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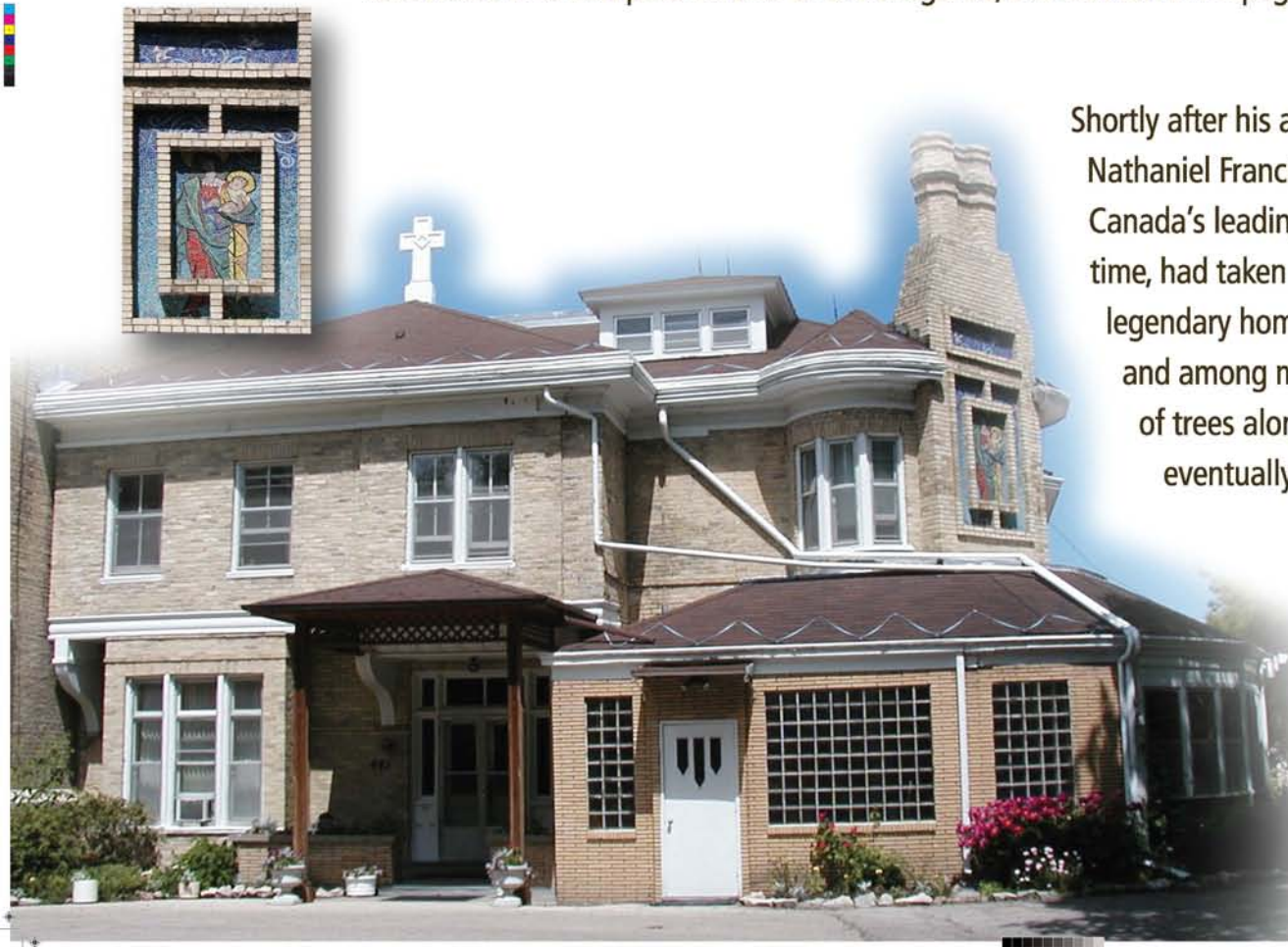
A caricature of E.P. Leacock (no date). One of his schemes saw him charter a fictional railway company – the Winnipeg, Hudson Bay and Arctic Ocean Railway. No track was ever laid but his title of secretary-treasurer of the company enabled E.P. to obtain free passes from legitimate railways all over North America.

The Scoundrel and the Lawyer

Leacock House was built in 1878 by Edward Philip "E.P." Leacock (1853-ca.1925), uncle of famed Canadian writer Stephen Leacock. The magnificent brick home on Scotia Street was the scene of the finest parties where "the champagne was always cooled to a temperature of 38°F" and the "roaring hospitality never stopped." Described by many as a "quaint character," it was solely E.P.'s charm that allowed him to live the high life without seemingly ever paying for it. All good things must indeed come to an end, so after having finally worn out his welcome with friend and business associates who had paid his bills of extravagance, Leacock left Winnipeg for good in the late 1890s.



Shortly after his arrival from Ontario in 1881, Nathaniel Francis Hagel (1846-1915), one of Canada's leading criminal lawyers at the time, had taken residence in Mr. Leacock's legendary home. Hagel was also an avid amateur horticulturalist and among many things he planted on the property was a row of trees along the driveway of his home. The driveway eventually became Forrest Avenue.



The magnificent brick and stone Leacock House, now part of the Marymount complex with the mosaic tile artwork

(M. Peterson, 2005).



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609 X 711 mm
(24" X 28")

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