs et responsable de la formation. Il agit comme **gestionnaire sénior** auprès des gouvernements. C'est en 1976 qu'il devient **administrateurs délégué**, en plus de se voir confier la responsabilité des ventes d'appoint pour l'est du Québec.

En décembre 1983, à l'âge de 60 ans, Paul-H. décide de prendre une retraite anticipée après une fructueuse carrière de 38 ans de service. En ce qui a trait à son implication sur le plan social, soulignons qu'il a été administrateur de nombreux organismes dont entre autres : le Club Rotary de Québec (président en 1968-1969), le Carnaval de Québec (président en 1974), la Société canadienne de la Croix-Rouge, Centraide-Québec, la Société du Timbre de Pâques, les Jeunes Entreprises du Québec métropolitain

(président-fondateur en 1974) et l'Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord (cofondateur).

Louise Mercier



Paul-H. Mercier

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Bataille-de-la-Chateauguay

The facts

1. On the 18th of June 1812, the United States of America (USA) declare war against England. The latter is fighting the Napoleonic France. The Americans attack Canada — of which the frontiers agreement progresses slowly —, in the lake Erie area. After important setbacks in Upper Canada, they move away from York (Toronto) after having burnt the place.
2. In 1813, the Americans are always looking towards Montréal in order to have their own hand on the St-Lawrence River, a vital artery for Upper Canada. In september of that year, they launch a double attack on Montréal :
 - ▼ the first navy army numbering 8 000 men is commanded by General James Wilkinson and comes from the West (Kingston, ON);
 - ▼ the second land army includes of 4 200 men, under the command of general Wade Hampton, and comes from the South (New England, USA).

At the end of October 1813, Hampton is at 58 kilometers of Montréal, on route 202, south west of the Chateauguay River.
3. Governor Prevost, posted at Kingston, ON, asks lieutenant colonel "Red" George MacDonell, in charge of an elite french canadian regiment, if he is ready to go immediately and help lieutenant-colonel Charles Michel de Salaberry who builds retrenchments for his 350 first line infantrymen — of whom most are milicians —, on the meanders of the Chateauguay River in Howick, QC.
4. During the night of October 25, Hampton sends 1 500 scouts whose mission is to encircle the 350 Salaberry's infantrymen. The scouts get lost in the woods, loose contact with the Hampton commandment and wake up in the morning of the 26th on the side of Salaberry's soldiers at Allan's Corner (Howick, QC). They hear the shouts of the MacDonell regiment on the north west of the barricades of the Chateauguay River and believe they are in a trap.
5. Aware of these facts, Salaberry opens the fire on the american scouts. In the afternoon of the 26th of october, invaders stand severe losses and stop the hostilities.

In brief, the 350 french canadian infantrymen block the Montréal route to the 4 200 soldiers of the land army of the american general Hampton.
6. The Ghent Treaty signed by the British authorities on the Christmas eve 1814 puts an end to the war between England and USA. The 8 600 Canadians and Britishers killed or wounded during that cruel war have a positive political result. The United States of America and Great Britain finally agree on the site of the frontier between Canada and USA and all classes of Canadians of Maritime, Lower-Canada and Upper-Canada slowly achieve the 1867 Confédération.

Ernest Mercier