



Thursday

Montreal Jew Once Claimed La Penha

The strange case of a Jew - La Penha, owner of the Shinarik Island in Montreal... who in 1926 is proprietorship of all of Labrador, a recent issue of the South African which reviews the unique career of Villiers, professing Jew, and descends famous Huguenot De Villiers, family publisher cartographer, Sir John was 1928 to participate in the Labrador arbitration. Excerpts from the anti-Rochelle, follow:

The unusual case came before Sir he was adjudicating on the Labrador arbitration matter. It was that of an Isaac Carver of the Sephardic Congregation in Montreal, Isaac de la Penha a claim to the proprietorship of Labrador de la Penha maintained the rightful owner of the bleak peninsula North Atlantic coast as a consequence events which occurred in the 17th which an ancestor of his, Joseph de rich merchant of Rotterdam, was let it appears from the family record in Penha that Joseph de la Penha also either saved the life of William had from drowning or helped Isaac-tem of William when, as Prince of went to England to assume the throne and for his suggested deeds as such, it is said, the latter granted Joseph de la Penha and his heirs the proprietorship of Labrador on November 1st, 1697.

Such was the nature of this special claim to the ownership of Labrador which Isaac de la Penha brought before Sir John de Villiers and his colleagues when the issue was deliberated upon by the Privy Council. For close on a decade Isaac de la Penha's case was discussed. No finality on his claim was ever reached, for Isaac de la Penha, who was the last member of his family, died at Montreal in 1685.

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Doing research using archives is like assembling a jigsaw puzzle

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True Letter
A LEAF FROM

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BLUE BOOK.

ORINE,
PROPRIETOR

"Let those whom the cap fits—wear it."
Pres de l'ile, Friday Evening, 10th Dec. 1841. Whole No. 61.

AND
PUBLISHER.

The Blue Book

Friday Evening, 10th December 1841

Religious Intelligence.

(1) From our correspondent "A lover of the truth".
It would be advisable when Miss Plummer visits the Catholic Church which has been latterly open lately, if she were not to fall on her knees before the altar - this is not a very becoming act for a Jewess.

(2) What shall I do with myself on the night of Friday 31st December? I propose a Ball is to be given in the Hall where I reside - 14 steps separate my Room from the Ball Room - After worshipping as usual, might I not walk down the few steps and enter the Ball Room in stead of, or as well as sit shut up in my Room listening to the Band? I would leave Town if it were not to pay visits New Year's day.

The above question has been rather abruptly put to us by a distinguished Israelite in Cowbeck - we have had no time to answer it fully - one thing however, admits of no doubt, he profanes the holy Sabbath day if he attend the Ball. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy" - Let him leave the Town - let him do anything rather than go to the Ball. - "After worshipping as usual"! What a farce! Can he worship with sincerity while he

knows he is on the point of transgressing his Law. That good man Isaac Lewis in his new work (see P. 126) speaking of the Sabbath says, "Every where should be rest, calmness, adoration"; and if there can be such at a Ball then and a there only may the Gentlemen go to the Ball on Friday night - To prevent a return by us to the above subject, we hope our decision will be acted upon, "Therefore readers ~~xxx~~ you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is Holy unto you; every one that defileth it, shall surely be put to death".

(3) Advertisements
The author of the "Jolly Trio" presents his respects to the persons who thought themselves taken off, and is ready to acknowledge that on the night in question there was no "noise", that the word "noise" is fictitious; but he cannot ever gratulate them on their sense or penetration in not discovering that the word "noise" was quite as fictitious as the song said to have been sung, or many other parts of the dialogue. The article was written in a humorous spirit and the author is only sorry that it was met in a contrary manner by persons from whom he hoped better.

Thurs. 6th Dec. 1841. Author of the Jolly Trio

FROM THE JOSEPH FAMILY NEWSLETTER, WRITTEN IN MONTREAL, 1841

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The last year of Clarence de Sola's diary depicts a rapidly modernizing world...

Saturday, 6th September 1919:

“The monument erected on Fletcher's Field in this city to Sir George Etienne Cartier was unveiled this afternoon by the Governor General, the Duke of Devonshire – the actual act of unveiling was performed by King George V who was at Balmoral Castle Scotland today. An electrical connection by cable was made, between Balmoral and Montreal, and connected with the British flag which veiled the figure of Cartier, and at a certain agreed-upon moment the King pressed a button which sent an electric current to the monument and caused the flag which veiled it to fall and reveal the monument.”



Credit : © David Giral, 2010 (detail)

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2 It was passed to change the time of the
executive meetings on Sundays to Saturday
at 2 p.m.
3 Discussions of a bridge dance it was
decided to have one in a few weeks and
to pick a committee to arrange things.
4 Br Erdle explains the work of the organizing
committee. The work is so far satisfactory.
With that the meeting was closed.

classes of labor, and the disagreement
between themselves. demanded that the workers
should stop working on piece work and bring
in a forty hour week only. In that way
only could we have a work steady instead
of working two or three months a year at breakneck
speed and be unemployed the rest of the
year.
Br Hendler speaks in Jewish. asks why
all cap-makers didn't come to meeting. asks
them if they're satisfied with the wages they're
getting. He pointed out that no boss can
have any work done if the workers won't
do the work, so why be afraid of the boss.
Why tremble if he looks at you.

Cloakworker's meeting minutes, 1933: "...It was decided to push the slogan of a forty hour week and to abolish piece work... the workers should stop working on piece work and bring in a forty hour week only. In that way only could we have a work steady instead of working two or three months a year at breakneck speed and be unemployed the rest of the year. (Brother) Hendler speaks in Jewish. Asks why all capmakers didn't come to the meeting"...

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 1850

Sermon preached on Thanksgiving
 day for the departure of
 Cholera - on Thursday
 3rd January 1850

God's Mercy and Judgment - Sermon preached on Thanksgiving Day for the departure of Cholera on Thursday 3rd January 1850.

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 of Canada have been lately visited. And
 although we have doubtless as individuals
 expressed our most sincere and heartfelt
 thanks to the Omnipotent for the great
 mercy and benevolence he has been dignified
 to exercise in rescuing us from the power
 of the grave, and although I thought
 it fitting on a former occasion to speak
 to you as to the debt owing by you
 to the ^{your Father} ~~the Supreme~~ ^{the Supreme} Father for
 your preservation from the late fatal
 visitation of this terrible and although
 I have said in thanksgiving our heavenly
 Father, ascribing to him the glory, the praise

History can be reflected in a sermon: Rabbi de Sola of the Spanish and Portuguese congregation speaks of a Montreal cholera epidemic in 1850



Delegates to the First Canadian Jewish Congress

Toronto, Ont.—Ben Zion Nathanson, H. Dworkin, S. Koldofsky, L. M. Singer, M. Goldstick, A. Rhinewine, J. Singer, Dr. M. A. Pollock, I. Matenko, H. M. Kirshenbaum, L. Rosenberg, J. Bochnick, S. Eisen, L. Bogrod, S. M. Shapiro, Dr. M. Schwartz, M. Organick, M. Gelber, A. B. Bennett, A. Bromberg, Max Manson, S. Weber, Dr. M. Pivnick, Mrs. F. Koldofsky, P. Shulman, I. Benezra, S. Factor, D. Rosenbloom, Miss B. Goldstick, M. Speyer, P. Levy, Ben Zion Hyman, Charles Pasternack, A. Sher, A. Cohan, J. Brody, Chaim Vineberg, H. Kruger, B. Stone, I. Herman, Minnie Solway, M. Gelman, M. D. Davis, Rabbi Gordon; Ottawa, Ont.—Rabbi L. Fine, A. J. Frieman, J. Holzman, J. R. Fogle; Hamilton, Ont.—Rabbi S. Levine, B. Chartkoff, Dr. M. Segal, Jacob Homer, J. Goldblatt, B. Feldman; Windsor,

Look closely: both men and women were delegates at the 1919 founding of CJC.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Mount Sinai Sanatorium.

Gentlemen,—

The Convenor of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mount Sinai Sanatorium, begs to submit her report for the year ending December 31st, 1914:

At a meeting called by the Convenor, the following ladies: Mrs. I. Friedman, Mrs. Alan J. Hart, Miss Essie Hirsch, Mrs. J. A. Jacobs, Mrs. H. M. Levine, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Paul Ogulnik and Mrs. Ascher Pierce, agreed to act with her in looking after the necessary clothing for the patients and to visit the Sanatorium regularly.

Needing funds to commence work, the Committee decided to ask lady members and friends for donations, and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) and articles of clothing, etc., were collected. The amount of sixty-one dollars and eighty-two cents (\$61.82) has been expended for sweaters, felt boots, heavy underwear and stockings, leaving a balance on hand of one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and eighteen cents (\$188.18) for future use. The above articles of clothing, consisting of suits, etc., were sent to the Sanatorium, distributed to the patients, and were much appreciated.

Mrs. H. M. Levine and Mrs. C. L. Friedman visited the Sanatorium on several occasions and found it in splendid running order.

The Sanatorium's Annual Report,
1915

Excerpt from former patient
Sholem Shtern's memoir-based
book *The White House*

THE LADIES COME TO VISIT

Sunday.

On the easychairs, patients glumly wait.
From the balcony, eyes look down
toward the flag fluttering near the gate.

Today, everyone's wearing his newest clothes.
There mustn't be a single crease
in any sheet or pillowcase.
Sufferers, forget your woes!
On the table, in a meticulous row,
place your pen, your paper and your book.
The Ladies Club is coming here
today to take a look.

One lady brings a little basketful of grapes.
'You won't find tastier any place!
We want to put a smile on every face.
None of us shirk our charity work.
We climb a million steps, and that's the truth,
o bring you chocolate and fruit.

The patients look on mutely,
wrapped in gloom,
and breathe the air, tainted
with the smell of sharp perfume.
Beds aligned in a perfect row.
Bedsheets white as untouched snow.

dr. GIACOMO LANDAU
medico chirurgo
TORINO
Corso Vitt. Emanuele, 40

Turin 22. I. 39.

Dear Sir,

I have been advised by the
Israelite Community of Turin, that
you are interesting yourselves to
systematic Jew doctors. I, therefore
take the liberty to call on you
with the hope to succeed resolving
my actual situation.

I am a Pole, 26 years old
and the doctor's degree has been
conferred to me in Turin on the
6th July 1934. I worked to much
in dermo-sifilopatie and tuberculo-
sis.

Should you be so good ~~to~~
to find a place for me in whatever
place in the World, under what-
ever condition, I shall pay my

21162/L

January 10th, 1939.

Mrs. Maggie Larson,
117 Seigneurs St.,
Montreal.

Dear Mrs. Larson:

We are free to confess that your letter and
the interest you and your mother appear to show in
Frenz Glucksmann has moved us to the very depth of
our heart. Unfortunately, we could not answer your
inquiry sooner because your letter was placed in a
wrong file and we came across it only today.

There is no doubt that any country would
gain a good deal by admitting some people like Frenz.
It so happens, however, that while voicing sympathy,
the world does little or nothing at all to help in
a concrete fashion. Our own Canada is no exception.
The immigration laws enforced in this country do not
seem to offer any chance at the present moment to
facilitate his entry. We can do no better therefore
than keep your letter on file in the hope that the
situation may change in the near future and enable
us to be of some material assistance.

It goes without saying that we shall be ex-
ceedingly glad and happy to communicate the good news
to you as soon as it comes to hand.

Very sincerely yours,
JEWISH IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY OF CANADA.

Executive Director.

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In the late 1930s, many
European Jews wrote to JIAS
in Montreal, seeking help in
immigrating to Canada.

But JIAS officials had to report that Canada's doors were closed

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