

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

One of our featured events of the season is slated for Thursday, 24 June 1976 at 8 p.m. sharp in the Larrimac Golf Clubhouse on Highway 105, 4½ miles north of Chelsea, Que. Note the time and place which are different from that announced at our last meeting.

An experienced public speaker with 80 years of personal experiences behind him, Mr Wyman MacKechnie from Wyman, Que., will reveal to us some of the fascinating story of his forbears and their friends and the events which shaped their lives. Mr MacKechnie is the gifted author of the recently published "What Men They Were!", now into its second printing. (Reviewed in The Citizen of 29 May 1976)

Come and enjoy a lively account of pioneering days in the Ottawa Valley by one who is descended from early settlers up the river and who has made his own significant mark in the area.

LAST MEETING

Indicative of the popularity of our last speaker, one of our better turn-outs greeted Mrs Roy Cuzner on Wednesday, 26th of May as she carried us back to earlier days around Kingsmere in picture and story. The old pictures were thrown on the screen by a Magic Lantern which she donated to the Society following her talk. She also donated a number of well-researched maps of Kingsmere which show the ownership of properties down through the years.

We are indebted to Mrs Cuzner for an enjoyable and edifying evening and for these two important contributions to the Society.

HELP WANTED

Herewith a quote from a letter recently received from Miss Janet Benedict:

"A Scrapbook of the history of Gatineau Memorial Hospital, Wakefield, Que., since its opening, will, hopefully, be compiled by the Gatineau Council of Hospital Auxiliaries for the 25th Anniversary of the Hospital which will be next year."

"Anyone having any information, newspaper clippings (original or photocopies), snapshots or anything pertaining to the Hospital that they would care to contribute would be very gratefully appreciated as soon as possible. Thanks."

"Kindly contact -

Mrs J S Blair, Kingsmere, Que. 827-2462

Janet Benedict, 244 Cité des Jeunes Blvd., Hull, Que. 771-5315"

If you have the material, be a good neighbour and make the effort to pass it on.

HERE IT IS

Enclosed, if your dues for 1976 are paid up, is your free copy of the second issue of "Up the Gatineau!". As the first issue is depleted and will not be reprinted these booklets could become collectors' items so do not discard them lightly.

They will be on sale to the general public through various outlets at \$1.50 but YOU, as a member in good standing, may buy additional copies at \$1.00 each. Just get in touch with Sheila Strang.

SUCCOUR SOUGHT

As Meach Creek Valley is scheduled for drastic change, Mrs Huguette Miquet, R R #3, Wakefield, Que. - Tel. 827-2501 is anxious to preserve the old, at least in pictures and stories.

Do you have any old pictures or special knowledge of families who have lived there? Have you heard of the competitions in lifting heavy boulders which once took place there?

If you can contribute information in any form Mrs Miquet would be most happy to hear from you -- soon.

LAST TIME OF ASKING

For those remaining few of you who have not paid your dues for 1976 and do not do so before 25th June we shall have to remove your name from our mailing list, with regret. This will mean that we cannot send you your free copy of "Up the Gatineau!" nor any future Newsletters.

If the red FINAL NOTICE Flag is up on your copy of this Newsletter then, according to our records, you have yet to send your dues of \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family, to Miss Sheila Strang, our Secretary-Treasurer, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2NO. She can be reached on 827-0420.

If you fail to respond we shall miss you as a member.

Having said that, may your summer be more happy than humid!

11 June 1976

Arthur Davison,
President.