

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

We have something intriguingly different for our next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 26 April 1978 at 8 p.m. sharp in the library of the Chelsea Protestant Elementary School which is located about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Chelsea on the north side of the road leading to Old Chelsea.

George Miller, researcher with the National Historic Sites Branch of Parks Canada, will bring us the fascinating tale of how, in the 1800 - 1825 period, pioneer settlers strove to equip their households with the ceramics and glass-ware which they needed.

He will illustrate his talk with slides and some examples and, if any members bring early pieces, he will be happy to see them and give his comments.

This looks good so come and treat yourself to some edification with pleasure!

LAST MEETING

We learned a lot about the Quebec Archives program through the courtesy of Pierre-Louis Lapointe, the local archivist, who gave us full measure in an illustrated talk on the 29th of March. His early photographs and his modern slides of our not so modern heritage covering a broad spectrum of our region added greatly to the interest of the evening.

BEREAVEMENT

The month of March brought death to three well-known people in our area who had a connection with the Society. May Mulvihill, one of the founders and long-time operators of our Moorside Tea Room, and formerly of Kingsmere, lost her husband, Bud. Lucy, the wife of Philip Journeaux of Kirk's Ferry, who is our auditor, died on March 28th and Woodrow Bridgen, one of our members from Aylmer, died in Gatineau Memorial Hospital. "Woody" and his wife joined the Society after we had worked together in 1973 on an historical display as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations of St. James Church in Hull.

Letters of condolence were sent to each of the families on behalf of the Society. We will miss these dear friends among us.

REMINDER

We hate to be a nagger but there are still some of our members who have neglected to renew their membership for '78. If this paragraph is marked in red YOU are one of them.

We do hope that you will take immediate action by sending a cheque to the Society i/c Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0 - \$5.00 family or \$3.00 single.

If we do not hear from you (and we hope that we do) you will receive but one more mailing - in May. However your mailing will not include the free copy of the 1978 "Up the Gatineau!" which we expect to include for all paid-up members.

Now "the ball is in your court" and we are braced for a snappy return.

WE APPRECIATE

Several members, when paying their dues for 1978 by cheque, have included a "few kind words" about our efforts in general and our Newsletter in particular. Apparently, many members who cannot attend our meetings because of distance or for other reasons enjoy our monthly reports on what is going on.

One member, formerly of the Gatineau but now living in Victoria, on reading about our activities, writes - "I almost get the yen to move back into the area to brave the cold, snow and ice. But not likely, when here the snowdrops are coming through now and some of the flowering trees are in bloom." (and that was written a month ago) Seems like unfair competition for the lure of the Gatineau!

Thank you all for thinking about us and for writing about it!

WHO'S WHO

This month we have another well-known WWC.

PATRICK MICHAEL OLDFIELD EVANS

Born 5 October 1913 at Bowdon, Cheshire, England where he received his early education....came to Canada in 1929 and lived at Magog, Quebec, in the Eastern Townships....joined the local plant of the Dominion Textile Company as an office boy....moved from the office into 'the works' to learn the trade of textile finishing....became Scoutmaster of the Magog Scout Troop in 1935....enlisted in the RCAF in 1942 and served as an Air Gunner in Canada until 1945....joined the Executive Staff of the Boy Scouts of Canada as Dominion Field Commissioner, serving in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan until 1950 when he was brought in to the national office in Ottawa where he served three years in the Training Dept....then he moved to Administration until 1975 when he took early retirement....founded, and became curator of, the Museum of Canadian Scouting....was founder and Scoutmaster of the 1st. Wakefield Scout Troop (1953 - 1963)....in 1962, with four others, founded the Gatineau River Yacht Club where he served on the Board of Directors for 13 of the first 15 years....became one of the first members of the Ottawa Branch of the Genealogical Society of Ontario and is now on the Executive....his passion, in retirement, is genealogy and out of this grew his extensive work on the Wright family of whom Philemon was the founder of what was to become Hull.... the National Capital Commission published his work in 1975 and an amended and much enlarged edition is due off the presses soon....within months of the organization of The Historical Society of the Gatineau he became a member, served as a director for several years and is now a vice-president.

OPPORTUNITY Are you interested in an historic frame house in Wakefield which must be moved? If so, telephone John Purcell on 459 2562 (home) or 776 3158

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