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NEXT MEETING

28 March, 2023

THIS MONTH:

Gabriel VA2QA, president of RAQI with a news update.

Ragchew and general chit-chat: 19:30 Club meeting: 20:00

St. Thomas' Anglican Church,

6897 Somerled (corner of Rosedale) in N.D.G. - Montreal

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As you may have noticed, our speaker for the February meeting turned out to be Eamon, VE2EGN, with an interesting presentation on the adventures of Winter Field Day. I was sorry to miss it, but I felt attending a meeting while afflicted with a nasty cold would not be enjoyable for either me or the club members.

Our courses have born fruit: 11 MARC students took the exam, 8 passed with Honours, 3 passed the Basic, and 1 will try it again. Of the 5 students from Oronos Polytechnique, 1 passed with Honours, 3 passed the Basic, and 1 will try again. 6 other people also wrote, 1 passed Basic & Advanced, 1 passed Basic with Honours, 1 upgraded to Honours, 2 passed the Basic, and 1 will try again.

Michael Cohen has his callsign already - VA2KDJ.

CONGRATULATIONS!

73 de Nora, VA2NH

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SK MARK MACPHERSON VE2JT

The Club regrets to inform you that Mark Macpherson, VE2JT, of Hemmingford, died earlier this year on 14 January 2023.

Mark Francis Macpherson passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 90 at the Jewish General Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, June Macpherson, and sons Robert, Ian, and Myles, and 5 grandchildren, brother to Rod Macpherson and Margot Whitford.

He was born 1 April 1932 in St Thomas, ON to Robert and Maxine Macpherson, but was raised in Winnipeg, MB. He graduated in 1956 with a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Manitoba which complemented a lifelong passion for amateur radio and telecommunications.

After moving to Montreal in 1956, he worked in radio,

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Repeaters

VE2BG

147.06 MHz (+) 103.5

Owned and operated by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Back on the air but still looking for a new location.

VE2RED

147.27 MHz (+) 103.5

On the air from Ridgewood Ave. in Montreal; CTCSS tone of 103.5 Hz for access. Thanks to Claude Everton, the VE2RMP group and Metrocom for making this possible.

The repeaters are open to all amateurs.

Club Activities

Monthly Meetings

(last Tuesday of the month)

28 Mar - Gabriel VA2QA, President of RAQI, news update.
25 Apr - Leo VE2SI on electro-magnetic fields around a dipole 30 May - Show and Tell

Every Wednesday, @ 20:00 (00:00Z), go to the net on VE2RED. See page 3.

Radio Classes

The 2023 January Basic level course have ended. If you know of anyone interested in taking the next course, please direct them to <u>https://marc.ca/course/</u> for more information. The next planned Basic course will start in January 2024.

MARC Hamfest

The MARC flea market is back!

The next MARC flea market will be held on 15 April 2023. The venue we found for the last hamfest was a success, so we will return to the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Lachine, 3015 Henri-Dunant, from 09:00 to 12:00. Go to <u>http://marc.ca/fest/</u> for more information as it happens.

Incoming QSL card service

As has been mentioned in previous MARCograms, we are resuming the club's service of having incoming QSL cards sent to the club for members to pick up at meetings. This is a service which we are offering to our members which both saves the individual members money as well as makes more efficient use of our collective resources.

If you would like to avail yourself of this service please send an email to <u>qsl@marc.ca</u> and we will add you to the list of cards that the incoming bureau sends to the club and we will get them to you somehow.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first Tuesday of the month (Aug to June) at 19:30 on-line using the Zoom platform. The club no longer holds in-person board meetings. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions for the Board to discuss, please send an email to <u>ve2arc@marc.ca</u> for inclusion in the meeting agenda.

SolderSpot

Group build Power Supply Project - By Leo VE2SI

If you're interested and even if you've spoken with me before, please send an email to <u>VE2ARC@marc.ca</u> and indicate your level of interest.

Participation is open to everyone and MARC membership is not a requirement. Due to COVID-19, SolderSpot is temporarily on hold. Other options are being considered. **This project is standing by due to available time.**

UPCOMING FLEAS/EVENTS

<u>2023</u>

What: Iroquois ARC Fleamarket Who: Iroquois Amateur Radio Club When: Saturday, 1 Apr 2023 Where: Iroquois, ON

What: MARC Hamfest Who: Montreal Amateur Radio Club When: Saturday, 15 Apr 2023 Where: Lachine, QC

What: NEAR-Fest Fleamarket Who: New England Amateur Radio Festival Inc. When: 28-29 Apr 2023 Where: Deerfield, NH.

What: 37th Annual Smith Falls Fleamarket Who: Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club When: Saturday, 3 Jun 2023 Where: Smith Falls, ON

What: Ottawa/Carp Hamfest Who: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club When: Saturday, 9 Sep 2023 Where: Carp, ON

What: Montreal South Shore Hamfest Who: Club Radio Amateur Rive-Sud de Montreal When: Saturday, 21 Oct 2023 Where: Longueuil, QC

Note from the editor. Due to COVID -19, the list of hamfests and events is somewhat limited. Please check with the organizing authority before planning to attend as some may be cancelled.

VE2RED WEDNESDAY NET REPORT

Any discrepancies, please inform Leo, VE2SI

Please join us every **Wednesday** evening at 20:00 local on VE2RED on 2m output frequency of 147.270 MHz (+600 kHz input offset) CTCSS tone of 103.5 Hz. Everyone is welcome. If you have something to sell, or are looking to buy, feel free to mention it.

We have a few Net operators hosting it, but

we're looking for more net operators!

We're always interested in adding to this team if you're interested. Send me an email if you would like to try out Net Operations for an evening.

Leo, VE2SI leo49@videotron.ca

2023-03-08 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI) Net closed: 21:10 Check-ins: 8 Discussion: Should the ham community support DXpeditions, regardless of potential danger?

2023-03-01 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI) Net closed: 20:14 Check-ins: 13 Discussion: Do you remember those block diagrams from your course/exam?

2023-02-22 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI) Net closed: 21:12 Check-ins: 10 Discussion: Would experienced old-timers or enthusiastic newbies make the best PR ambassadors for ham radio?

2023-02-15 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control George, VE2ARC (VE2NGH) Net closed: 20:43 Check-ins: 5 Discussion: How creative will you get in setting up an HF antenna if living in an apartment with only a balcony or a small restrictive lot?

2023-02-08 Net commenced 20:00 local, 00:00Z

Net control Leo, VE2ARC (VE2SI) Net closed: 21:01. Check-ins: 9 Discussion: How many well-known/famous amateurs can you name?

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and later the new field of television with the CBC. Subsequently, he joined RCA and worked in aerospace on satellites and ground tracking stations. He earned a MBA degree in 1971 from Sir George Williams University (now Concordia U).

He then joined Esso, Building Products Division in LaSalle, Quebec where he rose to become the VP and General Manager of the division. He continued his career working in his own company selling telecommunications products where he travelled worldwide visiting numerous countries across the globe. Prior to his final retirement, he relocated to Hemmingford, Quebec in 1988, where he served on the board of the Hemmingford Golf Club, started the Covey Hill Amateur Radio Club, and also served a term as a Municipal Counsellor, Township of Hemmingford, QC.

Mark also had a full military career starting as a Signalman in the RCEME in Manitoba in 1950 during the Korean conflict. He was commissioned in 1952. When his work took him to Montreal, he wanted to be part of an elite unit, and so joined the Canadian Grenadier Guards in 1957 and was appointed the Lieutenant Colonel Commanding from 1965-1968.

Mark was always noted for his service before self through his passions and many volunteer engagements. He had a long association with the Corps of Commissionaires as a Governor of the Quebec Division, from 1987 onwards and was recognized as one of its longest serving members. He was the First Vice President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 244 Hemmingford from 1999-2017.

Mark was intrigued with his family history and ancestry, and was a life member of the Clan Macpherson Association -Canada Branch, serving as its President for many years and representing Canada in many trips to Scotland. He also did much research into his family lineage which led him in 1999 to becoming a life member of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada and the President of its Laurentian Branch in 2004. In 2002 he was granted a Coat of Arms by the Governor-General of Canada in right of Queen Elizabeth II, the Letters Patent being published in the 22 Feb 2003 Canada Gazette, vol. 137, page 518. Part of his Coat of Arms displays lightning bolts, reflecting his interest in communication, radio and electronics.

On a personal level, he was always known as a staunch family man with unassailable integrity, high intelligence and perseverance. He was respected by friends, co-workers, and all who associated with him in both military and civilian life. He was known as trustworthy and impeccably fair to all, no matter their station in life.



AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS IN CANADA

Rough swiftly-conducted research notes, by Nora, VA2NH.

With most enterprises, this research project started in a simple way - make a time-line to show the development of MARC and of radio (particularly amateur radio) in Montreal principally, and Canada if important. I started reading the archival news-papers, thanks to Newspapers.com, starting with whatever the first mention of amateur radio was. The list grew and grew, and it was all interesting stuff. I planned to start with any news from any of the local clubs, to find out which clubs were the amalgamation that eventually formed MARC, which would mean the time-line would start around 1919 and stop around 1932 when the MARC is reputed to have formed.

The format is in notes format, not the actual text but a summary. The project is now 17 pages long; way too long for one issue of MARCogram, so this time-line started in the 2022-11 issue, and is continuing whenever I have enough space to put the next episode, unless I receive a bunch of complaints that history is boring. So here we go: Part Two of how amateur radio and MARC started.

1926-01-23 Gazette:

Oldest radio society in Canada is Wireless Association of Ontario, started in 1912; they held a reunion of pre-war radio fans; each licence is \$1/year to maintain radio inspectors; one member was admitted to Royal Order of Globe Trotters, for DX prowess.

1926-03-02 Gazette:

Record set for points west of Halifax NS; amateur station C-2AX Montreal communicated with 32 European stations; Southam operates C-2AX on a wavelength of 39 meters.

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1926-03-13 Gazette:

Annual board meeting of ARRL Feb 26 in Hartford CT; all directors and Canadian reps were there; Secretary-Editor K. B. Warner reported Canadian members for 1925 increased from 715 to 781; European members have doubled to 1368; total membership 18,827. A. H. K. Russell is ARRL General Manager Canada; Alex. Reid of Montreal replaces Jack Argyle of Montreal as QC manager.

1926-03-27 Gazette:

Time to renew radio licences; Radio Branch of the Dept. Marine & Fisheries; licence for receiver \$1.00, for amateur transmitting stations \$2.50, for broadcast \$50. No exams for broadcast receivers, just buy the licence at radio stores or the Post Office; for other services make an application and pass the exams.

1926-04-17 Gazette:

Regular sked Montreal QC to Gisborn NZ, between Jack V. Argyle C-2CG Montreal, late ARRL Canadian Division traffic manager for QC, and Z-2AC Sir Ivan H. O'Meara in Gisborn NZ, well-known amateur; using new inter-Empire frequency of 52.51m, then 40m as a trial; Argyle has picked up 2 Mexican, 1 Italian, 2 British, 1 Brazilian, 1 Porto Rico, 1 Panama, 1 Samoa, 4 Australians, and a voice QSO between Australia and England, and 5 New Zealand.

1926-04-24-Montreal Daily Star:

4th Annual meeting Montreal & District Radio Club held at the Windsor Hotel; election of officers for 1926-1927; the Club was formed some 4 years ago by a group of enthusiasts; many members have unbroken record of reception even during silent periods last winter.

1926-07-17 Gazette: 0025/led

The 3rd annual Montreal Radio Exhibition will take place at the Windsor Hotel 4-9 Oct, using Rose Room, Prince of Wales Ballroom, Concourse and other public rooms; under auspices of Montreal & District Radio Club.

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1926-09-17 Montreal Daily Star:

3 sets of prizes given by Montreal & District Radio Club for amateur home-built sets; superheterodynes and 2 classes of non-regenerative, those with 2 tubes and the other for multi-tubes; no regenerative sets accepted. Judges looking for good workmanship, electrical efficiency, and general appearance; no entry fee, bring sets to the Club's booth at the show; competitors must be members of the Club, fee for one year is \$1.50.

1926-09-18 Gazette:

Next Montreal Radio Show will present prizes for home-built equipment; to be shown on Oct 4; organized by Montreal & District Radio Club; bi-monthly meetings of club; competitors must be members; club provides batteries, no regenerative sets accepted; no entrance fee.

1926-10-02 Gazette:

The show opens Monday evening next; will be bigger than last; occupying the Windsor Hotel ballroom and Rose Room, the Concourse and foyer; Montreal & District Radio Club has a booth; advisory board to answer questions; homebrew contest; must be member of club; Club president U. E. Germain; Quebec division ARRL has booth; show to be opened by Alderman Theodore Morgan.

1926-10-02 La Patrie:

Huge headline illustration, headlines announce Montreal & District Radio Club exhibition; list of show participants.

1926-10-05 to 07 Gazette:

3rd Annual Radio show opened by Alderman Theodore Morgan, representative for Mayor Mederic Martin; introduction by president of Montreal & District Radio Club U. E. Germaine; biggest change in format was departure from "squealer" circuits, re-radiating radios, sends out more than it receives; builders' contest, re-radiating sets prohibited; no freak sets in the contest; no regenerative circuits due to too much interference; one radio built inside a small-neck 1/2 gallon canning bottle; new loud speakers; ARRL booth attracted visitors; QSL card display.

1926-10-07 Montreal Daily Star:

27 entries for the amateur home-built set competition; ARRL booth is popular, they're sending messages from their short wave transmitter operated by the Quebec division ARRL brass pounders; the Geisler coloured tubes through the rotary gap apparatus is highly spectacular drawing crowds with each crackling spark; message replies from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Philippines, as well as every European country.

1926-10-08 Montreal Daily Star:

Winning radio sets were a self-contained superheterodyne with complete charging equipment & built-in speaker, some neutrodynes & special mention of a set in form of a reading lamp, with the loud speaker forming the dome from which lights are hung.

1926-10-09 to 11 Gazette:

Radio show contest; guess the amount of [wire in a suspended coil] organized by the QC division of ARRL; nearest guesser to the prize competition of 513 feet came close to the exact amount of length of wire, 511 feet; display of prizewinning sets; CFCF broadcast a program from Prince of Wales Salon; W. B. Cartmel spoke on quality reception from loud speakers; Club meeting was at 26a McGill College Ave; amateurs sent 270 messages from Montreal residents to various global points; prizes were awarded by club's president U. E. Germain; show sponsored by ARRL; the 1st and 2nd shows were sponsored by the Montreal & District Radio Club.

1927-03-12 Quebec Official Gazette: Radio Club of Quebec, Ltd:

Notice given that as of 1927-02-21 the named group will acquire and take over as a going concern the business now carried on at Montreal under the name and style of "**Radio Club, Reg'd**" and all assets and liabilities of the proprietors of that business; to carry on business of merchants, manufacturers and dealers in radios, etc; to render service to radio owners; to group radio owners; to conduct exhibitions (...) to pay a commission on the shares of the company under the name "**Radio Club of Quebec, Ltd**"; head office in Montreal. [see supplement **1927-06-08** for change of name.]

1927-04-27 Gazette:

AGM of Montreal & District Radio Club in the club rooms at 26 McGill College; successful season; satisfactory arrangement with Canadian & American authorities over allotment of wavelengths; members elected: President U. E. Germain, 1st Vice-President J. Hayes, 2nd Vice-President C. Royer. Directors: J. E. Dussault, W. Mayhew, A. Charland, A. E. Lilly, G. M. Tittensor, A. J. Lorimer, A. Rhind, L. E. Hamilton, Treasurer F. W. Johnson, Secretary Gordon J. York. Activities suspended for summer, return early autumn.

1927-06-08 Quebec Official Gazette: <u>Radio Club of Montreal, Ltd;</u> Notice given, change the club name from "<u>Radio Club of Quebec, Ltd.</u>" to "<u>Radio Club of Montreal, Ltd.</u>"

1927-09-24 La Patrie:

The 4th Annual Radio Exhibition took place at Windsor Hotel under the sponsorship of Montreal and District Radio Club, with help from manufacturers and merchants; the vast majority of radio amateurs only know vaguely the technical terms and the science of radiophonics; they only want to know if it's easy to use; the Canadian wing of the ARRL, who has done so much for amateurs, has a stand in the Rose Room and they demonstrate how to build a shortwave receiver transmitter; Montreal has about 30 transmitters and operators; the ARRL compared their modern transmitter to one constructed 10 years ago; the Montreal & District Radio Club also had a booth, somewhat like a clinic to answer questions about radio; they are running a homebrew contest; prizes include a tube radio; the judges are A. Rhind, A. J. Lorimer [of Farnham] and J. E. Dussault.

Side box on the page: elected officers of Montreal & District Radio Club: Honourary Presidents Sir Henry W. Thornton, Hon. P. R. Du Tremblay, A. S. Eve; Honourary Vice-Presidents Pierre Beaubien and Henri Crepeau; President E. E. Germain; Vice-Presidents J. Hayes and C. Royer; Treasurer F. W. Johnson; Secretary Gordon J. York; Directors J. E. Dussault, M. Mayhew, A. Charland, A. E. Lilley, G. M. Tittensor, A. C. Rhind and A. Lorimer.

1928-04-25 Gazette: Montreal & District Radio Club election

President J. Hayes, Vice-Presidents J. E. Dussault and L. E. Hamilton, Secretary G. J. York (532 William David Street,) Treasurer F. W. Johnson, Directors U. E. Germain, A. C. Rhind, G. M. Tittensor, A. W. Tilley, R. Anett, P. H. Morgan, W. B. Cooper, N. Taylor.

1928-07-03 Gazette:

Washington DC decrees prefixes for all US stations, W or K, before January 1929.

1928-09-08 Gazette:

Montreal & District Radio Club sets rules for home-built competition at 5th Annual Radio Show next week [24 September] at the Windsor Hotel; sets must be delivered on the first 3 days of the show between 14:30 and 22:00 pm; open to all amateurs, members \$0.50 cents entrance, non-members \$0.50 entrance plus \$1 membership fee for one year; no sets from manufacturers or their employees; Club may refuse any set; exhibitions may not solicit business or advertise; Club will take precautions to safeguard the sets, no guarantee against damage or theft; any type of set, any type of person male, female, child; set must receive radio waves and transmit through headphones to ears audibly; Montreal & District Radio Club Regd. will exhibit other sets not in the competition, including freak sets.

1928-09-24 Gazette:

Almost the whole page on a giant radio show at the Windsor Hotel. Floor plan showing booths, key to booths; 3 orchestras will be coming; will be opened by Mayor Camillien Houde; doors open to the public at 20:00 pm; prizes by the Montreal & District Radio Club for best set constructed by man, woman, or child, crystal or tube; ARRL exhibit of actual transmit-receive television, first public demonstration in Canada, principles of TV vividly explained by experts at radio club; over 50,000 floor space occupying Windsor Hall and Rose Room; broadcasting from Prince of Wales Salon; elaborate booths with latest 1928-29 receivers, largest number yet to display their wares in Montreal; latest device is electrodynamic speaker; receiver radios price range \$100 to \$1500.

1928-09-25 Gazette:

Mayor Houde opens the 5th Annual Radio Show; sends radiogram inviting James J. Walker, Mayor of New York, to inaugurate postal air service; bigger attendance than last year.

1928-09-28 Gazette:

Winners of the home brew competition; 20 entrants, prime winner was W. Mitchell, 116 Devonshire, St. Lambert, class A first prize, Judge Dussault commented the layout is very good, the wiring is neatly done and the materials used are the best. It's a Browning-Drake design, wavelengths 200 to 500 metres, 5 tubes of which one is a radio frequency amp, 1 as a regenerative detector, the other 3 are used for high-grade amplifying. Other winners were Class A: W. Mitchell, R. E. McMillan, W. J. Kempson and R. E. Edwards; Class B: R. Annette, G. E. Little, P. Cooper and E. M. Brownlee; Class C: H. L. Robinson, S. G. Hunter, W. C. King and A. Earnshaw Norris.

1928-10-04 Gazette:

Advertisements for radios and electrical appliances: W. B. Cartmel & Son, 3rd Ave and Wellington, Verdun; 4801 Wellington.

1928-1<mark>0-10 Gazette:</mark>

Amateur communication with the Byrd Antarctic expedition; Frank Davies of McGill University and Prof. Howard T. Barnes, and Prof. A. S. Eve make all Canadian connection; Alex Reid operating 2BE in St. Lambert contacted Robert Patty, OX2ME of Gisborne, NZ, during progress of Saturday night's broadcast to the Byrd Expedition.

1929 Report of the Royal Commission on Radio Broadcasting, King's Printer, Ottawa:

p. 8. Receiver licences are \$1; there are approximately 300,000 licences; a rise in fee to \$3.00 would seen reasonable.
 p. 12, item b. The broadcasting company should be known as Canadian Broadcasting Company, CBC, operated as a public utility.

- p. 19. List of Persons Making Statements at Public Hearings:
 - May 29, Montreal, Que.
 - J. Hayes, Montreal & District Radio Club
 - U.E. Germain, Montreal and District Radio Club
 - G.E. Dussault, Montreal and District Radio Club

p. 29. List of amateur broadcast stations (250m - 1200 kc) 9 stations listed, none in Quebec.

1929-01-01 Gazette:

New rules for broadcast; convention with 79 countries ratified by Canada, amateur status recognized internationally, signed 25 Nov 1927; provisions cover items: licensing, secrecy of messages, establish international committee, allocation of blocks of call letters, #5 deals with allocation of bands and frequencies, 550 to 1500kc = broadcast, 1365kc is for small ships, entire band can be used by mobile if it doesn't interfere, 1500 to 60000kc divided into 40 bands, shared between mobile, communication between fixed stations, broadcasting and amateur.

1929-01 Radio News [Hugo Gernsback] : p.660 Letters

"Entered your all-wave circuit at the Montreal & District Radio Club show held recently, was awarded 3rd in the A class; carried the whole panel, subpanel and parts; works wonderfully on broadcast band; circuit won on its merits, thanks W. J. Kempson, 49 Dorothy Ave, Ville Emard, Montreal.

1929-04-12 Gazette:

QC Division of ARRL holds banquet at Queens Hotel, Montreal, tomorrow evening [13 Apr]; 64 transmitting stations in Quebec, Section Communications Manager is Alex Reid; guest speaker A. Meinholtz; ARRL treasurer A. A. Herbert from Hartford CT will attend.

1929-05-29 Le Devoir: Presentations to Royal Commission on Radio Broadcasting:

At Ecole Polytechnique on St. Denis; run by Sir John Aird and Augustin Frigon, Ecole Polytech Director, and Charles Bowman of the Citizen's newspaper Ottawa; (...) John Hayes, A. Germain and G. Dussault of the Montreal & District Radio Club demonstrated the values of the club and the uses of radio, Hayes protested vehemently against promotional use of radio ads from loan merchants and mortgage lenders; club suggested a permanent commission to watch the bands and control those that offend in the interests of the listeners; Bowman thanked the club for having supported the Federal interference service led by Colton in Montreal.

1929-05-30 Gazette: Presentations to Royal Commission on Radio Broadcasting:

At Ecole Polytechnique; improving quality of jazz broadcasts; members Montreal & District Radio Club passed a resolution that several private radio stations should be formed; handicrafts guild wants more facilities for those in far-flung areas, also educational programmes; John Hayes, President of Montreal & District Radio Club suggested radio clubs everywhere across Canada, strongly oppos<mark>es a</mark> mo<mark>nop</mark>oly, and Montreal should have 3 broadcast stations; Alexis Tagnon, a journalist, said every province should have control over its own programmes and there should be Federal supervision; next meeting in Winnipeg, and then Quebec.

1929-09-24 Gazette:

6th annual radio show opened, planned by Montreal & District Radio Club; occupied Rose Room and Peacock Alley, Windsor Hotel; improved design of radio cabinets; combo piano-radio-gramophone made by Craig Piano Co, 1st time exhibit; Televox man, an automaton controlled by whistle blast into telephone, by Westinghouse; Montreal & District Radio Club display, history of radio 1910-1930, old sets from 15 years ago, hand-wound condensers, peanut tube, quaint sets; show opened by Club President Hayes, introduction by Alderman Leon Trepanier; radio broadcast of the service at Westminster Abbey for the King's recovery [George V]; 300,000 Commonwealth homes have radios, 12,000,000 families in the US have radios.

1929-10-15 Gazette:

Management of CHYC apologises for giving credit for presentation of the petition signed by 4000 citizens of Greater Montreal asking that this station should resume broadcasting was given to another association [Amateur Radio Association of Montreal] rather than to the Montreal & District Radio Club Inc.

1930-01-28 Gazette:

336,972 amateur radio receiver licenses issued by Radio branch of Department of Marine & Fisheries for the 1929-1930 period up to close of last year. Total for 1928-1929 was 296,926. By province (...) Quebec 58,083 compared to last year isnea by the Umerican of 49,751. aaio

1930-09-23 Gazette:

Mayor Camillien Houde opens 7th Annual Radio Show at the Windsor Hotel, in both Rose Room and Concourse, open until Saturday; ARRL encouraging youth to experiment; ARRL booth had shortwave transmitter and receiver, messages taken and sent free; Alex Reid is the new Canadian general manager; Mayor Camillien Houde accompanied by J. Hayes, president Montreal & District Radio Club, R. M. Lynch President Province of Quebec Radio Association; Houde said two years ago he opened a radio exhibition; J. Hayes President Montreal & District Radio Club was gratified at the showing.

1931-09-12 Gazette:

Second schedule of duties on US magazines issued; educational, scientific, religious material enters free, all 55 others pay 5 cents, depending on the advertising weight; some prohibited at 15 cents, 53 magazines of the lurid fiction story type: QST, devoted entirely to amateur radio, is exempt.

1932 Radio Act:

Lays down rules, definitions, regulations and frequencies.

[Source: Thesis on Americanization of Quebec Broadcasting from origins in 1922 to Law on Canadian content, by Michel Filion, 1992 (employee National Archives Canada)] n the

1932-07-21 Gazette: Dot-Dash Language:

Sea 50,000 amateur spark operators using the Q system; understood by 25,000 amateur operators in the US; sample message sent in international Morse code:

TKS OM FR CL HRD U WKY WID SUM VK TS AM UR SIGS VRY GUD WX TDY FB FR DX NIL QRN. QRM HR WL OB GESS NM HR WL SA GM PSE QSL UR CRD GLD 2 QSO ES HPE CU AGN VY 73 ES GL. Translation:

"Thanks old man for the call. I heard you communicating with some of the Australian amateurs this morning. Your signals are very good. Weather today is excellent for long distance communication, no static or interference here. Well old boy I guess there is nothing more here so I will say good morning. Please send me your card. I am glad to have communicated with you and I hope to do so again. Very best regards and good luck."

1932-09-20 Gazette:

ARRL will have extensive exhibition at the 9th Annual Montreal Radio Show in the Mount Royal Hotel next Monday until following Saturday; booth 30 x 12 feet for home made sets; some will be in working order with antenna; nightly concerts.

1933-06 Note: Miss Ethel Pick, teacher in Westmount, QC, got her license, VE2HI.

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1933-12-29 Gazette:

Gov-Gen Lord Bessborough sends Christmas message to all Lt-Govs of all 9 provinces; send by amateur stations arranged by J. L. Walker VE3JI in Ottawa; message originated Ottawa, relayed to Montreal QC, Chester NS, Halifax NS, Sussex NB and Quebec QC. Then westward Ottawa ON to Toronto ON, Ft. William ON, Winnipeg MB, Saskatchewan SK, Alberta AL, and Victoria BC. No message to PEI as Hon. Charles Dalton had just died; in Westmount, R. H. Prissick VE2CX at 27 Bellevue Rd took the message from Ottawa, relayed to Chester NS at 50w on 80m, range 600 miles. Reports yet to come from west: VE1ER in Chester NS to VE1GL in Halifax NS to VE1EB in Sussex NB and VE2AB in Quebec. John Stadler VE2AP at 4334 Westmount Boul. relayed back to Ottawa the French replies from QC.

1934-05-30 Gazette:

H. Chadwick VE2CH of Beaconsfield, a theatre sound engineer with Northern Electric, is first amateur to contact Japan; Morse Code to Y. T. Yagi, J29X in Tokio on 14mc homebrew transmitter at 400w input; there is only one other amateur who holds WAC (worked all continents); interesting that language used was English.

1934-06-13 Gazette:

From Seigniory Club; VE2AR is the station in the Log Chateau; meeting of Canadian Electric Association installed as demonstration temporary shortwave station; ARRL cooperation; 3 stations handling messages in Montreal are: VE2DU N. N. Wright, 47 Chesterfield Ave; VE2HK, Dr. F. O. Stredder, 3419 Beaconsfield Ave, and VE2GO, R. Rowan 5555 Decarie Boul. In Toronto VE3JT, F. H. Hartley 63 Bellwoods Ave, VE3RK, J. A. Jarvis 77 Grove Ave passing messages; Canadian Electrical Association meeting on development of light sources, by special invitation.

1935-09-14 Gazette:

Quebec Amateur Radio Hour weekly broadcast every Friday from Orpheum theatre; eligible amateurs anywhere in Quebec.

End of Part Two

Photo courtesy Montreal Daily Star, 24 Sep 1927 via newspapers.com.

Alex Reid first appeared in March 1923 as 2BE. He was then a member of ARRL and a government radio inspector. In May 1926 he became manager of the Quebec division of ARRL. He held three callsigns in 1926: 2BE, 3BE and u2CHK.

Alex Reid, 2BE later VE2BE, remained ARRL Director for Canada at least until 1955, when 200 VEs representing all of Canada met in Montreal on 19 Mar 1955 to honour him, the first Director to complete 25 years of continuous service on the ARRL Board of Directors. They presented him with a single-sideband exciter unit and accessory gear as a token of appreciation. [Ref: QST, May 1955 issue,

page 42, "Happenings" column.]

In July 1966 VE2BE, Alex Reid, was made honourary Vice-President of ARRL until 27 Jan 1967 when his key became silent. QST ran a lengthy obituary in the April 1967 issue. [Courtesy "Radio History: Amateur Radio" by Spurgeon G. "Spud" Roscoe, VE1BC, published by FriesenPress, 2022.]

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Above is shown radio amateur station Canadian 2BE, owned and operated by Alex Reid of St. Lambert's, Que. This radio amateur station working on short waves has been in communication with other amateur stations on every continent in the world. Cards may been on the wall sent to 2BE from the four corners of the earth, acknowledging reception of his signals. To the left of the desk is the transmitter panel with its tubes and apparatus mounted thereon. In the desk may be seen the short wave receiver and on top of the desk may be found the wavemeter with which Mr. Reid "pollces" the air for any infringment of amateur traffic regulations. Mr. Reid is inspector for the radio district of Montreal and has been an ardent radio fan ever since he was a boy. He is Sectional Communications Manager for the American Radio relay league here

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