

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

We have had several suggested locations for what would have been our July meeting but our dedicated Program Chairman, Lid Ryan, has encountered many difficulties in completing arrangements. In the process, however, some interesting houses have been put on the pending list for future meetings, including The Farm at Kingsmere, residence of the Speaker of the House of Commons; the Pritchard House in Alcove and the Asa Meech and O'Brien Houses near Meach Lake.

We will be having a meeting on or about 7th September 1972 in the home of Col Eric Acland, a former mayor of Aylmer. More details will be provided in a later notice.

LAST MEETING

At the Larrimac Golf Club on the evening of 25th May 1972 we were again treated to an interesting and informative evening of slides and descriptions of the profuse variety of wild flower and fungus growth of the Gatineau. Our star performers were Mr and Mrs Harry Thomson and Mrs Muriel Weatherburn to whom we are grateful.

An added feature was the opportunity of meeting and presenting prizes to our four Essay Contest winners supported by their families. We have since sent the winners coloured prints of the presentation, courtesy of Dulci Hudson, one of our founding members.

REHABILITATION

Within the last two weeks a memorial stone of some significance in our cemetery north of Chelsea was replaced on its base after having been toppled some time ago. This stone marks the graves of John D. Meech, son of Asa Meech by his third marriage, who died in 1901 and of John's two sons Steven and Silas, who were drowned in Meach Lake in 1888.

A JOYNT IN THE GATINEAU

Mr John Blair of Kingsmere has recently donated to the Society a mail box and some metal cancellation and other stamps which came from the village of Joynt near Lake Bernard. We are seeking from the Post Office Department any background information they have on this Joynt. We appreciate this accretion to our archives.

DOES ANYBODY HERE KNOW BEEBE?

A letter has been received from Don Beebe of Regina seeking information on Steadman Beebe who had a daughter, Sarah E. Beebe, who married William J Tusk about 1881. Steadman Beebe lived in Eardley, Que. He has been referred to the Public Archives but if any of our members can proffer any information please telephone me at 827-2598.

MEMORIAL TO SAMUEL BENEDICT

In conjunction with the N.C.C. and Mr McDougal Veale, whose last wife was a descendant of Samuel Benedict, arrangements are being made for the installation of a memorial plaque on a huge boulder near the junction of Mountain Road and Gamelin Boulevard. This land was part of the Benedict farm for over 150 year.

It is planned to have an unveiling and dedication ceremony toward the end of September or early in October to which members will be invited.

FINALLY

We will see you and/or your consignments (both important) at the tenth annual auction sale on 26 August 1972. Please see attached notice.

Arthur Davison,
President.