

NEXT MEETING

One of the featured events of our season will take place in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que., when Col. Strome Galloway will speak to us on Heraldry. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. sharp on Thursday, 28 October 1976.

Col. Galloway has been editor of Heraldry in Canada for the past six years. In recognition of his varied and many contributions in this field he is to be honoured on 23rd October by being invested with Fellowship in the Heraldry Society of Canada.

If you have any interest in heraldry at all you cannot do better than present yourself at this meeting as you will come under the vital influence of an excellent speaker who will share with us his comprehensive knowledge of his chosen avocation.

LAST MEETING

All of us who were in attendance on 30 September when Diane Aldred made her presentation on the old houses of Aylmer and area were impressed with her intimate knowledge of her subject and especially her memory for names, dates and details associated with scores of buildings of which she had some fine coloured slides. Her husband, Alan, helped in the screening process and the interest of the evening was such that we now look forward to her book on the subject due in mid-1977.

POWERLESS

What is traditionally a big closing week-end for Moorside Tea Room fizzled this year when the electric power supply failed early on Saturday. No emergency repair was forthcoming so hundreds of patrons were denied the pleasure of dining with us over the three days of Thanksgiving week-end when the Fall colours of the Gatineau lure people into the country.

Under the direction of the resourceful Elaine Albert what could have been a serious and substantial loss of food stocks was reduced to a minimum. No one, however, could ameliorate the disappointment of the countless potential diners who had to be turned away.

This was just another of the unusual problems which have had to be overcome this season including too much unseasonable weather. Despite all this, present indications are that another successful season has been achieved by good management and a co-operative staff. Our congratulations go to all concerned!

DROPS IN THE BUCKET

With the closing of Moorside our Secretary-Treasurer, Sheila Strang, has opened up our donation box in the small upstairs museum to reveal total contributions of \$200.16 plus a Brazilian 50 Centavo piece, 5 Pesetas from Spain, 10 Groschen from Austria (100 Groschen equivalent to about 6 Cents) and a half New Penny from - could it be Scotland? What international patronage!

Visitors from all over have made these gifts of their own volition and we can only say thanks to our unknown benefactors. For several seasons now we have consistently received voluntary donations of over \$200.

BOOKLET BUSINESS

We have distributed to date just over 1000 copies of the 1976 "Up the Gatineau!" with one outlet alone having taken 105. We have almost recovered our total printing bill including the cost of those copies distributed without charge to members.

Now we are starting to think of our 1977 issue. We are particularly interested in old photographs of the Gatineau country. If you have such and would care to loan them to us please telephone me at 235 1064.

NAME DROPPING

A Committee for a Prettier Name for West Hull has come into being with the object of assembling suggestions for a possible new name to be presented to the Mayor and Council of West Hull for their consideration. If they accept one or more of the suggestions the procedure would be to have a referendum on the matter.

If you have any ideas on this subject please call one of the following on or before 30 October - Charles Landon 827 1768; Eric Morse 827 2067; Andre Renaud 827 1764 or Marius van Wijk 827 0779.

ANTIQUE FAIR

The Aylmer Heritage Association is organizing another Antique Fair to be held in The Barn directly behind Aylmer Town Hall on Saturday, 23 October 1976 between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Judging from last year this event is well worth your attention.

15 October 1976

Arthur Davison,  
President.