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President's Message

A warm welcome back from your holiday festivities and break and I wish you all the best in 2026. I am truly honoured to serve as your President for the next year, and I look forward to meeting and working with many of you over that period.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Board and Executive for the past three years and have been constantly impressed with the commitment, enthusiasm, dedication, and talent of my fellow members as well as the Committee Chairs and members, Past Presidents, event convenors, and volunteers.

Ours is an organization that depends heavily on volunteers, and it is encouraging to see this dedication. Your 2026 Board and Executive are already two meetings into their new mandate and have shown the same dedication, talent and commitment. I truly appreciate the support I've received since October.

The SAPD has had a busy calendar this fall, and I'd like to congratulate and thank **Russell Moore** for organizing what was a very successful *Round-Up* at the Palliser Hotel, despite having to compete with the Toronto Blue Jays playing Game 7 of the World Series. I believe there were only a couple of no shows due to the conflict and, for those of us in attendance, many discreetly followed the game on our phones and only gave ourselves away when collective cheers or groans erupted throughout the room. A thank you as well to **Shawn Hendry** and the many volunteers and generous donors for making the Silent Auction such a success.

As has become tradition, the AGM last October was once again preceded by a wonderful lunch organized by **Karen Clark**. And the December Christmas Lunch was a fun and delicious success thanks to the guidance of **Lynne Marquess**. At these two



Nancy Thompson
President 2026

lunches, \$240 was raised from attendee donations and given to the Food Bank in December.

Thanks also go to **Gabrielle** and her team of volunteers who had the building beautifully decorated for these and many other seasonal functions. Their work is truly beautiful.

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Happy New Year to all of the descendants

Over the past year

- We have focused on researching and implementing several technological enhancements with the goal of improving the member experience while increasing efficiency for our volunteers, and this work will continue into 2026.
- We are currently reviewing proposals for a new website for The SAP Foundation (the Memorial Building), which will provide a much better and flexible platform to showcase the building and property for prospective renters.
- We have resurrected the search for an appropriate Remote Storage and Access solution for our archives and records management.
- We are planning to continue increasing our presence on Facebook and Instagram in 2026 as another way to communicate our activities, events, and stories with current and future members.

Our Membership Secretary, **Sharon Hoiland**, led the search for membership management software that would allow members to renew and manage their own memberships while

streamlining record management and administrative tasks for our Membership Committee volunteers. Their recommendation was accepted by the Board, and the **Membership Portal** was successfully implemented and went live in October.

Additional modules for Events, Volunteers, and Donations will be added in January, making the Membership Portal a central location for members to purchase tickets, register for events, and explore and sign up for volunteer opportunities.

It is also expected that these modules will further reduce the workload for our many Committee and event volunteers, which is always a good thing. (Please see the excellent *"Look what YOU can do in the Membership Portal!"* news segment on page 7 for more information on the Membership Portal.) As we head into 2026, many of our upcoming events will be utilizing the Membership Portal, and there is great anticipation to see the potential benefits realized.

What to look forward to

- One of our first events of the

year (which is happening too soon to utilize the Membership Portal) is the **Whiskey Tasting/Robbie Burns Night** on Saturday, January 24. Thank you to **Patrick Taylor** for the great idea and for convening what I hope will be the first of many annual gatherings.

- The Historical Committee has four **Speaker Series** evenings planned between January 21 and April 15, which are always popular and well attended.
- The **International Food and Wine Tasting Night** will be held on February 28.
- The **SAPD Casino** on April 19 & 20.
- The **Spring Cleanup** on April 25
- Organization for the **Stampede Barbecue** (July 4, 2026) is well underway and has already been added to the Portal for anyone who is curious to see how it will work.

I hope to see many of you attending and/or volunteering at our many events and activities throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

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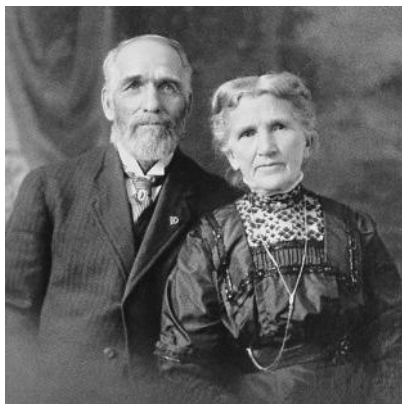
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SAP (Southern Alberta Pioneers) in the Family Tree

Article submitted by Russell Moore

Researchers have found that thinking about one's ancestors motivates people and can even improve performance on intelligence tests. It didn't matter whether people thought about long-dead ancestors or living grandparents, or whether they considered positive or negative aspects of their ancestors. Thinking about friends or oneself didn't generate the same effect, suggesting that ancestors have a special association with success and perseverance.

Consider sharing your memories with us at newsletter@pioneersalberta.org.



Russell Moore's family
Edward & Ellen Burke 1914 and Luke & Eliza Draper 1931

From the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Following the October 19, 2025, Annual General Meeting, the Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants kicked off the 2025-2026 term with the following Officers and Directors.

OFFICERS

- President: Nancy Thompson:403-703-0766
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We also welcomed
to our ranks
Pioneer Lady,
Lynne Marquess
and Pioneer Gent,
Alan Lynas



SAPD's 103rd Round-Up

by Russell Moore, Past President

The Southern Alberta Pioneer's 103rd Round-Up at the Palliser Hotel was pleased to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Fort Calgary.

The dinner, dance and silent auction was held once again in the Alberta Ballroom and Lake Louise Room on November 1st. The theme was elegance and, for many, this was a rare opportunity in the entire year to dazzle in their finest attire. Women wore long evening dresses while we saw men in both tuxedos and kilts. The head table procession was piped into the ballroom by Stephanie West. Cheryl Lyn Hendry played the piano for us as we

sang our National Anthem. Cheryl then presented grace before we savoured a delicious Alberta Prime Rib dinner.

Later, head table guests and the new Board of Directors were introduced; a Past President pin was presented to Russell Moore; and we acknowledged 2025 Pioneer Lady, Maureen Hill, and Pioneer Gent, John Douglas. Then we welcomed 2026 Pioneer Lady, Lynne Marquess, and Pioneer Gent, Alan Lynas. Led by Lynne Marquess, we paused a moment in remembrance of those members who have gone on to higher service.



Elegant couples danced to the music of the **Tricia Edwards Quartet**, with past president **Russell Moore** joining them on a few songs. The silent auction continued to grab a lot of attention, but this activity and the dance had to compete with guests desperate to watch the 7th game of the World Series on their cell phones!

Membership Report

by Sharon Hoiland, Membership Secretary

Membership updates since the last newsletter.

We are glad to Welcome ...

New Descendant Members

- ♦ Kelsey Arnold - Descendant of Alfred & Catherine McKay, Calgary 1888
- ♦ Joyce Arnold - Descendant of John Barker, Calgary 1889
- ♦ Descendants of Adam & Susannah Baptie, Calgary 1888
 - ♦ Kate Haddow
 - ♦ Marshall Haddow
 - ♦ Skye Haddow

New Associate Member

- ♦ Brett Mulcahy



New Friend Members

- ♦ Weiland Weitstein
- ♦ John van der Poel
- ♦ Cindy Saunders

Returning Descendant Members

- ♦ Elaine McDonald - Descendant of Alexander & Joanne Nesbitt, Nanton 1890
- ♦ Janice Debney - Descendant of John & Sarah Dewar, Dewinton 1889

- ♦ Karen Gummo - Descendant of Ofeigur Sigurdson, Calgary 1888

New Gold Card Members

- ♦ Susan Peacock
- ♦ Joan Christianson
- ♦ Janet Brogden
- ♦ Phillip Godlonton



Our Condolences to the Families of



- ♦ Kinnaird Shaw
- ♦ Margaret Buckley
- ♦ Shirley Valentine
- ♦ Mary Burke

Please notify any member of the Membership Committee of member deaths, changes to mailing or email addresses or to phone numbers. We can be reached at membership@pioneersalberta.org.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AS AT DEC. 31, 2025

- ♦ Descendant members – 238 with 32 in arrears
- ♦ Descendant Gold Card – 106
- ♦ Associate members – 30 with 6 in arrears
- ♦ Associate Gold Card – 30
- ♦ Friend members – 39 with 1 in arrears
- ♦ Honorary members – 5

Total: 448

2026 \$40 Membership Fees are Due Now

Three (3) methods of payment are available

- **New:** Credit Card: Login in to the Membership Portal at sapd.getcommunal.com.
 - Use this method if you are paying for just your own membership.
- Send a cheque to: SAPD, 3625 - 4 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2S 1Y3 Attn: Membership.
- Send an auto-deposited e-transfer to membership@pioneersalberta.org
 - For cheque or e-transfer payments, please write the names of those members for whom the fees are being paid either on your cheque or in the message space in the e-transfer.

Not sure if you have paid your 2026 membership fee? To find out:

- Login to the Membership Portal at sapd.getcommunal.com using your email address that this newsletter was sent to.
- On the "My Memberships" page, you have **NOT** paid your 2026 dues
 - if your membership says "Grace Period - Southern Alberta Pioneers" or
 - if it says "No active memberships found"
- If it says anything else, your 2026 dues **are** paid or you are a Gold Card or Honorary member

Thank you to everyone who have already paid their 2026 Membership Fees

Membership Committee Updates

by Sharon Hoiland, Membership Secretary

In 2025, the Membership Committee:

- Sent birthday cards each month to each Gold Card member over 80 years of age.
- Sent 125 Christmas Cards with Christmas Lunch invitations included to all Gold Card members.
- Continued researching and evaluating three membership management systems and recommended that we subscribe to Communal as our Membership Portal; the board approved our recommendation.
- Transferred data for our current members from the Access database to Communal and completed all other setup tasks.
- In October of 2025, rolled out our new Membership Portal to SAPD members, giving you the ability to self-service your own membership renewal and contact information changes.
 - We can now process all membership updates through the Membership portal!
- Sent all mass member communication, such as newsletters and e-blasts, from the Membership Portal!

We have had a few bumps as we learned to understand the system better and better, and how to work with it. **We appreciate your patience during this transition time!**

In 2026, the Membership Committee will focus on:

- Moving membership applications to the Membership Portal and away from the paper form system.
- Staying connected to our Gold Card members through the birthday card and Christmas card programs.
- Reviewing, updating and writing the Membership Secretary and Membership Committee Policies and Procedures for presentation to the board for approval.
- Populating additional pioneers families and lineages into the Membership Portal for current members.

- Carrying out a membership drive focused on bringing back past members.

With our Membership Portal online and accessible from the comfort of your own home, we have some Membership Committee Volunteer Opportunities available. If you are interested in becoming part of the Membership Committee and helping us do any of the following, please contact Sharon at membership@pioneersalberta.org.

- Locate Gold Card members, or other members, that we have lost contact with.
 - To regain contact with the member or with relatives of the member, this often entails phone calls and internet searches based on the membership information we have.
- Join Joan on the telephone tree and keep members who don't have email up-to-date with SAPD events and information that needs to be given to members between newsletter publication dates.
 - This entails phoning members who don't have email addresses before specific SAPD events.
- Populate additional Pioneer information for all current and Gold Card members, so it will display on their digital membership card. Include recently deceased members for look ups.
 - This entails finding a current member's pioneer family and lineage information in the vault and entering it into the [Membership Portal](#). Several people can work on this and split the work in whichever way works for them.

If this type of social contact and research sounds fun or interesting to you, let's chat!

The current membership committee is made up of

- ♦ Sharon Hoiland (Chair and Membership Secretary)
- ♦ Joan Christianson (Telephone Tree)
- ♦ Lynne Marquess (Cards and Remembering)
- ♦ Megan Ballard (Administration)
- ♦ Maureen Peckham (Guidance and Wisdom)

Thank you ladies for your service on the membership committee.

Look what *YOU* can do in the Membership Portal!

by Sharon Hoiland, Membership Secretary

Over the course of 2026, our [Membership Portal](#) will become a central place for you to buy event tickets and sign up for volunteer opportunities, as well as manage your SAPD membership.

All members with an Internet connection will be able to see and interact with all events through the Membership Portal whether they are:

- for members and their guests only, like the Stampede BBQ and Round-Up
- open to the public, like the Speaker series
- unticketed, like the Stampede Breakfast or
- volunteer only, like the Casino or Stampede Display

For Conveners & Co-ordinators

- No more spreadsheets to track social event tickets or volunteer shift sign ups.

- Easy to set up each event according to its needs.
- Easy to add tickets for members who don't have a login
- Easy to track how many tickets purchased and any outstanding payments

For Members

- No going to multiple places like Event Bright, a Google spreadsheet or the SAPD website to find and sign up for an event
- Look up all SAPD events in one place, whether they are historical, social or fundraising
- Purchase multiple tickets to bring family and guests to an event
- Able to pay for tickets with a credit card, or still use e-transfer or cheque

It will take us a bit of time to get all events set up in our Membership

Portal, and we will be learning as we go. But we expect that, throughout



2026, all SAPD events and volunteer opportunities will become available for you to see and interact with.

The following events are already available in the [Membership Portal](#):

- International Food and Wine event
- Speaker Series
- Casino sign up
- Stampede BBQ

Login and have a look, sign up and/or buy your tickets! As always, the SAPD [board officers](#) welcome any and all feedback you have on the Membership Portal.

Celebrate Robbie Burns Night!

by Patrick Taylor

January 24, 2026 | Doors open at 5:30 pm | SAPD Memorial Building

Traditional Scottish Feast

Enjoy classic haggis, Scotch whisky, and assorted snacks in a festive Scottish setting that celebrates authentic flavours and heritage.



Unforgettable Cultural Experience

Experience and evening filled with Scottish traditions, lively atmosphere, and honouring the legacy of Robbie Burns.

Secure Your Tickets

Tickets are \$50 and selling fast, so reserve your spot early for a memorable night of celebration.

- 1) E-transfer to membership@pioneersalberta.org and indicate the payment is for the Robbie Burns night.
- 2) either mail to or drop off your cheque made payable to **Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants**, 3625-4 Street SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1Y3

2025/26 Speaker Series

- Get up close and personal with Calgary History -



Southern Alberta
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Descendants

This free event is open to
all folks interested in how
Calgary developed

REGISTER

Our capacity of 50
requires
pre-registration at the
[SAPD Membership Portal](#)
2025-2026

Jan. 21st
7 - 8:30 o'clock

Hillhurst Community

Russell Moore
Past President SAPD

Feb. 18th
7 - 8:30 o'clock

George Lane

"The Man Who Never Turned Back"
by Author - John Whittaker

Mar. 18th
7 - 8:30 o'clock

1920's Ain't We Got Fun?

Doug Coats
Local Historian

Apr. 15th
7 - 8:30 o'clock

Rouleauville

Sylvie Charette
Local Historian



The Hillhurst Athletic
Park ca. 1940
Photo submitted by
Russell Moore.

29th International Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 28, 2026 — starts at 7 PM at the SAPD Memorial Building

Featuring wine and tasty bites from France, Portugal and South Africa

This event is hosted by your board and is a great opportunity to sample wonderful appetizers with wine pairings, and to socialize with your new board, old acquaintances, as well as new friends.

TICKETS: \$45 per person

Ticket can be purchased by:

1. Using the [SAPD Membership Portal](#)
2. E-transfer to membership@pioneersalberta.org. In the message box, write: **"Attention: Geoff Thompson, Wine Event."**
3. Cheque payable to SAPD.
 - Mail or Drop cheque to: SAPD Memorial Building, 3625 - 4 Street SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1Y3
 - Mark on the envelope: **"Attention: Geoff Thompson, Wine Event."**



Please ensure payments are received by SAPD by February 24, 2026. Whichever type of payment used, please also list the names of the attendees. Tickets are non-refundable and can be picked up at the door on event day. Event does not include full meal.

Convenors: Lana Jones, lejones@telus.net
Steph West, stephmcs333@gmail.com
Geoff Thompson, geoff24@outlook.com

Coming Soon ... the SAPD Casino

Mark your calendars for

Sunday, April 19 and Monday, April 20, 2026

to gamble & volunteer at the **Elbow River Casino**

It's on the corner of 17th Ave S and Macleod Trail

Volunteers can [CLICK HERE](#)

to sign on and see where we need you

Questions?

Contact Angie Boyes
Casino Chairperson
at a_boyes@telus.net





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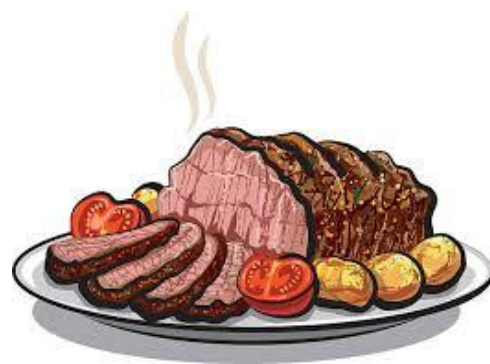
Saturday, July 4, 2026 | Memorial Building
Cocktails: 5 PM | Dinner: 6:30 PM

Traditional Barbecue Hip of Beef with all Fixings

Non-Refundable Tickets

Adults: \$50 | Children 6-12: \$20 | Under 6: Free

Purchase Deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2026



TICKETS must be bought in advance and picked up at the barbecue as they will NOT be mailed. Tickets must include the names of the attendees to qualify for DOOR PRIZES!



To Purchase Tickets

- 1) Find the ad in the [SAPD Membership Portal](#)
- 2) e-transfer to membership@pioneersalberta.org and indicate the payment is for the Stampede Barbeque
- 3) Either mail to or drop off your cheque made payable to **Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants**
3625-4 Street SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1Y3

Questions?

Contact Dylan Viste at DCViste2202@gmail.com
or call or text 403-854-8978

This event is open to SAPD members and their guests only.

Calgary's 1890 Riot

Submitted by Jim MacDonald

An excerpt taken from the **Memoirs of a Pioneer Mother, Fond Remembrance of My Family and Those Who Follow** by Barbara Mary George, Victoria, BC, May 24, 1924

Note: "Dad" was Barbara's husband, Dr. Harry George

"In 1890 Dad bought lots on 8th Avenue East, then called Stephen Avenue. They were not far from the barracks and in 1891 we built a nice brick bungalow and moved in that Fall.

In 1890, Dad was called to see a man named Albert Keast who lived in a shack just across the Elbow River. He found him suffering from smallpox. He came to the fence and called me to phone the Town Officer and the other doctors. Dr. H.S. McKid drove up and saw the case and agreed on the diagnosis.

Some Chinese who kept a laundry had, a few days before, been discovered to be convalescing from smallpox and had been taken to a shack beyond the river, near the mouth of Nose Creek, where a camp of NWMP was stationed to keep them in quarantine. Unfortunately, they had been sending out laundry and so the infection grew and spread through the town. The town authorities had caused the shack they lived in and its contents to be burned to the ground but it was too late.

First Mr. Keast, then several others were sent to the camp. The Government asked Dad to take charge out there, so he had to leave his town practice and go out and live in a tent to look after the sufferers. Two of the Grey Nuns from the Holy Cross Hospital volunteered as nurses and were untiring in their care of the patients. One was Sister Claire.

This lasted for nearly 2 months. When the Chinese were free of infection and were allowed to return to town, the people were all up in arms at their release and there was a riot, and they chased the Chinese out of town. They were found nearly starved by the police and they took them to the barracks to protect them. Meanwhile, the mob looted the Chinese shacks and cut off the pigtails of any they could catch.

They were very irate with Dad for letting them out of quarantine, and refused to believe they were free of infection. They declared they would attack our house in revenge and would go to the guardroom and take the Chinese out and kill them.

Inspector Cuthbert came to tell me this in the early evening. I was alone with a young maid and two little children. He brought me a big 44 revolver, loaded. I was almost afraid to touch it. So many police were guarding the camp he could not send any to the house, but he

gave us a set of signals with lamps to use from our back window. His wife lived behind us and in turn would signal the barracks if we needed help.

All the police not in quarantine camp were needed to patrol the streets and defend the guardroom. I was terrified! We put out our lights and pulled down the blinds and Emma and I sat with that big revolver on the table in front of us, just trembling with fear, not knowing what the mob would do.

After a while we heard them tramping down the street, shouting and yelling and firing off revolvers. They passed our house and went on to the barracks and demanded the Chinese be given up to them. The guard turned out 20 men under Sergeant Haynes, and when the mob found out they were prepared to resist they turned around and went back to town, passing our house without any more disturbances.

Soon after, the Inspector sent me word that he thought all was safe, and we might go to bed without fear, as the Police Patrol would be on the streets all night.

The next night we got our old friend, James Llewellyn Wilson, to come down and sleep on the couch in Dad's office, so we would have a man in the house in case of further disturbance. They said he would never hear as he was very deaf, but I got the poker ready and declared I would go in and wake him with it if there was a need.

Two women and their babies died but all the others recovered and in time the camp was closed and Dad could come home. As all his clothing and bedding had to be burned, I took him out a complete set of clothes the day before and left them on the trail by the Police Camp. I forgot a hat, so he had to drive home without one."

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Arrived When Calgary was a Stockaded Fort, July 1882

Submitted by Patricia Cox

The following article about my uncle was published in 1933 by the Calgary Daily Herald, Saturday Nov. 18, for the Jubilee Edition. Superintendent MacDonell was a member of the MacDonnell Clan and was married to Marguerite de Billefeuille of Montreal. There have been three generations of MacDonnell's who have served with the North West Mounted Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The spelling of the name is not correct in the article.

One of the real veterans of the West and distinguished member of the original "Mounties" is Major A.E.C. McDonell, former superintendent of the Royal North West Mounted Police now residing in Calgary at 1803 Eighteenth Street Southwest. Major McDonell arrived in Calgary in July, 1882, with "E" Troop of the N.W.M.P and remained until July, 1887. Of his experiences the Major says:

"At that time the N.W.M.P. Post was a stockaded fort, regimental guard was mounted every day at 2 o'clock and a seven pounder gun fired every day at 12 o'clock. At the time of my arrival, the Hudson's Bay post was situated just east of the Elbow; Mr. Fraser was in charge and the I.G. Baker Company's store was in a log building just west of the Elbow with Johnny Dunn in charge.

"I joined the Force in Montreal; Col. W.M. Herchmer at the time superintendent, was recruiting for the Force. We left Ottawa on the 7th of May and sailed for Collinwood to Duluth, from there to Bismark on the Northern Pacific, from there to Cut Bank on the Missouri from which point we marched to Fort Walsh, which was then the headquarters of the police.

"I did service during the construction of the C.P.R. through the mountains and was in charge of the detachment at Revelstoke, when the Riel Rebellion broke out in 1885. Inspector Sam B. Steel was in command of the policing during the construction of the C.P.R. and was ordered with his party to report to Calgary.

"On arrival in Calgary, Inspector Steele was posted with his command to the Alberta Field Force under the command of Major General Strange. As Steele's scouts. We marched out of Calgary on the 19th of April, 1885 headed by the fife and drum of the 91st Battalion. We came in contact with the Indians of Big Bear's Band at Fort Pitt and were in the engagement at Frenchman's Butte at Loon Lake.

"I did duty in the Yukon for ten years and was the first superintendent of the Alberta Provincial Police. Assigned as police magistrate for 14 years in Peace River and district, having resigned from the R.C.M. Police in 1917."

"Alberta"

Poem found in Newspaper dated September 1953.

In token of the love which thou hast shown for this wide land of freedom, I have named a province vast, and for its beauty famed, by thy dear name to be hereafter know, Alberta shall it be.

*Her Fountains thrown from Alps unto three oceans,
To all men shall vaunt her loveliness e'en now,
And when each little hamlet to a city grown
And numberless as blades of prairie grass,
Or the thick leaves in distant forest bower,
Great people hear the giant currents pass.
Still shall the waters bringing health and power
Speak the loved name – the land of silver Springs
Worthy the daughter of our English Kings.*

The Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada from 1878 to 1883, dedicated the above poem to his wife, Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, fourth daughter of Queen Victoria. The Marquis rode from Winnipeg into Calgary, then a fort, at the head of detachment of Mounted Police and was so entranced with the beauty of the country that he requested that this part of the then Northwest Territories should be known as "Alberta". Later in 1905 an act of the Parliament of Canada proclaimed it the Province of Alberta.

From the Vault stories have not been edited from the originals.