





Speech by Pierre Jodry of Audincourt, France

Mr. Chairman, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Invited here by Paul Jodrey and Murray Jodrie, our distant cousins of the 8th, 9th, and 10th generations, we are happy to have come from the distant country of Montbéliard, to share your joyfulness in this glorious historic day of July 10, 1988.

It is not without emotion that we see gathered amongst us so many descendants of the hundreds of people who left Montbéliard in the spring of 1752, that was 236 years ago, now soon to be two and one half centuries, to come to establish themselves on distant unknown shores. These courageous immigrants did not hesitate to make a new start on a harsh adventure to get away from the difficulties at the time in their native land which did not become a part of France until 41 years later in 1793. In spite of their abandoning everything and after a long and difficult ocean crossing plus unceasing efforts they made new homes in the new country, they prospered in the new land.

Dear distant relatives we are sympathetic to your wish to renew the ties with the Principality of Montbéliard. Please believe, for our part, we have been very happy in being able to meet again, thanks to the patient genealogical research carried out here and there and precise instructions regarding our ancestors.

It gives us great pleasure to be among you today, we are very thankful for the invitation to this wonderful inauguration. We wish to congratulate you on this lovely monument, we especially congratulate those who took the initiative to put up this special memorial and spared no effort to succeed for everyone, who, in one way or another, takes part in the inauguration day celebration.

To Professor Terrence Punch who we all know plays an important role in this ceremony, we wish to offer our congratulations for a job well done concerning the Montbéliardian immigrants.

Mr. Jean-Marc Debard, President of the Societe d'Emulation de Montbéliard, is regrettably detained in France due to pressing obligations, however, he is with us in thought.

To Ladies and Gentlemen, Representatives of Authority, our most sincere thanks for their presence amongst us.

PROGRAM

Band Selections - Bowater Mersey Band

2:30 French National Anthem, U. S. National Anthem & O Canada

Call to Order - Town Crier, Bill Cluett

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies - Terrence Punch of Halifax

Introduction of Guests

Greetings from Mayor Lawrence Mawhinney

Montbeliard Songs - Le Diari -Membre du Club du Razilly, Bridgewater
- Le Doulis -Music by Bruce Oakes, Donald Whynot

Greetings from Gordon Mason, President of South Shore Genealogical
Society

Project Background - Terrence Punch

Montbeliard Songs - Le Tempo me Dure
- Le Coucou -Membre du Club du Razilly, Bridgewater

Talk by Pierre Jodry, of Audincourt, France

English Translation of Pierre's talk - Paul Jodrey

Unveiling of Montbeliard Memorial - Pierre Jodry

Dedication of Memorial - Rev. James Dauphinee

Band Selection - Bowater Mersey Band

Auld Lang Syne

Thank You - Paul Jodrey

Roll Call of Montbeliardian Descendants - Murray Jodrie

Go to family areas as indicated and meet your relatives.

Bowater Mersey Band courtesy Summer Festival Showcase.

Among the " Foreign Protestants" who came to Nova Scotia between 1749 and 1752 were 431 persons from the Principality of Montbeliard. On June 8, 1753 many of these Montbeliardians were among the founding settlers of Lunenburg. This monument lists the family names of those who came.

This small independent Principality was situated north of a point of Switzerland which projects westerly into France. Until 1648 the Principality did not have a common boundary with France. It was bounded by the Holy Roman Empire, Switzerland, and lands controlled by Spain. This was the one Francophone Lutheran country on earth.

Princess Henriette de Montfaucon inherited the Principality from her grandfather in 1397 when she was only 10 years old. At this time she was engaged to young Duke Eberhard IV of Wurtemberg.

Due to the age of Henriette and Duke Eberhard, the Principality of Montbeliard was governed by a council until 1417, when Duke Eberhard began governing the Principality. He died after ruling for only two years. After his death the Principality was governed by Henriette and her descendants for 314 years. From then until 1793 it was ruled by their Wurtemberg cousins. In 1793 the Principality was annexed by France.

This monument has been made possible by the contributions of Montbeliardian descendants. The organization of the project was carried out by a committee of the South Shore Genealogical Society. The idea for this monument originated with Murray Jodrie and Paul Jodrey, who along with committee members Heather Risser, Ralph Getson and Gordon Mason have made the idea a reality.

This monument was unveiled on July 10, 1988, by Pierre Jodry of Audincourt (near the city of Montbeliard) France.

SPEEDWELL 1752

ALISON
BANVARD
BESANCON (BEZANSON)
BOUILLON
BOURGEOIS
BOUTEILLER (BOUTILIER)
CALAME
CARLIN
CERTIER (SARTY)
COULON (COOLEN)
CURIE
DAUPHINÉ (DAUPHINEE)
DONZELL
DUPERRIN
DUPUIS
DURAND
EMONEAU (EMENEAU, EMENO)
GOGUEL
GREIGNAUD
GUIGNE
HUMBERT
JEANPERRIN (PERRIN, BARRY)
JEAUNNÉ
JODRY (JODREY, JODRIE, JOUDREY)
LEAU (LOWE)
MALMAHU
MASSON (MASON)
MENEGAUX (MINGO)
METTETAL (MATATALL)
MILIET
MORLEAU
NARDIN
QUIDORE
RIGOULEAU
ROLLAND
ROBERT (ROBAR, ROBART, ROBERTS)
THOM
VUILQUET (WILKIE, WILLKAY)

BEAUPORT 1749

LORILLARD

ANN 1750

DUVOISIN (DAVISON)
MAILLARD (MILLARD)

PEARL 1752

ISELIN
LEGARCE
LODS (LOWE)
MARIETTE
NARDIN

SALLY 1752

BAILLY
BOUTEILLER (BOUTILIER)
CLEMENÇON
DURÉ
FAINOT
GRETTEAU (GRATTO)
GROSRENAULD (GRONO, GRUNO)
HUGUENOT
JAILLET
LANGILLE
METIN
MONNIER
SURLEAU
TATTERAY (TATTRIE)
VALETTE
VEUTILLOT
VIRPILLOT

BETTY 1752

AMET
BEGIN
BIGUENET (BIGNEY)
BIZET (BISSETT)
BOURGOGNE (BURGOYNE)
BOUTEILLER (BOUTILIER)
CLEMENÇON
COULON (COOLEN)
DARÉ (DARES, DARRES, DAURIE, DOREY)
DEMET
EUVRAI
FEVRE
GRANDJEAN
JACOT
JACQUE
JACQUIN
JEANBAS
JODRY (JODREY, JOUDRIE)
JOLYMOY (JOLLIMORE, JOLLYMORE)
LAGARCE
LANGILLE
LEAU (LOWE)
MAILLARD (MILLARD)
MALBON
MATHIEU
PETREQUIN (PATRIQUIN)
ROBERT (ROBAR, ROBART, ROBERTS)
SERTIE (SARTY)
TISSERAND
VEUILAMET
VIENOT (VENO, VEINOT, VEINOTTE)