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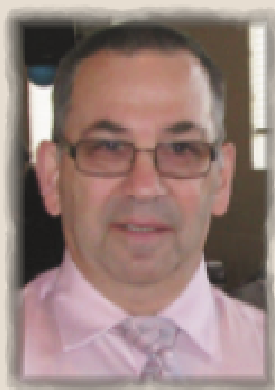
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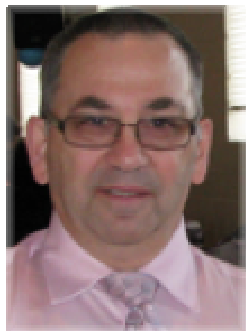
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President's Message



Great day to all of you:

As the new president of the Chabot Association, I would like to thank you all for your trust. I will do my best to meet your expectations.

Firstly, I would like to thank the founder of the Chabot Association, Claude Chabot, for the work he has done and all his efforts, alone at the beginning and with collaborators after. Without them, the Association simply does not exist.

Secondly, I want to thank, for their efforts and the work they have done, all the volunteers and employees who continue to work in the shadows. You are very useful for the Association.

Finally, I want to talk about the outgoing board members: Luc, Christian, Real, Jean-Louis and Gaétan. A sincere thanks for everything they have done for the Association. I would be remiss not to congratulate those who agreed to be part of the new Chabot Association: Christian and Gaetan, who agreed to continue their terms of office, and Jean-Louis who continues in the office of Treasurer for another year. I also want to congratulate Marcel who has accepted the position of Secretary on the Board. He is already a contact of the Association. He is also the webmaster of our website and handles the publication of and edits some of the text for the *Les Chabotteries*.

It is now time that I appear... I've been an avid genealogist for nearly 15 years, a member of Tremblay Association for several years, and a member of Chabot Association for nearly four years. I am also a member of several genealogy websites. The 120 members and guests who attended the 2012 Annual General Meeting which took place October 7, 2012 in St-François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud, had the opportunity to see how I am all day; and I had the opportunity to shake many hands during the day. Others who would have liked to be there, but could not come, will know me by my actions and maybe have the opportunity to meet me at the next gathering.

Why do we elect a Tremblay as President? Here's why: I am a Chabot through my mother, the ninth of twelve children, so I can assure you that I have the blood of Chabot in my veins! I've been married 33 years, am the father of two beautiful daughters...and a grandfather. I work as a representative. Now you know me a little better.

With the help of my colleagues on the Board of Directors, I aim to grow the Chabot Association and for that, we will need your help to complete the information on your family history. Tell us about your ancestors, about your parents and about your children. If you have dates of birth, baptism, marriage, death or ordination, including dates of importance relative to your family, you carry the duty to pass them on to us. You have true stories, memorable actions that have been performed by our ancestors. Well, let us know. Your information will help us to dig up our roots and further enhance our current database.

As this issue of *Les Chabotteries* will arrive in early December, I want to wish **Happy Holidays** to all of you.

Maryo Tremblay

Echoes of the last annual meeting, October 7, 2012

In the following pages you will find some echoes of the last annual meeting held in St-François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud, a report of the General Assembly, following a message from the President, the text of the theme song adopted unanimously by the members, as well as some photos. At the request of members of the new Board, the Secretary uses these pages to launch an urgent appeal to all our readers to give us their collaboration.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBRE 7, 2012 IN ST-FRANÇOIS-DE-LA RIVIÈRE-DU-SUD

Attendance: Marie-France Chabot (80), Luc Chabot (10), Christian Chabot (269), Gaétan Chabot (378) Jean-Louis Chabot (19), Réal Chabot (112) and 107 members.

1. Opening of the Annual Assembly 2012:

At 12:30, Marie-France Chabot (80) calls the opening of the meeting. She was invited by the Board to chair the AGM. This is Réal Chabot (112), the Secretary of the Association, who is appointed to take the minutes of the meeting.

2. Welcome and presentation of the Board:

Marie-France Chabot (80) and Luc Chabot (10) extend a welcome to the members, and thank them for responding in large numbers to the invitation of the Board members and present the Board, namely:

Luc Chabot (President) (10)
 Christian Chabot (Vice-President) (269)
 Jean-Louis Chabot (Treasurer) (19)
 Réal Chabot (Secretary) (112)
 Gaétan Chabot (Administrator) (378)

A word of welcome was read on behalf of the host region by Maryo Tremblay (275). He made us aware of the importance of the involvement of Chabot families in their community of Bellechasse area.

3. Reading and acceptance of the agenda:

Marie-France Chabot (80) reads the agenda to be accepted by the assembly.
 Proposed by Bibianne Chabot (149) and supported by Cécile Chabot (237). Unanimously accepted.

4. Reading and acceptance of the minutes of the general meeting of 2011:

Since the report was available at the beginning of brunch and the members had the chance to read it before the annual meeting, no reading was made at the meeting and the 2011 report was accepted as such.

Proposed by Camille Chabot (263) and supported by Lionel Chabot (106). Unanimously accepted.

5. Presentation and adoption of the Financial Report 2011–2012:

Treasurer, Jean-Louis Chabot (19), addresses the assembly to present the financial statements for the year 2011–2012. (Appendix 1 as distributed to members). Jean-Louis mentioned 1) an investment of \$4,000 at ING Direct, which was removed to be returned in the current account of the Association, and 2) that the Association has a deficit of \$2600 for the last year due to extraordinary expenses related to the registration of our arms with Heraldry Canada as well as the cost of a rental space for the Chabot family nameplate at the house of our forefathers in Île d'Orléans for a period of 21 years.

Questions from the assembly:

Why was the \$4000 investment removed from ING DIRECT and returned to the current account of the Association?

Since the President and the Treasurer did not renew their term as administrators and that they have access to this account with their passwords, it was decided, as a matter of integrity and ethics of the board, to repatriate this amount with interest and return it to the current account, but nothing prevents the new board from doing the same.

How does one explain the fact that printing costs are \$900 higher this year than in 2011?

There are three main reasons for this difference:

- 1) the increasing costs of printing of the association's newspaper and the printing of the agendas for the General Assembly of 2011;
- 2) the fact that bills are paid on presentation, payment dates do not always correspond to the closing date of the fiscal year;
- 3) the printing of 15 Chabot family directories.

How does one explain the amount of \$ 400.00 in the miscellaneous section of the financial statement?

This expense relates primarily to the Ancestry.com subscription, which is a useful tool for our Association, and moving our website to another server. Someone suggested that this element of the financial statements should be more detailed in the next annual report.

Proposed by Clement Chabot (89) and supported by André Goggin (64). Unanimously accepted.

6. About the theme song:

Sylvie Chabot (329) sang the new musical version of *Chanson des Chabot*, a melody which was appreciated by the members. The music was written by Yves Dionne and the second voice on the recording presented to the members is the voice of Julie Carrier.

Proposed by Diane Pard-Chabot (9) and supported by Cécile Chabot (48). Unanimously accepted.

Several members seem interested in purchasing this song on a CD.

Sylvie Chabot (329) will take steps to find out how much a professional recording would be and ensure that music rights are indeed transferred in writing to the Association. Our webmaster will see if it is possible to make the song available on our website for download. Marie-France Chabot (80) will take care of the legal issues.

7. Follow up on the registration with Canada Heraldry:

President, Luc Chabot states that the artist's work of our coat of arms, designed for Canada Heraldry, has reached its final state. However, the color red chosen by the artist does not match that of our Association. He anticipates that the work will be completed shortly.

8. Les Chabotteries magazine:

Andrew Goggin (64) invites everyone to continue sharing information and stories with Marcel Chabot (96) via the website, webchabot.com. Marcel and André are available to help people who wish to write about topics related to Chabot genealogy.

9. Message from the President:

Luc Chabot (10), Chairman of the Association, announces the appointment of Diane Pard-Chabot (9) as an honorary member of our Association and takes this opportunity to thank her for her excellent work with the Chabot family Association.

10. Elections to the Board of Directors (minimum of 3 positions):

Marie-France Chabot recalls the rules before the elections.

It should be noted that Luc Chabot (10), Jean-Louis Chabot (19) and Réal Chabot (112) have announced that they wish not to renew their term of office. Christian Chabot (269) and Gaetan Chabot (378) agreed to stay.

Claude Chabot (1) nominates Maryo Tremblay (275).

Andre Chabot (201) nominates Marcel Chabot (96). President of the Assembly, Marie-France Chabot (80) ends submissions. Maryo Tremblay (275) and Marcel Chabot (96) accept their nominations.

The new Board of Directors are elected by acclamation. The four board members withdrew from the General Assembly to assign a role to each one.

Maryo Tremblay (275) is appointed as President for a term of two years.

Christian Chabot (269) is appointed as Vice President for a term of one year.

Marcel Chabot (96) is appointed as Secretary for a term of two years.

Gaétan Chabot (378) is appointed as a Director for a term of one year.

Jean-Louis Chabot (19) agrees to fill the position of Treasurer for a period of one year.

11. Appointment of a financial auditor:

Marie-France suggests that Léon Chabot be our financial auditor for the year 2012–2013. Léon Chabot agrees.

12. Discussion time with members

No other discussion took place.

13. End of meeting

Adjournment of the meeting proposed by Lionel Chabot (106) and supported by Clement Chabot (89) at 13h55.

Réal Chabot
Secretary

Marie-France Chabot
President of the Assembly

Happy Holidays to all our Chabot members

Hello,

As new President of the Association of Chabot since the last annual meeting along with the other board members, I am very happy to wish you Happy Holidays. We want to thank you all for being members of the Association of Chabot. Each and every one of you is of the utmost importance in creating and maintaining the vitality and growth of our Association. We need all of you to continue the work and to let others know about the work that Claude established on June 1, 2007.

At their first meeting, Board members agreed to check as soon as possible on the following:

- If you regularly receive your publication, *The Chabotteries*,
- If you have received your renewal notice in the past year,
- If your contact information (address, phone, email, etc.) is updated in our records.

We would be delighted if you could help us by notifying us by telephone, email, or postal mail of any anomalies concerning your membership in the Association.

In Issue 17 of the publication, we announced, changes in regard to the procedure for renewal of membership in the Association. As we definitely wish to finalize this procedure, we hope that all renewals are now made on a fixed date, which is June 30 of each year. Therefore, we offer two possibilities: pay your renewal by June 30 2013, or by June 30 2014.

For example :

Choice # 1: If your membership expired in November 2012, you must pay the equivalent of 7 months (December 2012, January, February, March, April, May and June 2013), to be updated on June 30 2013:
 $7 \times \$2.00 = \14.00 .

Choice # 2: On the other hand, if, as above, your membership ended in November 2012, but you want to be up to date until June 30 2014, you must pay the equivalent of a full year, plus 7 months: $\$25.00 + \14.00 ($7 \times \$2.00$) = $\$39.00$. US members, remember your fee is $\$35.00$.

The following table shows that it would probably be more convenient for everyone to focus on Choice No. 2, to avoid having to write a check for a very small amount.

Renewal starting from the 1 st of each month	Choice no. 1 > till June 30, 2013	Choice no. 2 > till June 30, 2014
December 2012	7 months \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 14.00	$\$25.00 + 7 \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 39.00$
January 2013	6 months \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 12.00	$\$25.00 + 6 \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 37.00$
February 2013	5 months \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 10.00	$\$25.00 + 5 \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 35.00$
March 2013	4 months \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 8.00	$\$25.00 + 4 \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 33.00$
April 2013	3 months \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 6.00	$\$25.00 + 3 \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 31.00$
May 2013	2 months \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 4.00	$\$25.00 + 2 \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 29.00$
June 2013	1 month \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 2.00	$\$25.00 + 1 \times \$ 2.00 = \$ 27.00$

At its last meeting, the Board agreed to provide members and prospective members, with membership for life, or for a period of five years, with a slight reduction in price. The lifetime membership, payable in a lump sum costs \$225.00 (instead of \$250.00), and the membership for five years is \$110 (instead of \$125.00). This membership is transferable to the spouse, but only once.] Lifetime and five year Canadian and non-Canadian memberships are the same cost.

This issue of *The Chabotteries* is being sent to all members, whether or not they have renewed their membership, to allow each and everyone to confirm or deny whether his/her membership in the Association of Chabot is still in force. We, therefore, expect a word from you about this.

In closing, I will not deny that I want all Chabots to become members of this Association. Be proud of our surname, and be proud of your Chabot paternal or maternal side. Why not talk to your relatives to encourage them to become members too? Why not even offer this very affordable gift for Christmas or New Year's?

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or via our website: webchabot.com

or contact me personally: Maryo Tremblay

Telephone: 1-418-304-1574

Maryo Chabot



At the microphone, Maryo Tremblay presenting his native region, Montmagny, to the participants. On his left, four of the members of the outgoing Administrative Board who surround the Chairwoman of the meeting, Marie-France Chabot.

The Song of Chabot



Lyrics composed by Paul P. Lachance, BK 36099, member no. 2

Son of Adjutor Lachance and Lucienne Chabot

Presented to the first gathering on October 14, 2007, then sung on the sight of The Regiment of

Sambre and Meuse

Refrain :

Tous les Chabot qui vivent en Amérique
Viennent de France, pays de Mathurin.
Et quand ils fêtent, ils font de la musique
On reconnaît les joyeux poitevins.

1^{er} couplet:

Ils ont vécu sur la grande île
Près de Québec, en Canada.
Ce n'était pas toujours facile,
On faisait tout, même soldat!

2^e couplet:

On y trouvait de jolies femmes
Qui savaient coudre et bien chanter,
Et si parfois venaient des drames...
On oubliait dans l'amitié...

3^e couplet:

Grand Mathurin aimait Marie
Sa douce épouse au nom d'oiseau,
Cette "Mésange" était l'envie
De tous les noirs étourneaux...

4^e couplet:

Tous les Chabot aiment à rire
Avec les gens qui sont près d'eux,
Ce n'est pas cher un beau sourire
Et tout le monde en est heureux.

Adopted officially during the gathering of October 7, 2012

Sponsored by Sylvie Chabot, BK 61502, member no. 329. Daughter of Bernard Chabot and Colette Goulet. Music written by her brother ,Yves Dionne, he is a professor of music and he wrote the score.

Second voice: Julie Carrier, her sister-in-law, who teaches singing



Sylvie Chabot who interprets the song-theme for the pleasure of the members of the assembly who enjoyed the lively music...

Appeal to one and all!

The team which manages the Association, consisting of CA members and some precious collaboration with Claude, the President-founder, Diane Chabot-Pard, and Andre Goggin, is too small to carry out all the necessary tasks in its proper functioning of the Association and in its development: We're requesting the assistance of new members with publishing both versions of the magazine, maintenance of the website, and organization of the annual meeting. These people are all volunteers, fascinated by genealogy and do not count the hours worked. But they need your support to continue to assure a professional quality of service. We need authors who bring us fascinating stories and information, translators who allow us to serve our English-speaking members, solicitors, and advisers. If you have a little time for us, let us know!

The secretary

Chabot Auto Inc.



One commercial enterprise that has marked the history of Montmagny is Chabot Auto Inc. To tell its history, let us begin with its founder, Roger Chabot, who began in 1948 in a small garage located in front of the Hôtel-Dieu de Montmagny. In 1956, he established the company Chabot Auto Inc. and then, obtained a franchise for the company Ford Motor in the area of Montmagny.

He quickly built a solid reputation by offering quality service while reaching the fixed sales targets, that allowed him to obtain franchising for the brands Mercury and Lincoln in 1966. Then, in 1970, he specialized in the sale of heavy trucks. In 1974, he moved into new premises at the exit of Highway 20.

In 1976, Roger Chabot created a management company, Japiro Enterprises Inc. His wife Jeannine and their daughter Pauline were among the shareholders. At the time, he owned the company Chabot Caron & Son Auto Transport Inc. (Acquired in 1972), he sold some stock to his children in the early 1980s. Pierre bought back the shares that his father had in Chabot Auto. Awarded a diploma in automobile marketing of the Northwood Institute of Michigan and working with his father since 1975, he was impatient to take up this new challenge. He continued to emphasize staff training and the update of various modern equipment. In 1989, he added to the existing installation an ultra modern painting workshop; and then, in 1990, Chabot Auto Inc. became Automobiles Chabot Inc. The maintenance, repair, and bodywork has always obtained the best rating among the Ford and Mercury dealers. In 1976, Roger Chabot created a company of management, Japiro Inc. companies. His wife Jeannine and their daughter Pauline appeared among the shareholders. At that time, he possessed the companies Chabot Auto and Caron and Sons Transport Inc. (Acquired in 1972), that he sold to some of his children at the beginning of 1980s. For all services (repair, maintenance, bodywork, parts sales and vehicle), Les Automobiles Chabot Inc. had acquired a reputation which widely exceeded the regional level, and this is true among the customers who are car buyers as well as truck buyers.

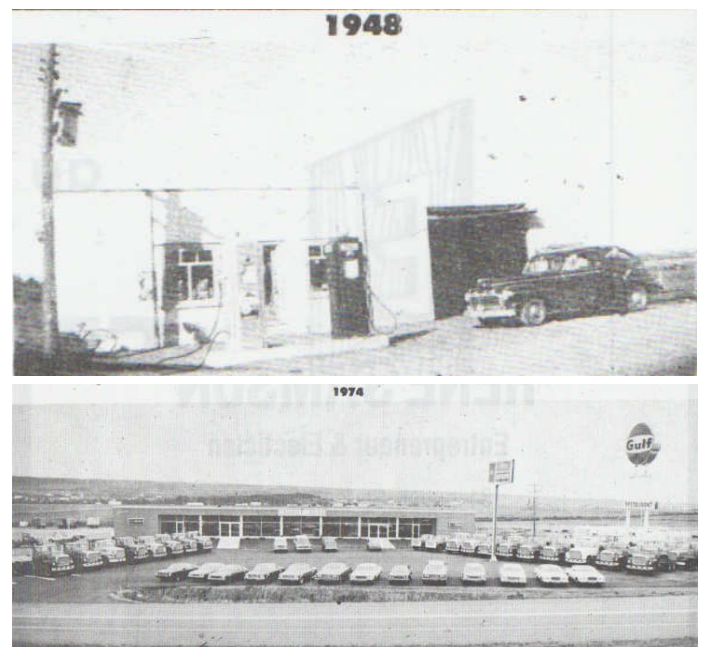
In October 1993, the company was sold. Lise and Jean bought back the shares of Caron & Son Transport Inc. while Nicole and her brother-in-law, Bernard Maltais, started Japiro shipping Inc. These companies were also dedicated to customer service, with the help of their team. The companies expanded, and in 1988, the owners made the acquisition of a warehouse located at 2400, Metropole in Longueuil, to support their activities in Montreal. Then, in 1992, they moved the offices in Mont-

magny to a warehouse they had recently acquired at 315 Chemin du Coteau. In October 2000, the group of transport companies was sold.

After selling it to his children in the 80s, Roger Chabot took care of real estate management of commercial properties located in Montmagny, in Quebec City and Montreal. In 1987, he also acquired the assets of LG Vigneault, which became Vigneault in 1987. This company specialized in the sale of caravans, tent-caravans parts and accessories, while providing a repair service. Personally, in 1982 he created, a ranch of Charolais cattle which won many honors over the years. One of the most striking occurred when the pride of its ranch, the bull, Poker Ace, was chosen mascot by the Charolais Association of Quebec. He sold the Charolais Ranch in 1995.

It was certainly hard work and administrative talent that made Roger Chabot so successful in his various companies. However, he always praised the role that his employees played in obtaining these successes, because they constantly supported him, and without them nothing would have been possible. He always showed a great deal of respect and a lot of consideration to his customers who also insured his success.

Text from the book *History and Heritage in Montmagny* and slightly modified for purposes of publication in the magazine *Les Chabotteries*



The garage Chabot Auto Inc. in various periods, in 1948 (top) and 1974 (below)

Exceptional People: Life lessons from real fighters



Driven by a desire to refine or add to my database, for ten years now I have been making appointments with Chabots in areas around Quebec City. Over the years, I have had many surprises while listening to stories about the ancestors and descendants of the people I meet.

My meetings have frequently focused on various topics related to the past. I have also often encountered sick people, which seems quite normal given that in most cases the people I meet are rather elderly. However, I have also met younger Chabots with various ailments. Some have been in accidents. Others have worked so hard that they have put their health at risk. For others still, it is illness that has suddenly devastated their lives and the lives of those close to them. While diseases like cancer or mental illness (depression) may immediately come to mind, there are many other diseases that are less well known.

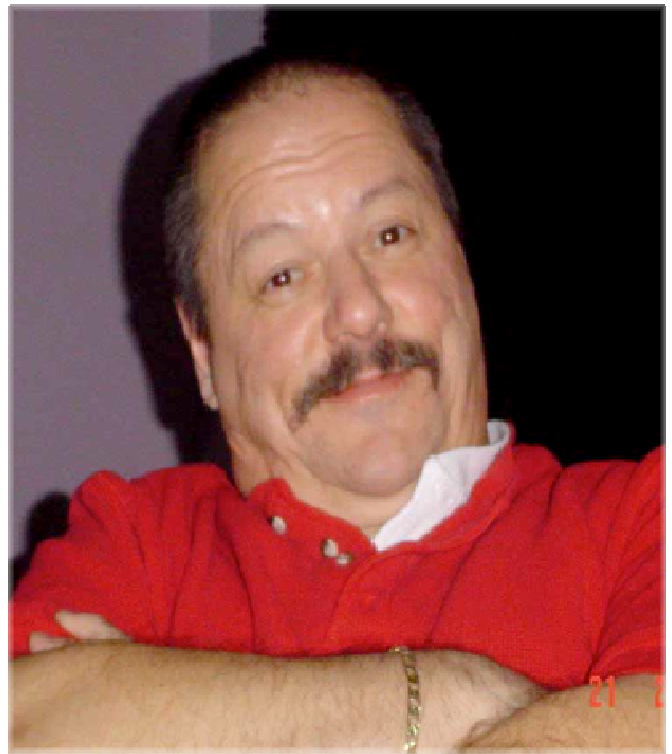
On occasion, our magazine, *Les Chabotteries*, has published articles on some of these exceptional people. For example, in issue Number 5, we told the story of Laurent Chabot, who lost an arm.

In issue Number 16—from information gleaned in part by Claude Chabot and at his instigation—Marcel Chabot sketched a brief portrait of Richard Chabot (entitled "Richard Chabot...a passion for life"), a disabled man who fought to improve the condition of all people with disabilities.

I would like to talk now about Louis Chabot, who suffers from an insidious disease that attacks the cerebellum, and also about Marco Chabot who, at the age of thirty-three, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Two orphan diseases.

Married in 1978, Louis has two sons and is now the grandfather of four little Chabots.

The first tragedy to strike Louis was the death of his father, a businessman from the Montmagny region, who died suddenly on his birthday, June 1, 1976, at the age of 45. Ten years later, in 1986, Louis learned that both he and his sister had a degenerative disease that atrophies the cerebellum and affects lan-



Louis Chabot, member no. 404
Son of Philippe Chabot and Jeannette Bélanger
Born September 8, 1947

guage and physical coordination. He discovered that 1% of the Quebec population suffers from this disease.

Shortly thereafter, his wife left him. He obviously had not been blessed with good karma. Despite these hardships, Louis decided to fight the disease and the system. The early years of his illness were difficult as there was little if any help for people with his condition. A little later, in the mid-1990s, aid started to become available. Louis joined several community organizations in order to raise awareness about his condition.

Since his disease is an orphan disease, the problems he faces are magnified. You need money to survive; you need to pay rent, transportation, food and, above all, the medication that prolongs your life; but that does not heal you and can cost an arm and a leg...If you cannot work anymore and no longer have insurance, you can imagine the desperate situation you find yourself in!



Marco Chabot, member no. 60
Son of Bernard Chabot and Jeanne Poulin
Born August 6, 1969
Married in 2000, he is father of two children

Up until 2003, everything seemed fine... but then, at the age of thirty-three, the first symptoms appeared and the diagnosis was a brutal one: Marco had Parkinson's. His life fell apart and his wife left him. Like Louis, Marco decided to fight this serious disease, as well as the high cost of medication given the excessive requirements of the prescription drug insurance plan.

While reviewing his genealogy, I realized that Marco had the genes of a fighter. He is the great-grandson of Achille Chabot, a Lieutenant-Colonel of the Régiment de la Chaudière (Primary Reserve infantry regimen of the Canadian Forces).

With the support of his parents, Marco turned his life around and became President of the Parkinson's Association. On behalf of all patients with his condition, he lobbied politicians for respect and financial support. Both he and Louis have met new female companions who, like angels from heaven, are helping them to enjoy life and even, in the case of Marco, to give life as well, as Marco recently became the father of a little girl.

If you look carefully at the photographs, you will notice—as I did—the beaming smiles of these two exceptional people.

I could not disregard their stories. I take my hat off to them and hope that all readers will join me in saying, "Don't give up; you are loved!"

Claude Chabot

Notes & References

In the Encyclopedic Dictionary and historical Patriotes 1837–1838 written by Alain Messier, (Guérin publishing ltée, 2002, 497 pages), we mention (p. 98) the names of four persons wearing the patronymic Chabot (ou Chabotte) who took part, one way or another in the rebellion of the patriots. It is, for the greater part, about inhabitants of the Monteregion region.

- Antoine Chabot, from St. Damase, signatory of a letter of support in favor of the patriot Joseph Duvernay while this one is imprisoned in February 1838
- Jean Chabot, husband of Zoé Dupuis from Saint Cyprien, who made bullets in autumn 1838
- Zacharie Chabot, present to the Assembly of the patriots of Québec on June 4, 1837, who supported a resolution
- Jean Chabotte (1820-), laborer, who participated in the battle of Moore's Corner on December 6, 1837

Site which describes the Space and Science Center, the offspring of the Observatory established by Anthony Chabot in 1883 (see the article appeared in issue 19 of *Les Chabotteries*, p. 12).

chabotspace.org/about-chabot.htm

Richard Chabot, died while he was a policeman: information found in the site based on the data brought together and published in paper size by the politician and the organizer Jean Cournoyer:

memoireduQuebec.com

Marcel Chabot

A man who left his mark in his corner of the country: Lac Etchemin



Mr. Alyre-Benoît Chabot

Born December 29, 1906 in Ste. Germaine, Dorchester

He was the son of Ferdinand Chabot and Marie Lévesque

He married Candide Bouchard June 26, 1935, and had five children.

My research on this man began with an article received from a friend about Jos.-D. Bégin (Joseph-Damase)*, secretary of state in Duplessis' cabinet and his right hand man in the region. The latter was a friend of Omer and Alyre Chabot who had instructed him in photographic techniques as both were photographers.

After reviewing my files, I realized that it was possible to contact one of Alyre's grandsons, Daniel Chabot; and my curiosity led me to call him to learn more about his grandfather.

Daniel referred me to his aunt Lyne Chabot, a gracious and cooperative lady who was present during that period. She explained that at the beginning, the two brothers worked together. Sadly, Omer, the older of the two, died at the age of 31 of tuberculosis. Alyre continued the work, but was not content to limit it to photography. He also learned the trade of clockmaker, repairing, and selling clocks as well. He located his business in his paternal home, that of Ferdinand Chabot, who for many years was postmaster of the village. The latter was the brother of Edmond Chabot, who was the progenitor of the family of Chabots in Ferland Saskatchewan. This was

the subject of an article in the 6th issue of *Les Chabotteries*.

During the same period, he joined the useful with the pleasant, having many skills to help him succeed. He was the parish organist for some 50 years. He played during many baptisms, marriages, as well as funeral services in his community.



Alyre Chabot, wearing the hat beside Jos.-D. Bégin (right).

Considering that he was a good friend of Jos.-D. Bégin, it would be easy to believe that he was also politically involved. His daughter told me that the latter very much enjoyed starting small businesses and that her father was always involved in assisting him. He thus became a shareholder in Lac Etchemin's first cinema. Along with other partners, Alyre invested in a 16mm projector, undoubtedly a favor to his political friend.

Alyre also became the sole official representative for Canadian Kodak in Canada. Even the government had to go through him for their purchases. It is worth noting that only one film was available at any given time and the shareholders would discretely and without charge present the film to the patients in the Sanatorium Bégin (built in their region owing



Lac Etchemin: the place where the events, that are recounted in this article, occurred ...



to the influence of this politician). This served to increase the popularity of their benefactor and secretary of state. The sanatorium became an institution specializing in the treatment of tuberculosis, which had killed Omer, the friend of Jos.-D. and the brother of Alyre.

He was also a shareholder in the first switchboard in the parish. Initially, the subscribers could listen in on the conversations of their neighbors by picking up as soon as the phone rang.** This served the Politician well; it was simple to join the villagers to inform them that Jos.-D. was going to speak in the area. Lyne proudly mentioned that her father also taught clock making in the sanatorium, a course that was sanctioned by an official exam that allowed certain patients to change their profession after the long period required to cure the condition. She also explained that in order to become a clockmaker and organist, her father made many voyages to Lévis with his brother Omer, who dropped him off on his way to deal with his own affairs in Quebec. His clock making course was with Abel Paradis of Lévis and his organ course was at the Collège de Lévis.

Alyre Chabot died October 27, 1993 at the age of 86. Proof that hard work does not kill anyone!

Notes :

*Joseph-Damas Bégin, delegate from the district of Dorchester and secretary of state in the cabinet of

the government of L'Union nationale ruled by Maurice Duplessis, did a great deal for where the sanatorium that carried his name was constructed. Chief organizer for the l'Union national it was he who should have been recognized as the author of the motto on political posters and frequently repeated during election campaigns in 1950: "Duplessis donne à sa province!" (Duplessis gives to his province) To learn more, consult the site of the Assemblée Nationale:

assnat.qc.ca/fr/deputes/begin-joseph-damase-1947/biographie.html

**Some 70 years ago, each telephone subscriber shared a "party line" with 5, 8 or 10 of his neighbors. Each party had a different ring, combinations of long and short sounds. In theory one was only supposed to pick up on their own ring, however the curious (or nosy) quietly picked up and shared every tidbit. Listening in on a party line was a hobby for many in that time. Precursor perhaps to Facebook and Twitter?

Article written by *Claude Chabot* with the generous assistance of *Mrs. Lyne Chabot-Langis*



Fragment of history: flax farming



Born in 1894, my mother, Eugénie Chabot, remembered harvesting flax. Later, her mother-in-law, Aurélie Bilodeau (b. 1861), initiated her to the spinning and weaving of the fiber. In those days, it was necessary to grow and process the fiber yourself for your own clothing and necessities.

Until the early twentieth century, flax was commonly used. You will see, by reading the following article, the amount of work that was required just to make a simple dishcloth, as the steps involved between sowing the seeds and the skein of yarn are so numerous. Our ancestors were certainly hardworking people.

Harvesting and Retting



Flax is an herbaceous plant that is sown in the spring, at the same time as wheat and barley, once the risk of frost is over.

Early fall, when the stems are ripe, it is time to harvest. Flax stems must be pulled out (not cut!) by small handfuls of equal size so as to get rid of the earth clinging to the roots. Then, they must be placed on the ground, head south, so that the cycle of sun, rain and dew causes the stems to dry. This step is called retting. This retting stage lasts about three weeks. During this time, it is necessary to turn the stems upside down two or three times. This step is very important as it determines the success of the following steps. If retting is not well done, it is difficult to loosen the fibers at the time of clutching.

Heating and clutching

Once the stems are ripe, ready to be crushed, the drudgery of clutching (grinding) can take

place. Stems must first be placed over a heat source.



Chauffage ou grillage des lin

This is a difficult and delicate task, because the stems must be heated just enough to allow the fibers to come off easily and cleanly during clutching. A good heater is a sought-after person

who must be able to control the heat of the fire and tell when the stems are ready to be clutched simply by touching them. The bray is a tool used to crush the stems in order to release fibers they contain.



Brayage des lin

On the eve of the heating chore, the required materials must be gathered: a lattice of alder branches for the heating of the flax stems, some wood to feed the flames, and some hand-held fans that strong and brave arms must wave vigorously for the job to be completed in one day.



Écochage des lin

Skinning and combing

Skinning and combing must then be carried out. The purpose of skinning ("écochage") is to remove the bark that is still attached to the fibers after clutching. As for combing, it allows stronger and longer fibers to be picked up and to be used for spinning, while the residues will be used to make tow, which is used to seal the walls of houses.



Spinning and weaving
Once these steps are completed, the spinner can finally make the spinning wheel "sing": the spinner must unfailingly wet the fibers with the index finger to soften and stretch them, giving them a nice glaze. Over time, as the flax fibers

are rough, the friction on the fingers causes pain, which becomes difficult to control.

The yarn obtained after long sessions of spinning must be put in hanks. Then it must be woven. After mounting the frame on the loom, the weaver, patiently, for hours and days, plays with the bobbin, the weft, and pedals to get a piece of fabric that can be used to make clothing, tablecloths, and other useful items.

So, how many hours do you think it took a housewife in those days to give her husband a Sunday shirt? Nowadays, things are easier, a short visit to the mall and voila! But in those days, life was not polluted by all the gadgets that have invaded our daily lives and people had time!

Following are the addresses of two Websites that exemplify the foregoing brief text. One of them consists of a PDF document that you can download.

radio-canada.ca/actualite/semaineverte/020707/culturelin.html
tricofolk.free.fr/Filage/transformation_lin.pdf

Marcel Chabot

*Members of the board wish a very happy birthday to all members, their spouses and parents, who have turned one year older (or younger!) during the last season.
Health and long life to you!*

New Service!

In order to ensure the financial stability of the Association, but also allow all members of the greater Chabot family to make their business or the product or service they provide known, the Board decided at its last meeting to authorize the publication of advertisements in both the *Les Chabotteries* and the Association's website, provided that, initially at least, the following conditions are met:

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