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Jean-Marie Chabot, accompanied by his wife, Marthe Fradette, showing the Golden Maple Leaf prize that was awarded to him by **The North American Council of Maple Syrup and The International Maple Syrup Institute** for his contribution to the North American maple industry

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Message from the President



Greetings to all members,

We are now in June, a few days from the start of Summer. Have you thought of making a reservation for our general assembly and brunch in

September? We can't wait to meet you.

As usual, it is important to send us stories, anecdotes, or achievements by the Chabot families. Tell us about your children, your parents, your grandparents, etc. Why not notify us of the arrivals of new little Chabots?

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thank you in advance.

Why not leave your magazine in full view, or lend it? You should also tell your families and Chabot friends about your association.

There were a few rumours in the air lately. Don't pay them attention, we'll clear the air at the next general assembly.

Board members are always there to answer your questions. We also are looking for people wishing to help their association in any manner.

On this, I wish you a wonderful warm Summer and great meetings among Chabots.

We can't wait to send you your September magazine.

Chabotly yours,

Maryo Chabot Tremblay

The Board of Directors wishes a very happy birthday to all their members, their spouses and parents, who have aged (or become younger!) by one year during the last quarter. Good health and long life to you!

The Board of Directors also offers its deepest condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

Jean-Marie Chabot: A life devoted to the maple syrup



Jean-Marie Chabot proudly poses in his maple grove in the 7th range in Armagh, in the spring of 2015; it has more than 75 000 tapholes

He will be 73 years old in August 2018, and maple syrup production has no secrets left for him. Jean-Marie Chabot is a well-known and respected figure in this industry in which he has been working on a professional basis for 47 years.

“This passion for maple syrup goes back to my childhood. Every spring, during my adolescence, I was taping maple trees in the village, I was collecting the sap and boiling it at home. My mother put up with me, and in the end, I was producing two or three gallons of syrup for the family”, he remembers with a smile.

After earning his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering, Mr. Chabot started working at IPL in 1967, where he took over responsibility of the department of maple products, as well as of that dedicated to research and development.

Being aware of the work of the engineer Denis Desiles of Laval Université who, in 1969, was to develop an initial vacuum pump system for the collection of maple water, he associated his employer with this work. “IPL produced plastic hoses for gravity transport of the sap to the sugar shack and I knew the huge potential this held for the company” says Mr. Chabot, who at the same time bought a maple grove in Armagh, just like his friend Clément Métivier, co-owner of IPL, had in Saint-Damien. Their maple groves would soon become laboratories for the implementation of these new techniques and the products of IPL.

The maple industry took off in the middle of the 1970s and this enthusiasm would continue until the early 1990s when IPL's management decided to sell its maple products division to three partners, including Mr. Chabot's brother Christian. The following year, Jean-Marie and his brother Yvan took control of the company with Christian and laid the foundations of Équipements d'érablière CDL, a family-owned business that is active in Canada as well as in the United States.

Today, Jean-Marie Chabot and his three sons are shareholders of the company and of its subsidiary CDL USA as well of l'Érablière Jean-Marie Chabot, located in the 7th range in Armagh, which has 75 000 tapholes and continues to serve as a laboratory for CDL.

Deserved distinctions

A man modest in character, Jean-Marie Chabot has received a number of distinctions for his immense contribution to the domains of plastics and maple products. In Wolfville, Nova Scotia, the North American Maple Syrup Council and The International Maple Syrup Institute gave him the Golden Maple Leaf prize for his contribution to the North American maple industry. "This was the icing on the cake", he would say later, "it touched me all the more as this distinction was given by my peers and the vote was unanimous" added this man, only the third Quebecer to win this award since it was founded ten years ago.

Here come the Americans

If Quebec has long been recognized as the mecca of maple syrup, this is about to change with the arrival of the Americans who, says Jean-Marie Chabot, invest heavily in this industry. "We currently find 80% of the maple trees south of the border against 20% in Canada, 50% of which in Quebec" says Mr. Chabot who stresses that it is around the Great Lakes, especially in Ohio, that we find the finest maple trees in North America. "In my sugar shack, I'm going to pick up three pounds per taphole some seasons. Over there, it is often a gallon per taphole, which is three times more than here." he says.

If 80% of world production of maple syrup comes from Canada and Quebec, Jean-Marie Chabot is convinced that this ratio will change dramatically in the next few years. "Here we have small maple groves and they are often exploited for pleasure. In the United States, it is a free market and the maple groves are all large. People are there to do business and it is certain that someday they'll dominate the market. Thanks to them, we will be seeing a new boom in this industry."

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Our too often forgotten veterans



Veterans are men and women that public opinion unfortunately forgets a little too often. Young people didn't know the First or the Second World Wars and may not know what conscription was. They may have learned it in their history classes, but it's been a good number of years since I left school, so I couldn't comment on this. As for the older people, they remember that their family members were called up, that many of them perished in foreign lands, and that for those who came back, they were forever marked by the terrible things that they had seen.

It is through my research that I was able to learn more about this man, Stanislas Georges Emile Chabot. Born in Montreal on January 28, 1915, the eldest of a family of fourteen children, to Georges Chabot, train conductor for the Canadian National Railway, and Blanche Legault.

I was surprised to learn that he was the inventor of the "tank auxiliary traction surface," which was patented on October 14, 1941 under the number CA 39906 A.

F/L Chabot (C88573) enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces, in the No. 425 Alouettes squadron; he was a bomber pilot during World War II.

This officer was engaged in operational flights starting in October 1944. On one occasion, he was detailed for an attack against Oberhausen in Germany. While flying over the North Sea, trouble developed in the port and starboard inner engines of his aircraft. Undaunted, he flew on and pressed home a determined attack. While over the target, a heavy barrage was encountered and his aircraft was severely damaged. The main oxygen line was ripped, most of the navigational equipment was rendered useless and the bomb bay doors so damaged that they could not be closed for the return journey. Despite these difficulties, Flight Lieutenant Chabot flew the crippled bomber safely back and accomplished a masterly landing. He always displayed fortitude, efficiency and dogged determination in completing his missions, frequently in extreme navigational difficulties. He participated in other missions and it is a miracle that he never was wounded, although his aircraft suffered multiple damages many times.



In Montreal, on November 23, 1949, Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada, the king's representative, handed about a hundred decorations won during World War II. The award was effective on October 30, 1945 as per the London Gazette, dated November 6, 1945. The ceremony gathered 103 aviators who had distinguished themselves in action, including 33 French Canadians, mostly from the No. 425 Alouettes squadron. On this occasion they were given the Distinguished Flying Cross which is shown on the left.



Stanislas Georges Emile Chabot died in 1985, aged 69, surely bringing with him the memory of his band of brothers. Let all those who remember have a thought for those veterans, be they Canadians or Americans. Let us express our deep gratitude for their sacrifices and for all those still fighting for our rights on Remembrance Day.

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Diane Chabot Pard (09)



Ancestors Georges-Émile Chabot Paternal lineage (marriages)

Georges Chabot	Apr 28, 1913	St-Éphrem	Blanche Legault
Georges Chabot	Jan 29, 1888	Ste-Hélène	Délia Régnière
Grégoire Chabot	Sep 18, 1855	N-D du Rosaire	Victorine Lussier
Antoine Chabot	Oct 1, 1821	N-D du Rosaire	Françoise Guertin
Antoine Chabot	Jul 20, 1795	N-D du Rosaire	Exupère Lussier
Louis Chabot	Feb 7, 1763	St-Laurent I.O.	Marie-Anne Baillargeon
Joseph Chabot	Feb 15, 1733	St-Laurent I.O.	Marie-Madeleine Coulombe
Joseph Chabot	Nov 24, 1692	St-Pierre I.O.	Françoise Pouliot
Mathurin Chabot	Nov 17, 1661	N-D de Québec	Marie Mésange

Was Mathurin Chabot a Huguenot?

The idea for this short article came to me while I was watching a documentary about Louis XIV on TV5. During the program, mention was made that it was in 1660 that he had married Maria Theresa of Spain, for strictly political reasons. It happens that the newly wed only consummated their union, three or four days after having been introduced to each other.

According to the information we have, our ancestor Mathurin would have landed probably in Québec City during the spring or summer of 1660, the year the young king Louis XIV was married. That was the moment the latter started taking his role seriously and started his reign as an absolute monarch. Among other things, he applied himself to the eradication of the “heresy” of the new reformed religion (Calvinism, Lutheranism) that was spreading in France, notably in the Poitou. Since the Edict of Nantes, promulgated by Henry IV in 1598, the Huguenots (also called “religionnaires”), that is all those practicing this reformed religion, could do so in peace, without being bothered. Around 1660, they began to be scorned and persecuted so that they would convert to Catholicism, something thousands of them did, under threats of death and torture, while others opted to flee their motherland in large numbers. The revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685 marked the culmination of this offensive against Protestantism, but it did not necessarily signal the end of the bullying (the dragonnades, among others), of the abuses of all kinds, and the oppression. This coercion, resulting in 30,000 forced conversions in the Haut-Poitou, drew from Madame de Maintenon (the king’s mistress) this cry of enthusiasm in April 1681: “If the Lord will preserve the King, there will not be a Huguenot left in 20 years!”

That’s when I asked myself of Mathurin’s decision to emigrate could have something to do with this movement of religious persecutions. There is no reason to believe that Mathurin subscribed to this religion, having been baptized, as we know in a Catholic church. This suggests his parents were practicing Catholics, but could Mathurin have taken a different path during his youth? The fact is that when he arrived in New France, he had not yet received the sacrament of confirmation, since it was Mgr de Laval who administered it to him in April 1662, when he was 26 years old. Was that the custom in those days?

Be it as it may, if Mathurin emigrated to flee persecution, he was well advised not to advertise his religious obedience in his new country where the Catholic clergy was ruling the roost. This, even if it has been suggested that Samuel de Champlain himself and his companions Pont-Gravé and de Mons were members of the reformed church when Québec was founded.

Of course, many other reasons can explain Mathurin’s decision to leave his native land. For example, the 30-Year War had ended in 1648 and left disastrous economic repercussions. It would be interesting if one of our members with a historian streak would examine the question of the reason(s) that brought our ancestor to try his luck in the Americas.

Marcel Chabot — November 2015

For more information, Google “Edict of Nantes”, “dragonnades”, “Louis XIII”, “Louis XIV”.



Marry the woman, adopt the country Strong character and fine pastry



Anne Chabot et Rasmey You, les propriétaires de la pâtisserie fine Fidélité, fêtait en 2009 les 20 ans de leur entreprise, Fidélité

This is the story of Rasmey You, a native of Cambodia who married Anne Chabot, daughter of Léo Chabot and Gertrude Girard, natives of the Gatineau region.

M. You, born in Cambodia, learned how to bake bread in a land torn by war. "I was already selling bread by the time I was 8 years old; there was much political uncertainty, so my parents told me: "You will sell bread in case we die you will be able to fend for yourself""

He fled the Khmer Rouge regime with his parents and arrived in Canada in January 1981, aged 16 and penniless. Today, with his wife, he co-owns the 3 best-known pastry shops in the Outaouais (Gatineau) area: Fidélité, a business which is still growing and celebrates its 20 years.

The least one can say is that Rasmey You has worked hard. "I arrived penniless. I didn't even have pants, when I arrived here."

With his wife Anne Chabot, M. You opened Fidélité in October 1989 in premises rented on Saint-René boulevard. A branch in Hull was added a few years later.

In 2004, the pastry shop moved its oven into its own spanking new building at 625 La Gappe boulevard. And last year, an 800, 000\$ enlargement project doubled Fidélise's floor area, from 5,000 to 10,000 sq. ft. The business employs about 50 people.

"We're profitable and we're always expanding. We enlarged the building in order to open more outlets." explains the 45-year old businessman, who targets the Plateau district in Hull. "For now, it's Le Plateau, and one day, maybe, Ottawa".

Fidélise also sells its products using counters in various stores and butcher's shops of the area.

Fleeing Cambodia

Mr. You and his family fled the bloody Pol Pot regime, responsible for a genocide during its reign of terror, between 1975 and 1979. The regime claimed an estimated 1.7 to 3 million victims in Cambodia. "I lived through war during the Khmer Rouge era. I lost cousins, uncles and aunts. Over 100 members of my family were killed. Previously, I couldn't talk about these things but it's becoming more natural, now."

In 1979, the You fled to Thailand where they applied for refugee status in Canada and in France. Canada accepted, and they arrived in Montréal in 1981. Rasmey had to redo a good part of is elementary school and to learn French because the Khmer Rouge had closed many of Cambodia's schools. So, he returned to school, all the while working as dishwasher in Montréal restaurants.

He saved money by the sweat of his brow. He always knew he'd become a businessman one day.

"I always wanted to start a business. It could have been something else, maybe a shoe store, because at the time, I knew nothing about pastry, or butter, or cream."

It's while he was lending a hand to confectioners that they discovered his talent. Self-taught, he took courses here and there. He then became a trainee at the well-known à Montréal pastry shop La Gacogne.

That's where he met his future wife in 1987, Anne Chabot, native of the Outaouais region, who held degrees from Université Laval (biochemistry) and the Montréal Institut du tourisme et de l'hôtellerie.

"Anne wanted to go back to her passion. She always liked pastry making. I was looking for a partner to start a business, and that's how it all started. If we've made it this far, it is thanks to her, because on my own, it wouldn't have been easy."

Marry the wife, adopt the country

So, in 1989, he followed Anne to her native area. On October 27 of that year, the pair opened Fidélise, on Saint-René boulevard in Gatineau.

At first, there were long hours. His cites the example of certain weekends when he'd start on the Friday at 5 in the morning and finished at 5 in the afternoon on the Saturday, 36 hours in a row.

"I didn't sleep. I was really motivated when I arrived in Canada and saw the potential. At home in Cambodia, they'd kill us for a trifle. We had nothing to eat."

While not saying that Canadians are spoiled, Rasmey You says it's the way it is because they have never known the horrors and privations of certain countries.

“One wants to take the bus here, and buses work. Stores are full of food, libraries are full of books and the schools are always open. The health care system, whatever you may think of it, is a thousand times better than in Cambodia.”

Not only does Mr. You hire Quebeckers, he also employs immigrants. In 2002, the company was given an award by the Conseil interculturel de l’Outaouais. Today, the success of the firm is an example for young Outaouais entrepreneurs, many of them from immigrant communities. Today (2015), Fidélité, inc operates in three locations and has a workforce 60; Fidélité is the pleasure of taking advantage of every moment. It is also a story of values and traditions. The company’s 25th anniversary was noted by the National Assembly where Ms Maryse Gaudreault praised its owners.

Anne Chabot and Rasmey You have two children: a son, Mouni, and a daughter, Soriya.



A their son Mouni’s wedding : Anne Chabot, Soriya, Roselyne Gagné, the bride, Mouni and Rasmey You



“Our children are interested by the company, but they are still young. It’s still a bit early but the future will tell.”

One thing remains sure for Mr. You and Anne Chabot: Fidélise will spoil those with a sweet tooth in the region for years to come.

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Diane Chabot Pard membre n° 9



Frédéric Chabot distinguishes himself at the Pittsburgh marathon



Frédéric Chabot took advantage of his participation in the Pittsburgh Marathon to qualify for the 2019 running of Boston Marathon

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RUNNING. A native Saint-Léon-de-Standon, Frédéric Chabot gave a good account of himself during the Pittsburgh Marathon, on May 6th.

Chabot, who took up this sport only three years ago, completed the event with a time of 2 hours 59 minutes and 45 seconds, which qualifies him for the next running of the Boston Marathon, in April 2019.

The 27-year old athlete finished 72th in the overall rankings, out of 3,835 entrants. This result also ranked him 61st among men (out of 2,261) and 13th out of 345 entrants in his age group (25-29). He also was the best Canadian concurrent.

This was Chabot’s 6th lifetime marathon as he is currently getting ready for the Ironman Mont-Tremblant, which will be held on August 19

Despite injuries and obstacles, courage to move on



Alexis Chabot, 21 years-old, returned to school last January.

Alexis Chabot hasn't had an easy life so far. The 21-year old man was born in a female body and has suffered more than his fair share of rejection and bullying. But today, the clouds seem to be clearing. Alexis moves forward, one little victory at a time.

I met Alexis at the launching of the "Reste à l'école" campaign which aims at encouraging young people to stay in school. At the Goéland school, which he attends since last January to complete his high school, Alexis told me about his past, the reasons why he dropped out. His story goes straight to the heart.

Alexis always had a hard time at school and never was in a regular class. But the "Student with a learning disability" label wasn't the only one applied to him from childhood. Alexis was born in a female body, but he always knew he was a boy. He always felt a stranger in his own body.

Very early in school, the Sherbrooke native now aged 21 suffered bullying. “The students pointed at me and called me a monster. Since I am not an assertive person, I would stay alone in my corner. On top of being bullied, I didn’t feel good about myself, and didn’t understand who I was, so I harmed myself.”

At 14, Alexis was placed with a foster home. Shortly after, because he had had enough, he left school. “Yes, I considered suicide, he admits. In order to be liked and to find company, I even created false profiles on social media. All I wanted was to feel appreciated.”

A ray of hope

About a year and a half ago, Alexis found a Québec tv program called *Je suis trans (I am trans)*. From that moment, he knew his life was about to change.

“Before this program, I didn’t know there was a word to describe my situation. On August 22, 2016, I started the process of transitioning to a man. I take hormones, testosterone, and will undergo three surgeries. Already, in the space of one year, I’ve changed a lot. I am happier now. I have more self-confidence since I started my transformation.”

It is precisely this self-confidence, which grows in him bit by bit, which gave him the urge to return to school and complete his high school. Alexis hopes to then obtain his DEP and become a wildlife conservation officer.

And when I ask him how he sees himself 10 years down the road, he replies without hesitation, since for once he allows himself to have dreams, “My transformation into a man will be complete. I will work as a wildlife conservation officer, and I will live in a house the forest, with my girlfriend Kim. We will have two dogs and I’d like to have children.”

Meanwhile, Alexis applies himself to his studies, even if certain subject matters are harder to master. He works on himself too, to gain self-esteem and self-confidence.

“I decided to charge ahead, to stop listening to others’ opinions. It’s not easy, but I can depend on my girlfriend, Kim, who helps me a lot. My mother and my sisters help me too. They encourage me and tell me they’re proud of me. It gives me the taste to charge ahead some more”, he proudly adds.

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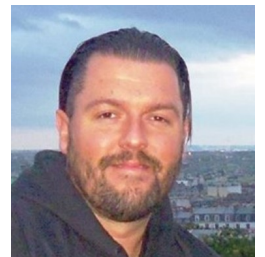


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On another topic, Ms Chabot says she is still considering running in district 6, but has personal issues to deal with first...

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