

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 9th, 1968 at 8 p.m. - New Town Hall  
Old Chelsea, P.Q.

For the next meeting we are fortunate in having Dr. H.T. Douglas, Chairman of the History Group of the Historical Society of Ottawa who will lead a discussion on how a history group might be established and run. Dr. Douglas was one of a small number who started a history group in his Society in November 1952, and he has led this group during the intervening years. He therefore comes to us with qualifications of a high order.

*Dr. Douglas, graduate of M.C.B. in medicine, born in Ottawa, overseas during 1st war, in Dept. of Health & Welfare in Ottawa*

FUTURE MEETINGS

At our annual meeting there was a lively discussion on what direction we should follow for the future, particularly toward taking a more intimate interest in the history of our area. It was decided that at least some future meetings would be turned over to regional representatives to organize, and this would serve the purpose of identifying us more closely with a particular region. There will be more on this later.

AUCTION SALE

The sale this year was the most successful to date, with a gross of about \$1,660 which is some \$400 over the previous year. This netted the Society about \$900. On behalf of the Society, may I say thank you to all those who contributed in any way toward this success. We look forward to another one next year, and suggest that you start setting aside suitable items to be put up for auction.

"HURLING DOWN THE PINE"

There is steady sale of this publication, but we still have a goodly supply. This would be an appropriate item to include on your Christmas list for those who have everything else. You may obtain your requirements at a nominal cost of \$3.00 each through Mrs. E.J. Ryan, Old Chelsea, P.Q.

CEMETERY PROJECT

Further work has been carried out this Fall on the old cemetery north of Chelsea in which is buried Private R.R. Thompson, the only Canadian winner of the Queen's Scarf of Honour for distinguished service in the South African War. Two stone posts and a small stone pylon have been erected, and these contain commemorative bronze plaques. Other work has been done in straightening the entrance roadway and improving the parking area. It is anticipated that there will be an unveiling of these memorials sometime next Spring.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May I express my thanks for your support of the Society during the past year, and extend to you very best wishes for CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR.

Arthur Davison,  
President.