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A RELIC OF THIRTY-SEVEN.

Through the kindness of Mr. M. O. Hart, notary public, of Cowansville, we are enabled to present our readers in this issue with a copy of a document of historic interest which he has in his possession. The document was drawn and signed in 1837 at St. Armand East, and is a declaration of allegiance and loyalty that was more important in those troublous days than it would be in our own more peaceable times.

The document came into Mr. Hart's possession some years ago and is highly prized by him and well taken care of. When he obtained it, it was creased and worn in many places. He, however, had it carefully mounted on a mat and framed, so that now, apart from accidents, it is capable of withstanding the ravages of time for many years to come.

The document is written in long lines across a paper about twelve inches in width. The writing is in a very neat and legible hand, a curious feature of it being a funny little superfluous curved stroke downward towards the left, from the end of each letter "s." As will be noticed the diction is very good. Two oddities in spelling occur. One is "connexion," instead of the more modern "connection." The other is "Missiskoui," instead of "Missisquoi," as we spell it today.

The signatures, eighty-one in all, are in four parallel vertical columns. It is with the greatest difficulty that some of them can be deciphered. One is omitted from the printed list, as it is impossible to make it out. An interrogation mark is placed after some of the printed names to indicate that a doubt exists as to whether it has been rightly deciphered.

The signatures would make a curious study for the reader of character by handwriting. If character is shown in a person's writing it would probably be more in evidence at the moment of signing such a document than at any other time.

A decade ago there were many survivors of that band of eighty-one led by Captain Henry Baker. To-day those who remain alive are very few in number, and could probably be counted on the fingers of one hand. Mr. Hart has known many of the signers personally and professionally.

We hope the publication of this document will draw out some personal reminiscences of events of Rebellion days.

Following is the manuscript:

At a time like the present, when the

French-Canadian population throughout a large portion of this district are excited to offer rebellion and the perpetration of outrage upon peaceable and well disposed inhabitants of the country, it devolves as a duty upon every true and faithful subject of Her Majesty to come forward and declare his loyalty, to express his determination to sustain the institution of the country and the supremacy of the laws—and to maintain the connexion so happily subsisting between this country and the parent State. We therefore, Her Majesty's faithful subjects, militiamen belonging to the company of Capt. Henry Baker, of the Battalion of the County of Missiskoui, hereby solemnly promise and agree to be in readiness, with such weapons as we can provide ourselves, to act at a moment's warning when our services may be required to protect our fellow subjects from insult and outrage, to assist the brave and sustain the institution of our country and put down Rebellion.

St. Armand East, 17th November, 1837.

HENRY BAKER, CAPT.
PHILIP TOOF.
JOHN CALLAGHAN.
JAMES x RYAN.
ISAAC STEVENS.
JAMES CARTY.
FREDERIC VINCENT.
GABRIEL DALBECK.
JOHN BURHART.
WALTER MONTEITH.
JOHN VINCENT.
TRUMAN BURK.

An undecipherable name occurs here.

ABRAM LEE. (?)
THOMAS BRILL.
PHILIP VAN DE WATERS.
JAMES RUSSELL.
HENRY SALSBUARY.
MARIN SALSBUARY.
HENRY CALLAGHAN.
E. S. REYNOLDS.
LEICESTER REYNOLDS.
R. C. REYNOLDS.
A. L. BAKER.
JAMES W. TOOF.
PHILIP TITTEMORE.
WILLIAM EVENS.
JOHN REYNOLDS.
ALEXANDER YOUNG.
DAVID BURBANK.
JOHN TITTEMORE, JR.
WILLIAM x OBRINE.
JOHN KRANS.
THOMAS REYNOLDS.
LAWRENCE SALSBUARY.

HENRY SHUTTS.
J. W. McNEILL.
GUY PATTERSON.
ISAAC LAGRANGE.
LEONARD TITTEMORE.
A. S. PHILLIPS.
JACOB TOOF.
SAMUEL H. LEONARD.
ORVIL REYNOLDS.
ALANSON x EVANS.
HENRY TOOF.
JOHN CALLAGHAN.
J. O'NEILL. (?)
ALONZO ROBERTS.
GEORGE KRANS.
PHILIP H. KRANS.
THOS. THOMAS.
JOHN SIMPSON.
V—M MOREY.
JOHN PEIR.
JOHN SCHOOLCROFT.
WEIGHMAN REYNOLDS.
JOHN BLOIS.
JOEL LEAVITT.
PETER WILLARD.
NILES EVANS.
JEREMIAH SORNBURGER.
PATK CALLAGHAN.
ZER. LEONARD.
RICHARD CLARK.
D. W. TITTEMORE.
NELSON VINCENT.
LOUIS GOWETT.
JOHN TOOF.
CHARLES S. TOOF.
LEWIS REYNOLDS.
JACOB LAGRANGE.
GEORGE VUSON. (?)
HOMER ROBERTS.
JOHN SHATTUCK.
x JOHN LEMOURE.
DAVID L. SMITH.
JOHN COWDEN.
BENJN REYNOLDS, militiaman.
C. S. REYNOLDS, SEN.
OMIE LAGRANGE.

Oddfellowship.

During the month of May the Oddfellows of the district have been celebrating the eightieth anniversary of the establishment of the Order, which has during the past three or four years been making rapid growth here, and seems to be very popular. Strong lodges are in existence at Farnham, Waterloo, Bedford, Granby, Dunham, Cowansville, Sutton and Knowlton.