



Newsletter January 2012

Last copies of ETRC's 16-Month Calendar including archival images now available for free

We still have a few copies of our 16-month calendar, featuring annotated photographs drawn from the ETRC's Archives. Each month boasts an image from a different Eastern Townships locality from a bygone era.

As of the end of January, the remaining copies will be available for free in the Old Library at Bishop's University, as well as in ETRC office. Some copies are also available at our traditional partners like Townshippers' Association, Lennoxville Library, Lennoxville-Ascot Historical Society and in your favourite coffee shops around Sherbrooke.

We wish to thank everybody whose contribution to the calendar helped us raising money to carry out our regional mission.

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Edged in beautiful purple, the cover photograph of *JETS/RECE 37* relates to the theme of this special issue. In 2009, four research clusters were selected to implement Bishop's University's Strategic Research Plan. These interdepartmental research units are named the STellar Astrophysics and Relativity (STAR) cluster, the Multi-scale Climate and Environmental Change (MUSCLE) cluster, the Crossing Borders cluster, and the Psychological Health and Well-being (PHWB) cluster. With a view to conveying the vibrancy of the research culture at the University, we have produced a special issue on this theme. Four leading Bishop's University researchers each linked to one of the clusters were invited to introduce the cluster in terms of its objectives, broad goals, important areas of research and specialized axes, while articulating its relevance to the community at large. Also featured within the covers of *JETS 37* are non-thematic articles, an archival section, and a lively book review that will incite all Townships history buffs to dash up the stairs of the nearest bookstore in search of this informative work on regional history.

The journal is available for purchase through the ETRC (www.etc.ca or 819-822-9600, ext. 2647) and at Townshippers' Association.

News from the Archives Department

In the past few months the ETRC Archives has been fortunate in receiving several new and exciting accruals and acquisitions which will no doubt make valuable resources for visitors to the archives.

In particular, the ETRC Archives had been quite fortunate in its most recent acquisition of the Bampton Home Children Collection. This collection features historical information on the children who were brought to Canada from England between 1869 and 1930. These poor or orphaned children were sent to Canada to live and work with the intention that they would be accepted into families as one of their

own, and also to help minimize the labour shortage. While many children had positive experiences, others were taken advantage of and cruelly treated.

For years, Sarge and Pauline Bampton have been helping researchers find their ancestors who had been home children sent to the Eastern Townships. Now their resources and correspondence with researchers has been generously donated to the ETRC archives. Not only will this acquisition provide information on a very relevant aspect of Townships' history, but it will also be invaluable to genealogists visiting the ETRC archives.