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1928 - 2018



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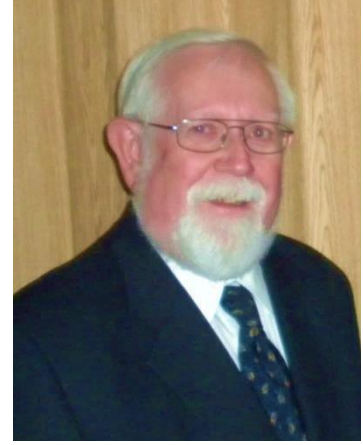
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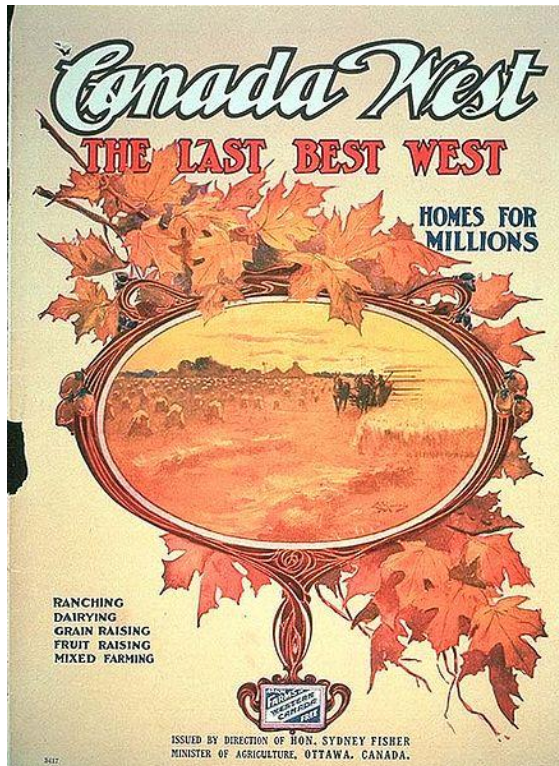
Newsletter Editors: Brenda Bergen (left) and Linda McClelland (right)



Members at Large: Ivy Trumpour (left), Pat Brown (centre), Sharon Terray (right)



# UELAC Calgary Branch History



*It was Lewis Frederick Clarry, K.C., who made it all happen. He had the connections, the conviction, and the commitment to the importance of preserving Loyalist history. While in Edmonton, Mr. Clarry became a founding member of the UELAC, Edmonton Branch in November of 1912. It was during this period also that Lt. General A.C. Macdonell was Commanding Officer of the Lord Strathcona Horse. Their paths crossed.*

*In 1912, R.B. Bennett had joined the law firm of J.A. Lougheed, K.C., P.C. and when Clarry moved to Calgary in 1915, he and Bennett formed a close association.*

*With Mr. Clarry's previous experience in the establishment of Edmonton's Branch, the Calgary Branch of the UELAC was formed on February 18, 1928.<sup>1</sup> Loyalist descendants met in the Board of Trade building in Calgary. Membership was fixed at \$1.00. The following officers were elected:<sup>2</sup>*

Poster advertising for immigrants 1870-1930, National Archives of Canada, File No. C-30620 Image used under terms of GNU free documentation licence

- Honorary presidents: Lt. General Sir A.C. Macdonell, K.C.B., C.M.G, D.S.O., and Hon. R.B. Bennett, K.C., M.P., F.R.S.A.
- President: L.F. Clarry, K.C.
- First vice-president: Dr. G.W. Kerby, D.D
- Second vice-president: Mrs. M.L. Bowen
- Treasurer: Mr. Arthur Maybee
- Secretary: Miss A.E. Freeland
- Council: Mrs. A.B. Dauncey, Mrs. J.W. Bullough, Mr. L.E. Fowler, Mr. A.P. Patrick, Mr. Clifford Jones, K.C.

K.C.B. (Knight Commander of the Order of Bath); C.M.G. (Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George); D.S.O. (Distinguished Service Order); M.P. (Member of Parliament-P.C.); K.C. (King's Council); F.R.S.A. (Fellow Royal Society Arts); P.C. (Progressive Conservative); D.D. (Doctor of Divinity)

At the UELAC meeting in May, 1928, there were about 125 members. The list of members is shown in the Calgary Herald article of May 17, 1928 that is printed with permission below.<sup>3</sup> See Appendix 1.

Research done by Patricia Brown Sadler, U.E., and Linda McClelland, U.E., found the following information about some of the first executive members.

**Lt. General Sir Archibald Campbell Macdonell** (b. October 6, 1864; d. December 23, 1941)



Macdonell was born in Windsor, Ontario and attended Trinity College in Port Hope, Ontario, followed by The Royal Military College in Kingston. He joined the Regular Canadian Army as a Lieutenant in the Canadian Mounted Infantry in 1888 and then exchanged into the North-West Mounted Police in 1889. From there, Macdonell volunteered for service in the Second Boer War where he was awarded a DSO. He was Commanding Officer of the Lord Strathcona's Horse, Royal Canadians regiment (March 1907 – April, 1910 and April 1912 – December, 1915) and for his service in WW I he received the KCB. Upon retirement in 1925, Macdonell was promoted to Lt. General and served as Honorary Colonel to Lord Strathcona's Horse.<sup>4</sup>

**Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett** (b. July 3, 1870; d. June 26, 1947)



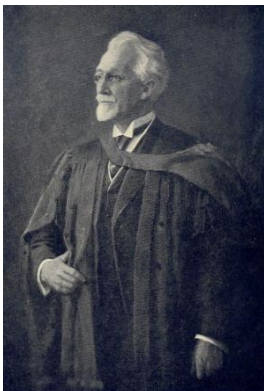
R.B. Bennett was born in New Brunswick and grew up poor on a small farm with a Wesleyan Methodist mother in a literate and Conservative atmosphere. His alma mater was Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

His early acquaintance with Max Aitken (later Lord Beaverbrook), Lemuel J. Tweedie (lawyer and Conservative politician), and the Shirreff family of Chatham helped to shape his future as a lawyer, businessman, politician, and philanthropist. In 1897 Bennett moved to Calgary to be a law partner of Sir James Lougheed and in 1908 he was appointed to the first Library Board for the city of Calgary. In 1910 he was a director of Calgary Power (later TransAlta Corporation) and soon became the president. Bennett was an active politician and was the first

leader of the Alberta Conservative party before serving as the 11<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Canada (1930-1935). When he moved to England after 1935, he was made **Viscount Bennett**.<sup>5</sup>

**Lewis Frederick Clarry**, received his law degree at Osgoode Hall in Toronto, Ontario. He was Deputy Attorney general of Alberta in Edmonton from 1911 – 1914 and master in Chambers of the Supreme Court Calgary in 1915.

**Rev. George William Kerby:** (b.1860; d. 1944)



G. W. Kerby was the son of Loyalist parents who farmed in Lambton County, Ontario. Rev. Kerby graduated from the University of Toronto and was ordained a Methodist minister in 1888. When he and his wife, Emily, accepted a request to move to Calgary in 1902, a colleague wrote, *Kerby's gone to that God-forsaken place and will never be heard from again*. His first parish was in downtown Calgary in a new sandstone church where he served until 1910.<sup>6</sup> He was a sought-after orator and was a special speaker at the opening of Hillhurst's St. Paul's Methodist Church in November of 1908.<sup>7</sup>

Kerby became the principal of the newly formed Mount Royal College (known in 2014 as the Kerby Centre for Seniors) in 1911 and lived nearby at 1125 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W.<sup>6</sup>

Photo of Rev. George Kerby to the left, courtesy of the Kerby Centre web site <sup>8</sup>

The Calgary Herald printed several articles about the formation of the Calgary branch of the UELAC in 1928 and one is copied in sepia at the end of this document as an appendix with permission from The Calgary Herald.<sup>3</sup>

Dorothy Hall stated the following in her **2005 Calgary Branch report**:

*Our records detail the following individuals as Presidents of the Calgary Branch and while incomplete as some records have been lost through the intervening decades, it is appropriate to put forth this record (as shown below) for posterity.* <sup>9</sup>

The chart that Dorothy Hall produced (below) has been updated to the current time.

Clifford Jones, K.C. 1928*	Dr. R. Guy Williams 1972-75
Dr. J.W. Richardson	Col. J.H.R. Thomson 1974-75
L.F. Clarry, K.C.	J. Michael Robison 1975-85
Mr. J.T. North	Barrie St. L. Robison – 1983
Mr. M.W. Brock	Ron Atkins - 1984
Mrs. Ray Farquharson 1950-51	Mrs. Lois Cummings 1985-88
Willard Cummings 1951-52	Phillip Thorpe 1988-89
F.C. Colborne, M.L.A. 1952-55	William Thompson 1989-91
Col. J.E.A. Tidswell 1957-58-59-62	R. Douglas Hall 1992-94
Mrs. Helen Robinson	Bruce Miller 1995-96
Mrs. M.L. Bowen	Gordon Perry 1997-2000
Barrie Robison 1966-67	P.S. "Scotty" Grant 2001-2003
Douglas Fitch	Wayne R. Hovdestad 2004-11
Col. J.H.R. Thomson 1969-71	David Hongisto: 2011-2016
	Suzanne Davidson: 2016-

\* We have a discrepancy with the first president. This research shows Clifford Jones as the first President of the Calgary Branch. The Calgary Herald states that the first President was Lewis Frederick Clarry.<sup>2,3</sup> Several histories of the Calgary Branch have been written and parts of these documents will be copied in order of dates.

### **Excerpts from HISTORY OF THE CALGARY BRANCH**

By Miss P. L. Pue, Calgary, June 27, 1973 <sup>10</sup>

*Outstanding speakers during the years were Brigadier General V. H. Pearkes, V. C.; Dean G. B. Snell; Hugh John McDonald, M. L.A.; A. R. Smith, M.P.; Mr. Justice Hugh Farthing; Rev. George W. Kerby; Professor W. Angus, Assistant Professor of History University of Alberta; Lieutenant Governor Grant MacEwan Dr. Ruth Gorman, MS (Canada Service Medal).*

*In 1934 the Association furnished Room 224, Ward A.3 in the Colonel Belcher Veterans' Hospital, in honour of Edith May Allison, an overseas nurse, who was Matron-in-Charge of the Hospital from 1919 to 1933.*

*In 1963 the Association requested the local School Board to promote an Essay Contest throughout the*

*schools, “on the part played by the United Empire Loyalists in the history of Canada” and offered a substantial prize for the winning contestant.*

*As its Centennial project the Association established a \$50.00 Annual Scholarship at the University of Calgary “to be awarded to the student receiving the highest marks in a course in Canadian History.” At its May meeting, 1967, a cheque for \$1050.00 was presented to Professor George E. Self, Professor of History at the University, to establish the Scholarship and provide the money for the first year’s award.*

*It is interesting to note that a meeting was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1969, to decide if the Calgary Branch should go into “suspended animation” or continue for another year, at which time a further consensus would be taken. The outcome was that operations be continued for another year.*

### **Excerpts from HISTORY OF THE CALGARY BRANCH**

By P.W. Weir, 1990 <sup>11</sup>

*Membership today is about 45, up from a low of 20 in 1961.*

*Life members of the Branch were Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Barnes, Miss Pansy Pue, Dr. J.W. Richardson, Mr. M.W. Brock and in 1989, Mrs. Kay Hymas was given a life membership for her enthusiastic and constant support as Genealogist from 1971 on.*

<i>1974</i>	<i>Past President Douglas Fitch spoke on “Canadians First Class, Second Class”</i>
<i>1976</i>	<i>Stanley Schumacher spoke on “The Monarchy or the Presidency?”</i>
<i>1978</i>	<i>Philosopher – writer John Ralston Saul – later to become the husband of our Governor-General – spoke on “Quebec and Confederation”</i>

*May 4, 1990 – Branch President Bill Thompson presided at a meeting at which Brenda Fauth showed slides of her journey to Brazil on behalf of World Vision. The meeting was held at the Old Timers’ Hut, 3625-4<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. and Dr. R. G. (“Bud”) Williams accepted the office of Secretary-Treasurer. May 12, 1991 – Our Guest Speaker was the fascinating and entertaining Dr. Grant MacEwan.*

*September 1992 – A fall tea was held at the home of the President R. Douglas Hall and Mrs. Hall. The other officers were Evelyn deMille, Secretary-Treasurer, Dominique Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, and Genealogist Kathleen Hymas. The Branch mourned the loss of Dr. Thomas Richardson, a long-time member. The History Prize was won by Siobhan Janet McNaught. April 5, 1993 – Guest Speaker was Dr. Roy Smith, a fellow Loyalist.*

*July 1999 – Gordon Perry’s Newsletter mentioned our Vice-President Dr. Margaret Hess as being chosen as a Woman of Distinction by the YWCA. President Perry also mentioned the pioneering work of Dr. Evelyn deMille in her generous gift to the University of Calgary Archives. In addition to being our Genealogist, James Stewart is also our Membership Chairman. October 24, 1997 – The Fall Tea was held at the home of Dave and Sheila Embury. It was noted Kathleen Perry has inherited our archival photograph album. Many of these pictures were taken by Dr. Evelyn deMille.*

## Excerpts from HISTORY OF THE CALGARY BRANCH: 2007-2008

By Joyce Luethy, U.E., Branch Genealogist<sup>13</sup>

*The Prairie Regional Meeting, 26 – 28 October 2007, was a great success with representation from the Edmonton, Regina, Calgary, Winnipeg and Toronto.*



Back: Logan Bjarnason (SK); David Hongisto; Barbara Hongisto; --, Ken Mackenzie (SK); Pat Adair (SK); -- Bob Rogers (Ed); Kathleen Perry; Dorothy Rogers; Suzanne Davidson; Jim Stewart; Lorna Stewart  
Front: Al Dodd (Edmonton); Joyce Luethy; Gerry Adair (SK); Peter Johnson (Toronto); Margaret Carter (MB); John Carter (MB) Photo courtesy of Linda McClelland

## Excerpts from HISTORY OF THE CALGARY BRANCH by Linda McClelland, 2014

A plaque placed in the Legislative Grounds in 2010 reads:

*United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada*

*This bur oak tree commemorates the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in celebration of Alberta's Centennial 1905-2005.*

*Placed by the descendants of the United Empire Loyalists who are members of the Edmonton and Calgary Branches. The roots of this tree symbolize the ancestral roots of Loyalists who fled the Thirteen American Colonies during the American Revolution (1775-1783) and remained faithful to the British Crown. Oak leaves have long been held as a symbol of loyalty to the Monarchy since the time of Charles II. Just as the branches of this tree grow and spread, similarly many Albertans are descendants of the original Loyalists.<sup>15</sup>*



Photo shows Shona Wards at the unveiling of the plaque in 2010. Photo courtesy of David Hongisto

The Calgary Branch hosted the Prairie Regional Conference in the Autumn of 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel near the airport under the leadership of President David Hongisto.

The 2015 October meeting was held at the Bowmont Community Hall with singing led by Miku Beer (left), a Loyalist book report written and read by





Haruna Beer (below), and a presentation by Brenda Bergen about her family's early impacts in Alberta.



The following photo is of some of those present at the 2016 May meeting at the Sheraton Hotel.



Back Row: JoAnne Brown, Pat Brown,U.E., Wendy StremLaw,U.E., Layla Briggs,U.E., Susan Galough, Neil Garlough, U.E., Elaine Rewcastle, Don Rewcastle,U.E., Sharon Terray,U.E., Louise Ferriss,U.E., Jacquie McGowan  
Front Row: Linda McClelland,U.E., Barbara Hongisto,U.E., David Hongisto,U.E., Suzanne Davidson, U.E.,Lorna Laughton,U.E., Camille MurrayU.E.

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## Appendix 1

United Empire Loyalists Association

Calgary Herald  
17 May 1928  
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Members of the United Empire Loyalists Association met in the Board of Trade rooms on Wednesday evening for the last open meeting of the season. Mr. L.F. Clarry, K.C. occupied the chair and made interesting announcements regarding the plans of the association for the next fall's activities. The executive hopes to be able to plan a series of gathering for the next season, with eminent speakers to address the members of the club.

Mr. J.T. North spoke on the contribution made to the life of the Dominion by those U.E.L. stock and capably stressed the work of that particular section of the Loyalists group which settle in Nova Scotia. Some 28,000 immigrants came to this small province and there started the great work which later developed into the English-Canadian literature of the pre-Confederation period. Mr. North stressed the great contributions made by Nova Scotians to the literature and culture of the time and added that the fact that over one thousand of these pioneers were university graduates, had undoubtedly something to do with this. "The coming of the United Empire Loyalists was one of the greatest single forces in development of which Canada has ever known he concluded.

Master William Epstein spoke on the great future of Canada and emphasized the need of good immigration policy in the years to come, that the standards inaugurated by the Loyalists may not be allowed to disappear. This youthful orator spoke fluently of Canada's present attitude toward the "stranger within her gates" and gave personal instances to illustrate this points. The Chairman predicts a brilliant future for this young boy.

Mrs. M.L. Bowen read a paper on the equipment provisions and other interesting details relative to the exodus of the United Empire Loyalists from the United States, and spoke of the hardships which these gallant pioneers endured that they might have liberty under the flag they loved.

Dr. George W. Kerby spoke briefly on the traditions which the present generation must cherish, and of the great contributions made to development by the Loyalists ancestors. "Ours is a living past." Said Dr. Kerby, and the history traditions and romance of this vital period in Canadian history cannot be too well understood and revered by the people of the Dominion. He stated that what is most needed is a re-infusion of the Loyalist spirit in the people today.

Musical items were contributed by Mrs. L.A. Maxwell, Mr. D.M. Stirton and the Paliner hotel trio under the leadership of Mr. Henderson. Accompanists for the evening were Mrs. Hal Morgan and Mrs. Howard Harris.

Several new members were admitted to the association, which now boasts a membership of over 125. The charter membership list now includes.

Lt. General Sir	Archibald C.	MacDonell
Hon.	R.B.	Bennett K.C.
Mr.	L.F.	Clarry K.C.
Mrs.	L.F.	Clarry
Rev. Dr.	G.W. & Mrs.	Kerby

Mrs.	M.L.	Bowen
Mr.	A.P.	Patrick
Mr.	Arthur	Maybe
Mr.	Clifford T.	Jones KC
Mr.	L.U.	Fowler
Miss	A.E.	Freeland
Mrs.	J.	Craig-Browkovaki
Mrs.	J.W.	Bullough
Mrs.	A.R.	Dauncey
Mrs.	W.H.	Freeland
Mrs.	H.J.	Robie
Mr.	P.A.	Fetterly
Mrs.	James H.	Annable
Mr.	Charles H.	Annable
Master	William Harlow	Bowen
Miss	Elma P.	Allison
Miss	Edith	Allison
Mrs.	J.W.	Stagg
Mr.	L.	Bowen
Mr.	C.W.	Kennedy
Mr.	A.W.	Peck
Dr.	E.H.	Simmons
Mrs.	A.E.	Fearman
Mr.	S.K.	Kitchen
Mrs.	Matilda	Kitchen
Mr.	Hugh C.	Farthing
Mrs.	C.R.	Edwards
Mrs.	Hugh	MacIntosh
Mrs.	A.M.	Saunderson
Mrs.	S.N.	Carscallen
Mr.	S.N.	Carscallen
Mr.	Fred K.	Wright
Mr.	P.S.	Robinson
Mr.	Blake	Barstead
Mr.	Charles G.	Plamer
Mr.	Willard W.	Cumming
Mrs.	W.F.W.	Lent
Miss	Geneva	Lent
Mrs.	Ernest S.	West
Mrs.	Edna L.P.	Sproule
Mrs.	Katherine	Currie
Miss	Dorethy	Currie
Dr.	William and Mrs.	Merritt
Mr.	J.T.	North
Mss	Ruth M.	O'Neil
Mrs.	F.W.	Twedie
Mr.	H.	O'Neil
Master	John	O'Neill
Mrs.	F.W.	Tweedie

Mr.	H.W.	Van Amburgh
Miss	Kathleen	Van Amburg
Miss	A.	House
Miss	J.	Van Volkenburgh
Miss	Anna N.	Dalton
Mrs.	H.G.	Worden
Mrs.	William	Pound
Miss	Anna	Pound
Miss	Helene	Fowier
Mrs.	R.C.	Sherwood
Mrs.	E.	Pennell
Mr.	G.S.	Purdy
Mrs.	Alma F.	Curry
Mr.	C.A.	Choate
Mrs.	Harold	O'Neil
Mrs.	J.N.	Vanderburgh
Mrs.	J.J.	Hayes
Miss	Patricia Leigh	Bullough
Dr.	M.G.	Cody
	Howard G.	Harris
Mr.	E.A.	Lilly
Mr.	C.A.	Hayden
Mrs.	F.S.	Selwood
Miss	Jessie L.P.	Church
Mrs.	Fred E.	Currey
Lt.-Col	D.J.	MacDonald
Mr.	B.W.	Collison
Mr.	John P.	Stafford
Mrs.	J.E.	Love
Mrs.	J.E.	Love
Mr.	Ward H.	Patterson
Mrs.	Charles	Sheppard
Mr.	Lorne F.S.	Fudger
Mrs.	W.G.	Hunt
	William Perry	Ayllesworth
Mrs.	R.E.	Smith-Aylesworth
Mrs.	Eleanor E.	McMillan
Mr.	Alfred	McMillan
Miss	Pansy L.	Pue
Miss	Margaret	Clarke
Miss	Mabel	Steeves
Mrs.	T.	Van Delinder
Mrs.	J.H.	Norton
Mrs.	Ella E.	Nelson
Miss	Florence	Parslow
Mr. And Mrs.	R. Nellis	Young
Mr.	Moreau	McCallum
Mr.	J.	Craig-Brokovaki
Mrs.	Howard G.	Harris

Mrs.	Edna E.	Reid
Mr.	Frank	Smith
Miss	Audrey	Stafford
Mrs.	J.C.	Linton
Mrs.	M.	Millard
Miss	S.B.D.	Blow
Mrs.	E.M.	Kerkby
Miss	Mabel	Hutton
Mrs	A.D.	Richard
Mr.	Y.C. and Mrs.	Robinson
Mrs.	J.W.	Speer
Mr.	G.H. and Mrs.	Hutton
Mrs.	Catharine T.	Ball
Mrs.	H.H.	Van Amburgh
Dr.	G.A. and Mrs.	Anderson
Mrs.	M.G.	Cody
Mr.	Wesley	Buchner
Mrs.	William T.	Pound
Mr.	J.G. Howard	Pound
Mr.	W.H. Vernon	Pound
Mr.	M.W.	Brock
Miss	Alice E.	Yeres