

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

This year is the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Parish of Hull - Anglican Church of Canada. The first church - the oldest in the whole region - was established in 1823 by Philemon Wright and some associates. The present church is the third, the first two having suffered destruction by fire.

As an element in the anniversary celebrations arrangements have been completed for a joint meeting - the very first - of La Société historique de l'ouest du Québec and our Society.

Dr. Lucien Brault, the eminent historian, archivist and author has kindly consented to speak to us informally on local history complemented by a showing of slides.

The time is 8 p.m. on Tuesday 30 October 1973 (sandwiched between Election Day and Hallowe'en) and the place is the Parish Hall of St. James Church, 60 Main Street, Hull. There is adequate parking space to the rear which is reached by turning in off Main Street immediately west of the church.

The opportunity to hear Dr. Brault and to meet and associate with the members of our sister society as well as with the adherents of the churches who are being invited is one not to be missed. And rumour has it that there may even be light refreshments as an additional inducement. Could you ask for more?

### ADDED FEATURE

At the suggestion and request of Canon W.J. Belford, the Rector of St. James, the Society is co-operating with La Société and the church in setting up an historical display in the Parish Hall which will be on view to the public during the afternoon and evening from Friday October 26th to Monday November 5th. Items from the church, private collections and our museum at Moorside will make up the display. Come ogle our artifacts!

### LAST MEETING

July 29th was a sunny midsummer Sunday and ideal for our outdoor meeting on the lovely lawns and under the trees of the Pritchard House in Alcove. Those who attended were treated to some lively reminiscences of the early days of this fine old house which was the centre of social life in the community. Mr. and Mrs. J.I. Thompson, Mrs. R.B. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pritchard and Miss Hasley opened their memories to us and revealed some "good old days" which must have been really good. In the old house itself one could almost feel the presence of earlier generation, of Pritchards and their countless friends. An enjoyable adventure on a pleasant afternoon up-country!

### LAST EVENT

The ceremony of unveiling and dedicating a plaque to the pioneer Moffatt Family on Sunday, September 23rd was not blessed with the best of weather but despite this about 200 relatives and friends turned out for the occasion. This was the culmination of a dream for Mrs. Walter Moffatt and it is thanks to her inspiration, enthusiasm and generosity that the event took place and that the name of the Society was linked with hers in the enduring bronze of the plaque. Mr. Bruce Elliott, a member of the family and the winner of our first Essay Contest worked assiduously with Mrs. Moffatt and the Society in developing the project and the ceremony with the co-operation of the N.C.C. If you have not already seen the plaque in its attractive woody setting do drop by!

### SECOND LAST EVENT

Following previous periods of heat, high humidity and showers Auction Sale Day was almost ideal with a dry moderate temperature and plenty of sunshine.

We had about 100 more items than last year in spite of efforts to reduce our stock. These articles were consigned by 61 people with an additional 10 donating items with a sale value of \$142.50. Although we had 77 fewer registered bidders than last year they must have had more money because our total gross was about 40% higher than last year which made it the best sale ever, by far.

The day started at 8.30 a.m. with a viewing period, then the sale at 9.30 a.m. which ran continuously until 11 p.m. when the last of 453 items was finally knocked down to the highest bidder. This was a challenge to our operators but they rose to it and, with the many other devoted workers, are to be thanked by the Society for its most successful sale which attracted the best press coverage that we have ever had. An arduous operation but a satisfying one!

### HELPING HAND

A student aid proposal is almost ready to hatch and we will divulge what springs forth as soon as the nest (of details) is tidied up - which should be soon. Intrigued? So are we!

And speaking of helping - help yourself to some reading pleasure by buying the latest book of our old friend and fellow member, Col. D.E. MacIntyre who has entertained us on two memorable occasions with his inimitable reminiscences. Now some of them are down on paper in his book END OF STEEL. An idea for Christmas and those long winter evenings coming up!

Arthur Davison,  
President.