

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 30 March 1977 at 8 p.m. sharp in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. will have a genealogical flavour. We are to be favoured with a talk by one of our members, Wilfred J. Kearns, whose topic will be - 'Climbing the Kearns Family Tree'.

Wilfred was born in Quyon and his father in Fieldville, near Low, Que. so there are many regional connections which should make the talk more pertinent. In 1970 he founded and was first President of the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and he later served on the executive of the latter body.

He is highly qualified to speak on family genealogy, both by interest and experience, so come enjoy!

LAST MEETING

There was a good attendance at our last meeting on 2 March 1977 and all those present were treated to a most revealing exposition of historical research and record keeping by new members, Mike Bedard and Larry Deacon. We were impressed with the amount of work already accomplished and the thoroughness with which they have tackled their avocation. In addition to a wealth of information on work done Mike also gave us a lesson on the subject and Larry surrounded us with a wide variety of photographs and original paintings.

It was easy to get caught up in their enthusiasm and we wish them well in their continuing efforts in a worthwhile cause.

FIRE LOSS

We were all saddened to learn that Rod Sparks had lost valuable and, in many cases, irreplaceable old tools in a fire which destroyed his workshop and tool museum on February 12th. Any collector of early artifacts will be especially sympathetic as this kind of loss is not one that can be compensated by any amount of insurance. This is not only a private loss but a loss of some of our heritage which impoverishes us all.

MORE GENEALOGY

At the request of George Neville, one of our members, who is also Vice-President of the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society we enclose herewith a leaflet announcing the Society's Annual Seminar to be held this year in Ottawa.

Note that one of the lecturers is another of our members, Bruce Elliott, with whom we have had many close ties. You will remember that he won First Prize in our first Essay Contest in 1972.

If you would like something interesting to do on May 27, 28 and 29 here is your golden opportunity to act positively so do it! Now!

COMING EVENTS

May 7 - Rail Trip to Maniwaki sponsored by the Bytown Railway Society. Cost \$15.00. For more information call Bruce Ballantyne on 836 5601.

June 20 to 26 - Heritage Week in the Province of Quebec.

Our Society is making plans to participate of which more details later.

August 27 -- Fifteenth Annual Auction Sale.

Start saving up - Both your articles to sell and your money to buy.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

If you would like a calendar covering the years 5,000 B.C. to 2,400 A.D. all you have to do is call Wilfred Kearns on 733 6325. The cost is nominal and you'll know where you stand relative to the centuries - past and future.

'UP THE GATINEAU!' '77

The material for this year's issue was delivered to the printers on 15 March. There are still a few stages to go through like typesetting, preparation of photographic plates, galley proofs, proofreading, paste-up, page proofs, blueprint mock-up of the booklet for final checking and approval and then printing.

We expect that it will be off the press sometime in May and we hope that you will like it - you and a few hundred prospective purchasers.

DUES PLEASE

If there is anyone who has not paid for 1977 by now we will soon have to conclude, regretfully, that you are no longer interested and your name will be removed from our mailing list. This will make us sad.

How much? \$3.00 single - \$5.00 family

Where? Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0

Please put this matter among your priorities if you haven't already done so.

17 March 1977

Arthur Davison,  
President.