

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

In line with an item in our last Newsletter under the heading of "Research" our next speaker will address us on the topic of approaches and techniques applicable to taping historical interviews.

Mr Leo La Clare heads the Oral History Branch of the Public Archives and will speak to us on Wednesday, 16th April 1975 at 8 p.m. in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que.

As this type of research is one of our current projects for the Society we expect many of our members will want to hear from a man whose work is so closely allied to the subject.

Come and find out how to record the memoirs of our "old-timers" and so help preserve our own heritage.

ANNUAL MEETING - HIGHLIGHTS

Our annual meeting was held on 30 January 1975 and the significant events of the past year reviewed, followed by some discussion.

Business at Moorside Tea Room showed another increase, with sales totalling over \$84,000. May Mulvihill, after 11 years of dedicated and people-oriented service, is retiring and Jean Chapman and Elaine Albert will carry on in the management roles. The Tea Room received favourable reviews and comments during the season and with its growing popularity we have "a tiger by the tail". Competent management, good food, attentive service, pleasant atmosphere and reasonable prices have resulted in more and more people "beating a path to our door".....the contribution box in our little museum at Moorside was stuffed with \$231.50 by generous visitors.....Alan Powell reported on our programme of five meetings and a trip to Rawdon during the year.....our annual Essay Contest produced some excellent results with \$370 being given in prizes to the six winners.....our bursary to the Museum Technology department of Algonquin College was continued and increased \$50 to \$300.....efforts are being made, under Pat Evans' direction, to generate interest in local historical research.....during 1974 we had 190 regular and 10 honorary members with 14 new additions.....the annual auction sale is still our money-maker thanks to the short but intensive efforts of a large number of members and friends. Out of total receipts of \$3,980 the Society netted \$1,470 from this popular venture... ..the first periodical of the Society is in its birth pangs with a hoped-for delivery by early summer.....one improvement to our cemetery at Chelsea was the eradication of a healthy crop of poison ivy-good riddance!.....financially the Society is well "in the black" which is fortunate as we can be less inhibited in supporting proven projects consistent with our over-all aims. Sheila Strang keeps our books in good and comprehensive order and Dorothy Tewksbury provides an annual scrutiny.....we had three Executive Committee meetings during 1974 and one on 8 January 1975. During the year we lost through resignation three valued members of the executive in Fiona Hyslop, Marion Welsh and Ray Watson, all of whom contributed significantly in their own ways. We gained Ann Crane and Terry Riddell and they are already "making their mark".....we are co-operating with Rolf Latté and Bob Haig of the N.C.C. in the preparation of a bibliography of Sources of Historical Data in the N.C.C. region. Later we will help in their survey of heritage buildings and sites in West Hull.....we have been asked for our assistance in the forthcoming celebrations marking the 175th anniversary of the founding, as well as the 100th anniversary of the incorporation, of Hull and the centenary of St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Chelsea.....Moiya Wright introduced the subject of the recognition of and marking of landmarks in Old Chelsea which the members present supported in principle.....the present Executive Committee agreed to carry on representing what it hopes are your wishes.....through Rod Sparks' efforts we enjoyed a relatively new film on "Col. By's Town" - well worth seeing!

AN "INSTITUTION" PASSES

Jimmy Dunn, who was as well-known as the landmark of Dunn's Hotel in which he lived in Old Chelsea, passed away at the beginning of March. Jimmy lent his valued support, particularly during the formative years of the Society and he will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

FEEES PLEASE

Some have and some have not but if you are among the "have nots" will you please change your status right away by sending to Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2NO your cheque for \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family for annual dues. Then you can put the matter right out of your mind. As announced previously this increased fee includes a copy of our new publication which is in the throes of gestation - a little delayed by circumstances but definitely on the way.

Arthur Davison,
President.