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serves as an umbrella for a number of Acadian interests and has affiliates around the world in such places as Maine, Massachusetts, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Falkland Islands and Lafayette — the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, better known as CODOFIL, of which Perrin is president, is also an affiliate.

“At that point,” said Michel Cyr, a Moncton attorney and newly-elected president of the Société Nationale de l’Acadie, “my predecessor, Euclide Chaisson, got on board and has carried the file in an official fashion.”

Members and other Acadians in Canada were polled to find out what would satisfy them in terms of redressing the issue.

With the support of the SNA, the movement grew. Then-Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien also gave his official support. The SNA, acting on behalf of all its member groups, sent a letter to the queen asking her to address the issue.

“Six months later, she answered, saying that she would ask her ministers to look into it,” Perrin said.

The SNA filed copious amounts of paperwork with the federal government of Canada. “There were 128 briefs presented by individuals and groups,” Cyr said.

Negotiations eventually led to the proclamation at the end of 2003.

The proclamation has more than symbolic value, Faragher said. “From my point of view as a historian, it makes people think critically about an important event in the past.”

Some have objected to the assertion that the proclamation comes from the British crown, saying that it refers to Elizabeth II as the “queen of Canada.”

“One of the quirks of history is that Her Majesty, Elizabeth II is queen of Canada,” Cyr said. “She wears two crowns — that of Great Britain and another crown, which is that of queen of Canada. From that perspective, it would be normal that any proclamation coming from the constitutional monarchy would come from her governor-general when she is not in Canada.”

Perrin said he is satisfied with the results, especially in light of the fact that the events of the mid-1700s took place in Canada under the direction of the king’s provincial council.

There is one more event that some Acadians in Canada are hoping for — a visit from Queen Elizabeth to the Acadian provinces when she visits western Canada in July 2005 to commemorate the establishment of the western provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Because of the size of Canada and time constraints, such a visit is not likely, Cyr said. “We’re waiting for an official response from the Canadian government as to the possible presence of Her Majesty in Nova Scotia in July of 2005.”

Perrin said he was interviewed Tuesday by a reporter from the British Broadcasting Corporation in London about the proclamation. “I told her that I hope the queen would be able to come to Nova Scotia in 2005 to complete the good work her ministers had accomplished and bring the matter to a fitting conclusion.”