

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

A representative of one of our sister societies, Mrs Alan Aldred, Historian of the Aylmer Heritage Association, will favour us with an illustrated talk on Aylmer and its environs with emphasis on the historic buildings with which her area is so well blessed. Mrs Aldred comes highly recommended as she was the author of a 37 week series in a local newspaper on old houses and she is now in the throes of writing a book on this subject. She is also an experienced and knowledgeable speaker.

This meeting will be held at 8 p.m. sharp on Thursday, 30 September 1976 in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que.

And, if you know what's good for you, you won't miss this one!

AUCTION '76

Despite an August 28th when storms threatened throughout the day and finally erupted about an hour before closing time, once again we broke all previous records for gross revenue.

Statistically, we had 348 items or lots from 50 consignors including 3 members and 1 friend who very generously donated to the Society 8 items with a sale value of \$146.50. We had 316 registered bidders, a number of whom stuck with us to the stormy end at 7.40 p.m. (we managed to squeeze our remaining patrons into the school when the heavens let loose)

Our gross receipts were \$5,472.74 (more than \$400 greater than last year) and included were provincial taxes and \$146.30 from the raffle. Our consignors have already received cheques in the amount of \$2,405 and, after paying all expenses, which come out of our share, the Society should net something over \$2,000.

A large group of devoted and hard-working volunteers make this annual fund-raising event possible which, after 14 years, has become something of a tradition in the community.

CHELSEA WALK

Sunday, July 25th turned out to be one of the loveliest days of the summer and in response over 50 members and friends turned out for the walk through Chelsea with Senator Connolly pointing out features and events as he remembered them from his youth.

This popular occasion was climaxed by tea in the beautiful gardens of the old Prentiss House, vintage 1842, through the courtesy of Mrs. S.G. McDougall and her daughter, Pam. We were also invited to visit inside the house and the old shop attached thereto.

This will stand out as one of the Society's more pleasant and interesting events.

MUSEUM PIECES

At the time of the Sale, Mrs. Anne Ginns of Cantley donated to the Society a box of old handmade baby clothes which came from an old trunk in the O'Neil House sale, north of Chelsea.

Does anyone have an old clothes rack or an old ironing board (on legs) on which these clothes could be displayed in our little museum at Moorside? If so, and you would care to donate it (or sell it) we would be most grateful to you as we are grateful to Mrs. Ginns for her kind gift.

If you wish to respond to this appeal please call me!

GIFT OF WORDS

Through the kindness of the writers and the illustrator, Virginia and Max Martyn of the Merrickville and District Historical Society we have received an attractive little booklet, full of interesting historical facts and useful present-day information - THE STORY OF THE LOWER RIDEAU SETTLEMENT.

The Editor of the Annual Volume and Yearbook of the Glengarry Historical Society, Mr. George Arnott of Apple Hill, has kindly sent us a copy of their latest issue. It reflects an active Society and many talented contributors.

These can be borrowed by any member of our Society who cares to pick them up. Just call me!

BE SUGGESTIVE!

Have you any suggestions for programs for future meetings? Take a minute or two to ponder this request and then - just call me!

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Arthur Davison,
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