

NEXT MEETING

This will be oriented toward the Essay Contest - the results of which you may read below. It will be held in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que., beginning at 8 p.m. sharp on Tuesday, 29 November 1977.

We have invited the winners to be present to receive their awards. They (and we) may also receive some 'food for thought' as Mr. Christopher Young has kindly agreed to be with us. You will remember that he was the editor of The Citizen and is now one of the peripatetic members of Southam News Services. Mr. Young has been one of the judges of our Essay Contest for the last two years and he will deliver some words on the subject for which it should be well worth being there.

So be there! - if you do not wish to miss an interesting evening.

LAST MEETING

Those who were present on Wednesday, 2 November 1977 shared the knowledge and experience of Mr. Martin Weil who was most generous with his suggestions for doing something about Old Chelsea to enhance its latent character and bring back some of its past. He illustrated his points with slides showing parts of Old Chelsea as it is and other places which have been, or are being, restored.

It was a subject to which we could relate and we are grateful to Martin for helping us envisage some possibilities.

To do anything will require time and effort and a little dedication. Any member who would like to render such gifts to the Society and to the community will receive a sympathetic hearing from your president at 235 1064 - or, face to face.

THE WINNERS We are all winners because something has been added to our treasury of knowledge about the Gatineau but those who are going to have their contributions tangibly rewarded in the 1977 Essay Contest are listed herewith.

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Title</u>
First (\$500)	Paul Benoit	Ottawa, Ont.	The Gatineau Falls Farm
Second (\$200)	Helen Shirley Shorter	Ottawa, Ont.	Les Peres Capucins du Lac Meech
Third (\$100)	Reginald Britten Hale	Low, Que.	'Flashed All Their Sabres Bare'

Honorable Mention (\$25)

Lillian Olive Walton Ottawa, Ont. A Story about Mica

We, of the Society, congratulate them for their works and I am sure that all members agree that our funds could not be put to better use. And, we have more good material from which to select for the 1978 issue of Up the Gatineau!

TOM PENNY

Who, you may ask, is Tom Penny? He is a young man who is the central character in a new book, by that name, recently published by Peter Martin Associates. A summer resident of Kingsmere, Tony German, is the author and he reveals himself as a good story-teller.

"Tom Penny is an exciting new Canadian book in the great tradition of stories for young readers. In 1830, Tom, a young English boy, leaves Portsmouth for a remote land grant above the Chaudiere in Upper Canada. His adventures, set against the vivid background of the new country, create an unforgettable image of the people and places of early Canada."

Although not specifically mentioned in the above, part of the action takes place in the Gatineau. Hence our interest. One reviewer states that it 'provides a painless history lesson'.

It is available from your book-seller at \$8.95 hardcover; \$4.95 paperback, just in time for Christmas buying for 'young readers' - not too young - about 10 to 13 and UP - to the adventurous in spirit of any age.

The book had an enthusiastic launching at THE BOOKERY, Sussex Drive, on November 9th.

REGIONAL COUNCIL Your president represented the Society at the latest meeting of the Regional Council for Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec of Heritage Canada. This took place in Cornwall on Saturday, 15 Oct.

Mr. C. E. Armstrong, President, and Miss L. Jean Cameron, Secretary Treasurer of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Historical Society were the ones largely responsible for the splendid arrangements which included a 60 mile motor tour of the heritage-rich villages and countryside in the Cornwall area. Lunch was provided by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church in Williamstown. The first church, built of logs in 1787, was succeeded by the present fine stone building, erected in 1812.

The local Society is to be commended for organizing a most memorable day.

OVERSEAS REPORT

One of our members, Joanne MacDonald of Cantley, is in Basel, Switzerland, with her husband and family until the end of May 1978.

In a recent letter she writes, in part, "We are enjoying Basel. Historically, it is a very rich place. Our house, in fact, dates back to the 15th century and comes complete with tile furnaces in two rooms downstairs and free-standing china ones upstairs."

This makes the Gatineau seem rather young, by comparison, doesn't it?

Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year!

Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison,
President.