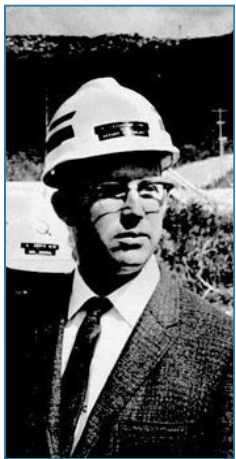




René Levasseur, the engineer, the builder

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The [René-Levasseur Island](#) emerges out of the Manicouagan reservoir some 200 km (120 miles) north of Baie-Comeau. It is a circular mass 80 kilometres wide that covers some 2020 square kilometres. This island in the back country of the Northern Shore is considered the second largest lake island in the world. It was created in 1968 following the inauguration of the Daniel Johnson dam and it encloses two large bodies of water, the Du Chaunoy and Observation lakes. Mount Babel dominates the center of the island at 950 meters in height. This site commemorates the memory of René Levasseur, engineer and director of Manic 5. Unfortunately Rene passed away at the age of 35, a few days before the official opening of the [Daniel Johnson dam](#).

Following brilliant studies at l'Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal, **René Levasseur** was hired by Hydro-Quebec and supervised the completion of the hydro-electrical dam in Carillon. In 1962 he was sent to manage Manic-5, today called the Daniel Johnson dam. In 1964 he became the chief engineer of the project and in 1965 the director. ironically. Daniel Johnson, then premier of Quebec, passed away shortly after René Levasseur at the site that both had been expected to inaugurate.



René-Levasseur Island is a large island in the centre of Lake Manicouagan in Quebec, Canada. Its highest peak is Mount Babel, at 952 m (3,123 feet). With a total area of 2,020 km² (and a diameter of 72 km), the island is larger in area than the annular lake in which it is situated. René-Levasseur Island is the world's second largest lake island (the largest is Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron).

The geological structure was formed by the impact of a meteorite 214 million years ago. The meteorite is believed to have been about 5 km in diameter, and would have hit the earth at a speed of 17 km/s, the fourth most powerful known impact that Earth has seen[citation needed]. The impact of the meteorite formed a crater roughly 100 km in diameter, the centre of which forms the island known today. It became an artificial island when the Manicouagan reservoir was flooded in 1970, merging two crescent-shaped lakes: Mouchalagane Lake on the western side and Manicouagan Lake on the eastern side. It is the largest artificial island in the world.

Hydro-Québec's Daniel-Johnson Dam on the Manicouagan River, which created the Manicouagan Reservoir is the world's largest multiple-arch dam.

Source : [Wikipedia](#)

René Levasseur direct lineage

[Noël Levasseur](#)
|
[Pierre Levasseur\Lespérance 1627-1694](#)
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[Pierre Levasseur 1661-1731](#)
|
[Denis-Joseph Levasseur 1712-1792](#)
|
[Ignace Levasseur 1739-1814](#)
|
[François Levasseur 1768-1843](#)
|
[Louis Levasseur 1812-1855](#)
|
[Joseph Levasseur 1850-1904](#)
|
[Ferdinand Levasseur 1874-1947](#)
|
[Albert Levasseur 1906-1967](#)
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[René Levasseur 1933-1968](#)

Source: [Online Levasseur database](#)



Ile René-Levasseur, Québec
Source: <http://www.cosmosplus.com/node/490>

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- To join together and unite a large number of Levasseur and other descendants who have adopted the patronymic Borgia, Carmel, Carmell, Vasseur, Vassor, Vasser.
- To promote, develop and diffuse historical genealogical knowledge about the Levasseur families with Internet, an electronic Newsletter published three times per year also the publication of genealogical dictionaries.
- To maintain and update, on an ongoing basis, the genealogical data base available to members at all times on the Internet.
- To make available to members a family photo album and the Newsletters that the Association has published since 1988.
- To honor the memory of our forefathers and their descendants by way of monuments, plaques or symbolic gestures that commemorate historic events that are chronicle the Levasseur family.
- To gather all documents related to the Levasseur family for the purpose of constructing archives that will constitute the heritage of our Association and that will provide a source of information for historians and genealogists.

We would appreciate if you could send us family related documents that would add to our data base of archives and also enable us to continue the publication of the Levasseur Newsletter three times per year. The participation of the Levasseurs and members of their families is essential to allow us to pursue our mission. Send us your photos and texts for the next publication of the Newsletter. You can download them very easily with this new tool and by providing a brief description of the photo or text that is being sent. Following receipt of your documents, a copy of all information to be published in the Newsletter will be sent to you for approval prior to final publication.

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