

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

We are to be privileged to have our next meeting at 8 P.M. on Tuesday, 14 July 1970 in the delightful 1843 vintage home originally built by Harry Prentiss and owned since 1946 by Mrs. S. G. McDougall. This house incorporated a store and a post office in its early days and there are still vestiges of the store in old drawers and cabinets labelled with such relics of another day as "Ladies' Balmorals" and "Men's Gaiters".

Our guest speaker is to be Mrs. Gladys Blair who has written up the Prentiss House as part of her well-known series on Historic Homes in the Ottawa Journal. Mrs. Blair has identification with our district in other areas of interest. Her family had a cottage on the island at Chelsea before the days of the power dam and in 1955 she was a member of the company which provided summer theatre at Moorside.

The Prentiss cum McDougall House is on Highway 11 north from Hull at the southerly end of Chelsea Village opposite the Post Office.

There is some limited parking in front of the house on both sides of the highway. Permission has been granted to park on the south side only of the Post Office yard and behind the nearby Shell Station at the corner of the road to Old Chelsea and Kingsmere.

This should be an interesting evening in charming surroundings.

### LAST MEETING

We are indebted to Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Geggie and the Harry Thomsons for one of our most popular meetings held on the 20th of May at Terrimac Golf Club. If you were there you know whereof we speak and if you were not you missed something.

### COLLECTOR'S ITEM

Mr. Charles Wright formerly of the CBC and now an Information Officer with DVA has turned over to the Society on permanent loan a copy of Canada at Britain's Side by the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King with an inscription written on the fly-leaf to Lady Willingdon by the author. He has suggested that this volume be placed in one of the rooms at Moorside which seems to be an altogether fitting home for it.

This is a unique addition to our modest collection of Canadiana and we are most grateful to Mr. Wright for his thoughtful gesture.

### SOME DUES STILL DUE

We hate to harp on such a mundane matter as money but there is a small remainder of members who have overlooked sending in their annual dues of \$2.00 per person. This will be the last time of asking (or harping). If you wish to continue as a member, and we hope you do, you can get this off your mind quickly by sending the amount to the undersigned at Chelsea P.O., P.Q.

Since it is frequently difficult to know who owes we shall marginally mark in red the notice of those who, according to our records, may appreciate the reminder. By the way you may also pay at the next meeting.

### AUCTION ACTION

Interest is already developing in our next auction, our eighth annual, scheduled for Saturday, August 29th, 1970.

There will be more specific information sent to you in due time but meanwhile you and your friends might start stashing away those items which could be of more value to someone else than to you.

And do mark the date on your calendar now. This event is ordinarily one of the season's highlights of Old Chelsea.

Arthur Davison,  
President.