

# Le Chronique d'Esperance

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## Proxy Votes

Writ CW-4 2/14/01

As of this date, all **Proxy Votes** must be signed and turned in to the Chancellor when the name of the person whose proxy you hold is called at the Estates Meeting. These proxy's may be hand written and signed or e-mailed with the owners e-mail address on it.

(Writ CW-4 by King Cromar and Queen Willow II)

## From Their Majesties

Greetings from your crowns,  
Your Royal Crowns have been on the go so much this month, We don't know where to start. Last month We visited not only Our beloved homeland the Canton of Aquataine, but We also received a very warm welcome from the whole populace of the Canton of Loch Lava. They treated Us like true royalty.

As most of you know, the Kingdom of Esperance is huge compared to most other lands in Adria. The Canton of Aquataine found some of this "extra" land inside of her borders. After talks with both the new Viceroy of Aquataine and the new Viceroy of Loch Lava, We, Your Crown have decided reapportionment was in order.

To promote the King's belief that all lands should be divided by county lines, not by the ever changing roads and rivers, We have reapportioned these cantons so that the Canton of Aquataine now covers all of Riverside County not covered by Sangreal and the Canton of Loch Lava now covers all of San Bernardino County.

Why County lines? It increases your credibility as a legitimate group to outsiders. Try to explain to an outsider in a professional manner what area your group covers when

you have to describe your borders in terms of roads and riverbeds, etc. But if you can say your area covers all of XXX County they are more impressed and consider you a more legitimate group.

As the *Crossroads Fair Questionnaire Replies* runs over 4 pages, when We added everyone's opinions and an update from the Fair Committee, We have decided not to print it in the newsletter. Instead We have decided to make separate copies to pass out to those interested.

If you don't get a copy at the March event, contact the Crown and We will e-mail you a copy. We have compiled these comments from all of those who returned our questionnaire. They are listed alternately in Yes's and No's, so as not to show partiality to either side of the question. We have printed good and bad equally, so you can draw you own conclusions.

We do want you to know that out of almost 175 members we received only 14 questionnaires, with a third of them from people who work big fair and so do not do Crossroads anyway. You also need to know up front that

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## *From Their Majesties*

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the Canton of Aquataine, the Canton of Loch Lava, and the Duchy of Sangreal have committed themselves and their resources to make this fair work.

We do want to say to those who took the time to reply Thank you very much for sharing your true feelings and thoughts. They helped considerably.

Also for all those with whom We have spoken about this, thank you for your input, it was invaluable. When the sharing of ideas and opinions stops, this kingdom will die.

Your Royal Majesties,  
Sir Cromar I and Dame Willow II  
8th King and Queen of Esperance

## *40 Pound Bows*

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*Writ CW-5 2/14/01*

As the Royal Minister of Archery of Esperance has determined, after a couple of tournaments using a 40# bow with the new combat arrows, that it is too risky to allowed 40# bows to be used with the new combat arrows. His reasoning being that the shafts allow for a 40# max draw, some people have arm lengths that can exceed that draw, thus increasing that draw strength and making the shafts a breakage risk. The arrowheads can't withstand that much pressure, as his arrows had to be rebuilt after showing signs of disintegration in the barrier. Royal Minister of Archery of Esperance believes that the 35# bows are the only way to go as his original arrows that did not get shot from the 40# bows are still holding up strong with no signs of breakage.

(Writ CW-5 by King Cromar and Queen Willow II)

## *Demos, Collegia, and Fairs*

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*By Lord Cromar Volksblot*

There is a large debate over fairs and demos, the questions is always "why".

### 1 Fairs

a. We do the Fair for fun (if not, why do we support 2 fairs running at the same time?)

b. Fairs do bring in people like Sir Troy, Dame Rosellen, Sir William de'Mild, and Dame Margaret Rose.

c. Those of us who do the fair would to it anyway (with or without Adria)

d. If you think Faires are a waste of time, don't come. (If

you want to have fun, do come.)

### 2. Demo's

a. Type of recruiting (they are for increasing our population)

b. For education (sharing our knowledge)

1. They can occasional give us new members

2. They teach others especially children about medieval-renaissance culture.

3. They bring about an interest in learning (for you and them)

4. They will also bring that spark back to you by answering one of the questions most often asked "Why are we doing it?"

3. Can one do too many Demos?

a. Not unless it costs one the ability to support oneself and one's family.

b. What is the definition of too many?

c. Are not demos to teach and entertain the next generation the best reason of all for doing demos in the first place?

## *News from Canton Loch Lava'*

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*By Viceroy Isabel MacAskill*

Greetings to my fellow Esperancians,

We had a wonderful event this past February 24<sup>th</sup>. Our gracious crowns, HRM Dame Willow and HRM Sir Cromar visited our lands. Also in attendance were Sir Gregoire d'Avalon and his lovely daughter Katherine.

We had quite a generous Shinai list and a respectable Ren list. The winner in shinai was one of our newest combatants, Xaviar. Captain Angus Soth won the Ren list. There was a wholehearted attempt at a steel list, which due to equipment failure had to be cut short with no clear winner.

Though the wind kicked up and the temperatures dropped our exciting day began during opening court when Lady Emma O'Shea was given the new charter for the Canton. The Csnton now encompasses all of San Bernardino County. Lady Emma was finally knighted for her ministry work. It was a 2<sup>nd</sup> level knighting. Also notable was the awarding of the Royal Star of Esperance to Miles of Lowther, Captain Angus Soth and Mistress Annabella Soth. They join Sire Murdoch MacAskill and Sire Isabel MacAskill among the ranks of recipients of this wonderful and prestigious award. While court continued, the now Dame Emma was bestowed with the

title of Lady Baronette, Sir Edward McMasters was given tile of Lord Baronet, Master Murdoch MacAskill was made a Lord and Mistress Isabel MacAskill was made a Lady.

After the combat tournaments were complete, the majority of us made a hasty retreat to the MacAskill estate to participate in archery, to talk amongst friends, and to warm up. The archers bravely faced the weather with Jean Luc Cavalier taking the novice list and Captain Angus Soth taking the Bowman's (knight's) list.

We finished up the day's festivities indoors by holding closing court near the fireplace. The excitement of the day continued as Lady Emma stepped down from her positions of Baroness of Barony Brea O'wn and Viceroy of Canton Loch Lava. Stepping into the very hard to fill shoes of Lady Emma are Mistress Annabella Soth as Baroness and Lady Isabel MacAskill as Viceroy. They both take their positions very seriously and will probably be seeking council with some of the more experienced members of the kingdom.

The day was not without its tears. This was the last event for one of our members and his daughter. Miles of Lowther has chosen to travel North to new lands seeking riches for himself. He promises to keep the

messenger pigeons busy with keeping us up to date on his and the lovely Ivy's activities. We welcomed back a weary traveler. One of our wonderful combatants has returned from a sabattical journey. De La Luna is back among us and eager to fight.

With that I say adieu. I look forward to seeing all of you at future events. Below is what the Canton of Loch Lava' will be up to in the next few months.

Lady Isabel MacAskill

March 13<sup>th</sup>

Arts and Sciences Collegium at the MacAskills

March 24<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Canton Event

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Canton Event

Memorial Day Weekend Banner War in Las Vegas

Our fighter practices are Sundays from 9:00-12:00 (time change pending) at Luckie Park in 29 Palms with a practice in Yucca Valley at the Community Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the cycle.

For more information about our activities contact:

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## *Ministers' Reports*

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The minister's reports are very few and far between this month. Without a normal crown event, there was not much to report. Not only was the normally scheduled event rained out, but the makeup event was rained out as well.

Those who came to the event site retired to Coco's for breakfast and discussion of the issues that were to be discussed at the Estates Meeting.

### ***Minister of Joust and War***

The minister of Joust and War did not send in a report this month.

### ***Minister of Physicks***

The Minister of Physicks did not send in a report this month. (Which is a good thing!)

### ***Sovereign of Arms***

The Sovereign of Arms did not send in a report this month.

### ***Chancellor***

The Chancellor did not send in a report this month. However, let it be known that the February Estates meeting was called because there was not a quorum of the Estates present. However, those who were present were polled as to their opinions and the Crown sent out a questionnaire regarding our participation in Corona Faire. The result is that a majority of the few respondents want to do faire, so Esperance will do Corona Faire again this year.

### ***Chronicler***

You've got my report in your hands! Because the event and the makeup event for February were both rained out, this issue is a little big. I was able to hand out February's Chronique to most of those who came by to see if the

event would materialize. However, if you need a copy of the February event, I will have a few with me. Or send me a request. Unfortunately, I will need you to send it to [steve.eldredge@gateway.com](mailto:steve.eldredge@gateway.com).

If you have anything to submit, please submit it by the first Saturday of the month. If you can, e-mail it to me. However, I will accept anything in any format as long as it gets to me in time.

All submissions are subject to editing. I will not change the content without permission, but I will correct spelling, grammar, names, and similar items as I can.

Thank you,  
Sir Jamie the Red

### ***Minister of Archery***

The Minister of Archery did not send in a report this month. (He at least has an excuse, as he is now Sir Connor O'Riordain and had a knighting to plan and complete.)

### ***Hospitaller***

The Hospitaller did not send in a report this month. (He has the same excuse as the Minister of Archery!)

### ***Minister of Arts and Sciences***

The Minister of Arts and Sciences did not send in a report this month, most likely because there were no arts tourneys this month.

### ***Minister of Rolls and Lists***

The Minister of Rolls and Lists did not send in an official report. However, she wishes to inform those who at least came to the February make up event

that they will each receive a participation point for their efforts.

### ***Steward***

The Steward did not send in a report this month. However, in order to make it legal for the attendees of the February makeup event to receive a participation point, the Steward did take site fees from those present, so the Kingdom is not in arrears.

### ***Warden***

There will be an Estates meeting during the lunch break. The Corona Fair and other business will be discussed.

### ***Demos:***

March 16th:

Sir Coda is Autocrating a demo at the Mall of Buena Park on March 16th at 7:00 pm.

Please contact him at [heycoda\\_@earthlink.net](mailto:heycoda_@earthlink.net) for more info.

The Canton of Loch Lava' will be holding a demo in Loch Lava' at La Contenta Middle School in Yucca Valley Ca. April 4th from 7:45 to 10:00 am.

There is tentative demo scheduled for Joshua Springs Christian School, also in Yucca Valley from 12:00 pm through out the afternoon.

These are awaiting Crown approval.

For more info please contact Lady Isabel MacAskill, Vicereine of Loch Lava'

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### Collegium

April 14th (April event)

There will be a collegium entitled How to Write Winning Documentation for Your A/S Entries, given by Dame Katherine McGuire. This will include where to find research information and a template for presenting the information, so that it is clear and

easy for the judges to read and understand.

This will be given at the lunch break and a handout of resources and template will be provided.

For more information contact Dame Katherine McGuire at tudorrose\_1548@yahoo.com

Dame Katherine McGuire

Royal Warden of Esperance

### Tourney Mistress

Since the event and the "rain schedule" event were both rained out there was no tourney and hence no report.

Dame Katherine McGuire  
Royal Tourney Mistress

## Feast Days

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### March

March 1

The Matronalia, the primary feast of Juno, the chief Roman goddess. On this day, lambs and other cattle were sacrificed to her.

The Feriae Marti, the festival of Mars, the Roman god of war. This is also the New Year's Day in the old Roman calendar.  
Saint David's Day.

March 2

Holy Wells Day, the day of Ceadda, the Celtic goddess of healing springs and holy wells.

March 15

The Festival of Anna Perenna, the Roman goddess of the circle of the year. Her festival was celebrated on the full moon of the first month of the Roman year (the Ides of March).

March 16 and 17

The festival of Bacchus, the Roman god of wine (also known as Dionysus to the Greeks).

March 17

The Liberalia, the festival of Liber and Libera, a Roman fertility god and goddess.

Saint Patrick's Day.

March 19 - 23

The Mivervalia and Quinquatria, main festivals of Minerva, the Roman goddess of war, but also of wisdom arts and trades.

March 30

The Festival of Salus, the Roman goddess of public safety and welfare.

March 31

The Festival of Luna, the Roman goddess of the moon.

### April

April 1

The Veneralia, the festival of Venus, the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

April 5

Lady Luck Day, the festival Fortuna, the goddess of good fortune.

April 7-8

Easter, derived from the festival of Eastre (Ostara), the Saxon goddess of spring.

April 8

Hana-Matsuri, the festival of

Shaka, the Silent Sage from Japanese Buddhism.

April 9

The Lumeria, the festival in honor of the Lemures, the spirits of dead family members who wander the earth on these three spring nights.

April 15

The Fordicidia, the festival of Tellus, the Roman earth goddess.

April 16

The feast day of St. Bernadette.

April 19

The Cerealia, festival of Ceres, a Roman corn goddess.

April 21

The Palilia (Parilia), the festival of Pales, the Roman goddess of sheperds and flocks. This is also the legendary founding date of Rome.

April 23

Saint George's Day.

April 25

The Robigalia, the festival of Robigus, a Roman corn god.

## Calendar of Events: Special Events for March

**Canton of Aquitaine/County of Bastone Event**, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fairmont Park is at the 60 fwy and Market Street in the City of Riverside. Come on out and join the fun!

**Crown Event**, March 10<sup>th</sup>, the arts emphasis is on food and alchemy. Remember to bring two entries if you can, one food and one other so we can hold two lists. All of the other festivities will also be there, of course.

**Imperial Estates Meeting** March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Make sure your representatives know your preferences before they go.

**Arts Collegium**, March 13<sup>th</sup>, The Canton of Loch Lava is having an arts collegium. Call the Viceroy for more information about time, place, and all of that.

**Demo**, March 16<sup>th</sup>, Sir Coda is Autocrating a demo at the Mall of Buena Park on March 16th at 7:00 pm. Please contact him at hey coda\_@earthlink.net for more information.

**Wedding!** March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's day and the wedding of Baron William d'Mild and Baroness Lyrica Angelique.

**Palm Springs Faire** March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>, Technically this faire is in Sangrael, but they've let us run the demo for three years now. Lets make this one the best ever. The Canton Of Loch Lava is running this one this year.

**Canton of Loch Lava' Event**, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the canton of Loch Lava' is having their monthly event this day. Remember to contact the Vicereine of Loch Lava' for more information.

**Collegium/Demo**, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Mission Village trailer park where we held the coronation liked us so much that they want us to come back and do a day long demo. We're combining it with a series of collegia. Contact Countess Rosellen for more information.

<i>March</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Aquitaine Event
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Crown Event Imperial Estates Mtng
11 Imperial Estates Mtng	12	13 Arts Collegium	14	15	16 Demo: Mall of Buena Park	17 St. Patrick's Day Wedding!
18	19	20	21	22	23 Palm Springs Faire	24 Loch Lava Event Palm Springs Faire
25 Palm Springs Faire	26	27	28	29	30	31 Collegium/Demo

## Special Events for April

**Demos**, April 4<sup>th</sup>, La Contenta Middle School (7:45 am to 10:00 am) and Joshua Springs Christian School (Noon til it ends), both in Yucca Valley will be the sites of two demos on the same day. Contact the Vicereine of Loch Lava' for more information. (Note, as of publication, both of these demos wereawaiting crown approval.)

**Aquitaine Event**, April 7<sup>th</sup>, this is the usual event with all of the usual fun. Come out and have a great time.

**Crown Event**, April 14<sup>th</sup>, this event will emphasize crafted in the arts, I believe. Please bring two arts entries to fill the lists. Come out for the usual merriment and possibly a little extra.

**Corona Faire**, April 14<sup>th</sup> thru May 28<sup>th</sup>, This is the big one folks and is rapidly becoming the centerpiece of the Esperance Year. We did an awesome job last year, let's do even better this year.

**Canton of Loch Lava Event**, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the canton of Loch Lava' is having their monthly event this day. Remember to contact the Viceroy of Loch Lava' for more information.

**Devore Faire**, April 28<sup>th</sup> thru June 17<sup>th</sup>, Okay, this is the really big one. We don't have an official presence here, but many members attend. It's on our calendar so no one forgets.

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<i>April (This is a busy month!)</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Demos: La Contenta Middle Sch & Joshua Springs Christian Sch	5	6	7 Aquitaine Event
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Crown Event Corona Faire
15 Corona Faire	16	17	18	19	20	21 Corona Faire
22 Corona Faire	23	24	25	26	27	28 Loch Lava Event Corona Faire Devore Faire
29 Corona Faire Devore Faire	30					

### *Special Events for May*

**Corona Faire**, April 14<sup>th</sup> thru May 28<sup>th</sup>, This is the big one and it'll be in it's second month here. We need to maintain our momentum throughout the month despite burnout and all of the other activities planned for May.

**Devore Faire**, April 28<sup>th</sup> thru June 17<sup>th</sup>, Okay, this is the really big one. We don't have an official presence here, but many members attend. It's on our calendar so no one forgets.

**Aquitaine Event**, May 5<sup>th</sup>, All of the usual merriment, come on out and play.

**Crown Event**, May 12<sup>th</sup>, for the tourney, this month's arts emphasis is on bardic projects. Remember to bring two projects, one bardic and one of any other type. All of the usual merriment will occur.

**Canton of Loch Lava' Event**, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the canton of Loch Lava' is having their monthly event this day. Come on out for the fun! Contact the Viceroy of Loch Lava' for more information.

**Banner War**, May 26<sup>th</sup> thru May 28<sup>th</sup>, We joined with Aragon and won the banner last year, lets keep it this year, or at least give a good account of ourselves! The war is in Aragon, stay tuned for details.

<i>May (And we thought Last Month was Busy!)</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Aquitaine Event Faires
6 Faires	7	8	9	10	11	12 Crown Event Faires
13 Mother's Day Faires	14	15	16	17	18	19 Faires
20 Faires	21	22	23	24	25	26 Loch Lava Event Faires Banner War
27 Faires Banner War	28 Memorial Day Faires Banner War	29	30	31		

## *Preparing for Faire*

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*By Sir Jamie the Red*

As faire approaches, everyone is preparing for the coming rush of activities that spring and summer bring to Esperance. Every year since the Corona Crossroads Faire began, we have been faced with the same dilemma; do we prepare and encampment at faire or not.

This year, we have decided to do faire again. We are looking at a minimum of twelve weeks of effort to complete the run of faire. Three weeks of setup, seven weeks of faire, and two weeks of teardown. This sustained effort is guaranteed to burn out anyone who tries to do it all.

One of Esperance's biggest assets is its populace. The more people who work, the less work each person will have to do. Every year, droves of people volunteer to help with everything. Every year it seems that a few people end up doing the bulk of the work. We need to get more people involved in the actual work.

Various methods have been discussed for getting the people who attend to work. However, ultimately, this is a volunteer organization. We need to volunteer. If you plan to go to faire, even for just a day, expect to spend 1/4 of your time working in the encampment. It's not that hard and you might even enjoy it. It will also give someone else, who has been working the whole day, the chance to walk faire and has some fun of their own.

Nobody wants to be stuck doing all of the work, so do your share. You can trust your friends to do theirs too, though they may need a reminder to get them started. Don't be shy. They're your friends, remind them!

## *The Poetry Corner*

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*Contributed by Sir Jamie the Red*

### *From The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*

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And those who husbanded the Golden grain,  
And those who flung it to the winds like Rain,  
Alike to no aureate Earth are turn'e  
As, buried once, Men want dug up again.

19

I sometimes think that never blows so red  
The Rose as where some buried Caesar bled;  
That every Hyacinth the Garden wears  
Dropt in her Lap from some once lovely Head.

35

Then to the Lip of this poor earthen Urn

## *Medeival/Renaissance Collegium and Demo*

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When: March 31,2001

Where: Mission Village Mobile home Park

Where? In the Recreation Hall where  
Coronation was held this year!

What time 10 am to 4pm

Refreshments will be provided for teachers, performers, and participants in archery or combat.

For the general public and those just attending the classes, refreshments will be on sale for you to buy, or you may bring a sack lunch.

If you wish to teach a class, please call me or e-mail me, and I will get you a time and classroom to teach in. There will be two or three classrooms available for use. The class can be from one hour to two hours long and you may charge for supplies or request students to bring supplies. If you want students to bring supplies, I need the supply price and tool list when you sign up to teach. As soon as possible to get the word out.

Performing in Combat, Archery, Cards, Sachet making, will run from 11:am till 2pm on rotation. I need a Coordinator for combat.

Please Contact Lady Rosellen at :  
ROSELLEN1999@AOL.Com

I lean'd, the Secret of my Life to learn:  
And Lip to Lip it murmur'd -- While you live,  
Drink! -- for, once dead, you never shall return.

27

Myself when young did eagerly frequent  
Doctor and Saint, and heard great argument  
About it and about: but evermore  
Came out by the same door where in I went.

28

With them the seed of wisdom did I sow,  
And mine own hand wrought to make it grow;  
And this was all the Harvest that I reap'd?  
I came like Water, and like Wind I go.

# Cuir Bouilli: Part V

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*Submitted by Sir Jamie the Red*

*Editor's Note: I have removed references to page numbers and images because they did not translate when I downloaded this information from the Internet. This is the fourth in what promises to be a long series of articles. Please be patient and they will all get printed as space permits.*

## **Leather and the Warrior**

An account of the importance of leather to the fighting man from the time of the ancient Greeks to World War II

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## **CUIR BOUILLI (pp 62-76)**

*Continued from the February issue*

Ornament, usually of a fairly bold character, can also be incorporated in hollow moulds, being carved intaglio so that it stands out in relief on the surface of the finished article: this was done in the case of armor and not infrequently with bottles and flasks. In certain cases (e.g. jugs, tankards, and buckets) the main seam will be stitched first, the leather being dry, then the object will be soaked, sammed, and when in a suitable condition drawn over a former (no easy task). The flanged base will be made separately, moulded over two metal rings and both parts 'stoved' until the required state of pliancy is reached when they will be withdrawn, the flanged base fitted into the bottom of the body part, stitched (the most difficult part of all) and the completed object returned to the 'stove' until quite dry and 'set'.

Small bottles or flasks, with an opening far too small to admit any kind of former, could be made by either of two variants of the standard method; the component parts would first of all be stitched together, the leather in its natural state, the object filled with sand and then immersed in cold water until saturated; then, using the wet sand as a pliant base, the object worked into its final shape and placed in the 'stove' where it would remain until dry and 'set' when the sand would be poured out: or, the body also could be cut in two equal parts and shaped, as well as the flanged base, in hollow moulds (after soaking); removed whilst still pliant and the pieces sewn together, then filled with sand to preserve the shape whilst drying in the 'stove'. A feature that confirms all these procedures is that the stitching, with heavy hemp or linen thread, well waxed,

sinks right into the soft leather whether it be dry or wet, whereas even were it possible to stitch the object after hardening the stitches would remain on the surface where they would wear away in use.

When an object is finally hardened into shape it must be 'finished' according to its purpose: most everyday things were dyed black and then waxed; and those intended to hold liquid 'lined' with pitch, resin or wax, chiefly to prevent liquid soaking into the flesh side of the leather and, after a time, softening it again, and also to keep them from getting foul. Other objects, according to their kinds, would be stained brown or ornamented with paintings or colored dyes, sometimes with the addition of gold.

Until modern times there were three basic ways of converting raw hides or skins into leather and each produced leather with distinct characteristics. Tanning, employing the 'tannin' present in all vegetable matter, was the most important, providing the leathers used for most everyday purposes - clothing, footwear, harness, flasks, bottles and jugs, containers for travelling, shields and parts of armour: tawing (the basis of the modern mineral 'tannage'), originally employing alum and salt, produced a soft, pure white leather largely used for such things as small bags and pouches, gloves, and certain articles of clothing: and chamoising (or oil 'tannage'), an oil oxygenation process employed in making two kinds of leather, the thin 'shammy' (originally made from antelope skins) used for articles of clothing, certain kinds of bags and pouches, gloves, and in our time, for cleaning glass and motorcars; and the thick, tough, virtually indestructible buff of which the original use was almost entirely military, and only later industrial, principally for polishing ('buffing') metals.

Buff leather took its name from the European buffalo or buffe from the hide of which it was originally made, and later from that of elk, horse, or cattle. It gave its name to the pale yellow color, which arose from the particular process by which it was made. Of all the leathers made by the above-mentioned methods and their many variants, it was the toughest and the most durable. Vegetable-tanned leathers have survived under water or in water-logged soil for 2000 years and more without serious loss of essential properties, although in damp or humid conditions they can be destroyed by moulds; tawed leathers are completely destroyed by water or damp; but such little information as has been collected about buff leather in adverse conditions appears to indicate that it successfully resists the ordinary hazards.

*To be continued*

## ***Royal Ministers for Esperance***

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