Special Video Presentation

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A PIECE OF FRENCH HISTORY IN CANADA

« filles à marier - filles du roi »

"the marriageable girls — the King's daughters"

Speaker: Sheila Genaille, Edmonton Branch President

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11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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The Company of 100 Associates was created in France by Cardinal Richelieu in 1627 as part of his program to develop France's external trade. The plan of recruiting only families proved to be too costly, therefore single men were signed up and indentured for three years. However, there were few single marriageable girls, so a recruitment began (1634 - 1662). These women were known as the *"filles à marier" (marriageable girls).*

'Filles du roi' arriving in New France

Watercolor by Eleanor Fortescue Brickdale, 1871-1945. Courtesy of LAC, Acc. no 1996-371-1.

Approximately 1,200 military men arrived in New France in mid-1665 to curb the attacks of the Iroquois. Louis IV sponsored a new recruitment (1663–1673). This time the King provided free passage and a dowry, and these women were known as *"les filles du roi" (the king's daughters).*

Bring a bag lunch (tea, coffee, juice provided) and join us to follow the fascinating journey of these young women

Guests invited and always welcome