

# Joe LaFlamme 2.0



Happy Spring and Easter!

## Lillie immigrates to Canada via Liverpool, Great Britain



Photo courtesy of Joby LaFlamme

March 1919. Émilie Haigneré (later known as Lillie LaFlamme) leaves for Canada from Liverpool on the R.M.S. Melita. But why Liverpool since she was living in Paris? At the time, the freight port was the busiest one in Europe, with ships leaving frequently. This meant the cheapest rates for travellers immigrating to North America. Furthermore, the frequent departures reduced costly waiting time in the city. This was therefore Émilie's most economical option as she had only 130 French francs in her pocket, which was not much given the weakness of the postwar franc.



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How and when did Joe LaFlamme start training wolves for the sled? Find out in our next cartoon, coming out March 27, 2024.

## Northern Ontario: a breeding ground for colourful characters

Northern Ontario has nurtured its fair share of colourful characters, including:

- ◆ Joe LaFlamme, wolf tamer (Gogama)
- ◆ Anahareo, activist for fur-bearing animals' rights and Grey Owl's wife (Mattawa)
- ◆ Tim Horton, NHL hockey player and co-founder of the Tim Hortons multinational coffeehouse chain (Cochrane)
- ◆ Allan Thicke, actor, composer, producer and singer (Kirkland Lake)
- ◆ Roy Thomson, media magnate (Swastika)
- ◆ Conrad Laframboise, national and world champion body builder (Espanola)
- ◆ Sir Harry Oakes, gold mine owner and one of the world's wealthiest men (Kirkland Lake)
- ◆ Hector "Toe" Blake, NHL hockey player and coach (Coniston)



To find out more about these and other northern personalities, read: *Come On Over! Northeastern Ontario A to Z*, by authors Dieter K. Buse and Graeme S. Mount. The first edition was published in 2011 by Scrivener Press. Latitude 46 Publishing is releasing the second edition on May 25, 2024.



## Erratum – February 2024 Newsletter

[Here is the missing link](#) to the *International Wolf* magazine article on the Canadian Museum of Nature's wolf exhibit.

## Your Artists

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