

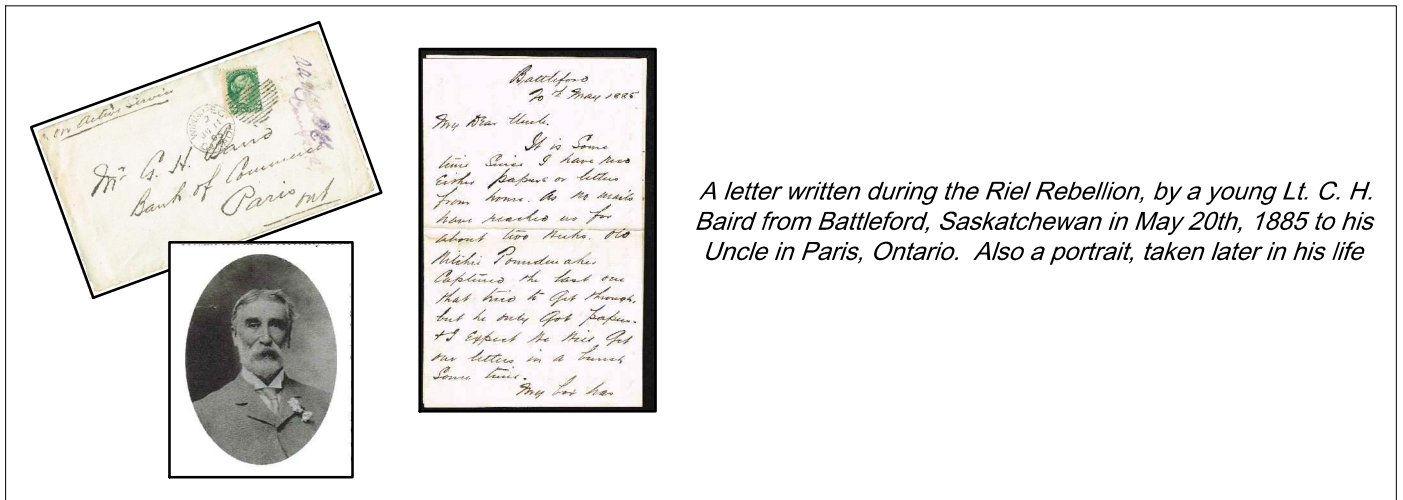
# The Range Burlington Historical Society

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## Canada's Military Postal History 1628-1885

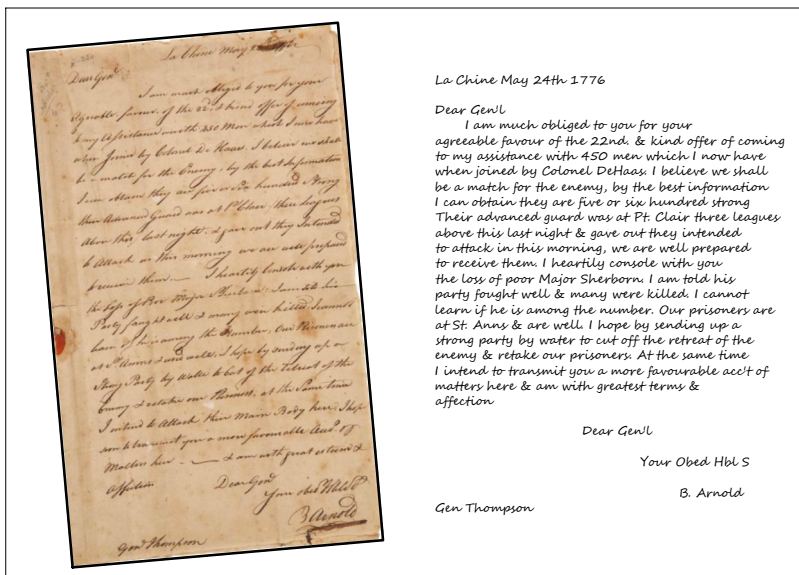
The military establishment has long recognised the value of letters to & from home, for both the soldiers morale & their loved ones far away. But how to make this possible?

Join us for a fascinating presentation of how the military postal system evolved in Canada, to become a literary lifeline for the enlisted men & officers.



A letter written during the Riel Rebellion, by a young Lt. C. H. Baird from Battleford, Saskatchewan in May 20th, 1885 to his Uncle in Paris, Ontario. Also a portrait, taken later in his life

We are pleased to have renowned local collector, **Mr David Hobden**, coming to share with us the story of the Military post in Canada & show us some gems from his unique collection of military postal ephemera including:  
**Lt. Baird's letter to his Uncle at home, a letter from Gen. Benedict Arnold (yes that Benedict Arnold), a captured American POW & "hostage" Sgt. Benjamin W. Stevens of the 2nd US Light Dragoons, writing from his Montreal prison cell in 1815 & more.**



La Chine May 24th 1776

Dear Genl

I am much obliged to you for your agreeable favour of the 22nd. & kind offer of coming to my assistance with 450 men which I now have when joined by Colonel DeHais. I believe we shall be a match for the enemy, by the best information I can obtain they are five or six hundred strong Their advanced guard was at Pt Clair three leagues above this last night & gave out they intended to attack in this morning, we are well prepared to receive them I heartily console with you the loss of poor Major Sherborn I am told his party fought well & many were killed. I cannot learn if he is among the number. Our prisoners are at St. Anns & are well I hope by sending up a strong party by water to cut off the retreat of the enemy & retake our prisoners. At the same time I intend to transmit you a more favourable acct of matters here & am with greatest terms & affection

Dear Genl

Your Obed Hbl S

B. Arnold

Gen Thompson

Saturday June 10th 2023. Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.  
Admission is free, but seating is limited. Please RSVP for a seat # to: peterb1334@gmail.com