

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

On Thursday, 25 May, 1972 at 8 p.m. we will have what is turning out to be our regular Spring meeting at the Larrimac Golf Club. Once again the President and Officers have extended to us the privilege of using the facilities of the Club.

There will be a "double bill" at this meeting, both features of which are keyed to the burgeoning of new life and colour in our cherished hills and valleys. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomson are re-appearing after a two year interval and Mrs. Muriel Weatherburn is joining them in an evening of colour slides and colourful talk on the minor wonders of floral and fungus growth in our area.

Come share with us this antidote to snow and ice of which we have had a too-generous dose this winter passed.

LAST MEETING

In the impressive surroundings of the library of Philemon Wright High School Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Geggie revealed to us the results of their very considerable research into the early history of Wakefield, Masham and the surrounding area. They brought pictures, maps and other papers to illustrate the talk and they made available to us photocopies of some of their papers. Once again we are indebted to the Geggies for an informative and interesting talk.

MORE ABOUT MOORSIDE

May Mulvihill and Jean Chapman who, we are pleased to announce, will be managing Moorside Tea Room for yet another season, are busily involved in making the arrangements for opening on 19 May 1972. Closing day will be after Thanksgiving in October and in the meantime we hope you and your friends will find many occasions to treat yourselves to the pleasures of a visit to the Tea Room. This operation continues to be an "image intensifier" for the Society.

HISTORICAL CURRENT ACCOUNTS

We speak not of banks but of some new writing of history related to the Gatineau region. Edouard Laberge, reporting for his committee on our Historical Essay Contest which closed on March 31st, has advised on the results of the judging by Mrs. Marion Roberts and Col. D.E. MacIntyre to whom we are grateful for their time and thought. A full report will be made at the next meeting to which we have invited the winners listed below to receive their prizes.

First Prize of \$75.00	Bruce Stewart Elliott
Second Prize of \$50.00	Lily Beatrice Gachnang
Third Prizes of \$25.00 each	Stephen William Reford Christopher Peter Nielson

We congratulate each of the winners and look forward to meeting them on the 25th of May.

SOME ADO ABOUT DUES

As of 23 April, 1972, prior to Sheila Strang, our Secretary-Treasurer departing on a holiday out West some of our members had overlooked sending in their annual dues. We need you and want you to be happy in your membership. In this case, happiness (both yours and ours) is being in good standing with the Society. If you find this item marked in red please remit to Miss Strang, Old Chelsea, P.Q. unless you have done so since April 23rd.

SEEING THE SIGHTS AND SITES

Our Program Chairman, Lid Ryan, has suggested that there might be some interest in a bus tour for members, possibly in the Autumn, of the Gatineau region concentrating on points of historic interest and natural beauty. What are your views on the proposal?

AUCTION SALE IN THE OFFING

Our annual Auction Sale is scheduled for 26 August 1972 and because this will be our tenth we should make it something special. We must find ways of limiting the length of the sale as last year's fifteen hours was a bit too much. On the other hand the essential character of the operation should be maintained as this has proven popular witnessed by the steady growth of the event. Any suggestions?

In the meantime please put aside some real "goodies" for our tenth anniversary sale.

Arthur Davison
President