

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

We do not anticipate that any adverse weather conditions will interfere with your attending our next meeting so please join us on Tuesday, 30 January 1979 at 8 P.M. sharp in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. Should you mark it on your calendar right now?

There will be a brief review of our past year and we will look to our future. We would like your views. We will discuss our constitution.

We need YOU to participate in the 'divertissement' this year. We plan, not a 'Show and Tell', but simply a TELL session. Thomas Carlyle said that "History is the essence of innumerable biographies". We ask that you pick out of your biography some happening which sticks in your memory and tell us about it - to the extent of 5 or, at most, 10 minute's worth. It may not end up as recorded history but it is of the stuff of which history is made nonetheless. We are not looking for TRUE CONFESSIONS nor your whole life story - just a segment of your personal history which is imprinted on your mind and which you can share with us.

We will look forward to your divulging, and our digesting, anything you have to offer. But do 'get into the act'. We can promise a sympathetic and attentive audience.

LAST MEETING

We were happy to welcome the prize-winners in our 1978 Essay Contest who were all there, except one, well supported by relatives and friends.

After they received their awards, Courtney C.J. Bond, an historian of some stature, shared a few thoughts and techniques on developing and writing historical essays. These were well received and the renewed association with Mr. Bond and his wife took us back, in retrospect, to our beginnings when the Society embarked on a new venture and published two editions of his 'Hurling Down the Pine' - the story of the early lumbering industry in the Gatineau and Ottawa Valleys.

All in all, this was a most happy and helpful occasion.

HONOR ROLL

A member of our Society and a summer resident of Chelsea in the lovely old Prentiss house, Pamela McDougall has been elected to the Board of Governors of Carleton University. A graduate of Mount Allison University, she has held several senior posts in the government including having been Ambassador to Poland and, currently, the Chairman of the Tariff Board.

On behalf of the Society we offer Pamela our congratulations!

SISTER SOCIETIES

We exchange newsletters with several historical societies in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec and we are impressed with many of their activities and the number of people who give of their time and energy to the preservation of our past - in a variety of forms - so that those of the present and of the future may know and enjoy.

May they 'keep up the good work'.

UP THE GATINEAU! '79

Initial steps have been taken toward the publication of our fifth annual edition which should come into your hands, and we hope, those of hundreds of others by May next. Of course, yours will come free with your membership but they will have to pay for theirs.

We have a good selection of longer articles from which to choose but we are always in the market for shorter tit-bits of Gatineau history to provide fillers and added interest to our booklet. If you can oblige - but it must be very soon to catch this year's issue - please telephone me on 235 1064 and I will tell you how to transmit it.

DUES ARE DUE

Time has rolled forward another year and we are still here. We hope that you will also be here - among us - in the new year. To keep in good standing please sit down now, before something else intervenes to put it out of your mind, and send a cheque for your annual dues to Sheila Strang, Secretary-Treasurer, Old Chelsea, Que. JOX 2NO. Alternatively, you can see Sheila at the next meeting.

You will be getting better value than ever because, despite universally rising prices, ours remain the same - \$3.00 single or \$5.00 family. We need you and we hope that you want us. So do it NOW - please!

ARCHIVAL ACTION

As you may, or may not, know the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Province of Quebec has given the Society a grant of \$2,500 to assist in the collection of archival material in our part of the Outaouais.

Our Pat Evans has started work on this project, having spent 15½ days recently in the Lapêche Municipal Office in Ste. Cécile de Masham, sorting through and inventorying accumulated municipal records including those resulting from the amalgamation of smaller municipalities with Lapêche. The yield was 140 large boxes of records which may ultimately find their way into the local archives offices in Hull under the direction of Pierre-Louis Lapointe.


Because of the meticulous care and thoroughness which he brings to all his ventures we are most fortunate in having Pat on the job.

WHO'S WHO? - ANN CRANE!

Born in Quebec City into the Kelly family.....grew up in Montreal where she graduated from Marionopolis College, an affiliate of the University of Montreal..... came to Ottawa to work briefly with the Department of Northern Affairs.....married to Brian Crane, a lawyer with a variety of interests.....they have four children, from 3 years to 17 yearsshe has been, and is, actively involved in community affairs.....was Brown Owl with a local Brownie Pack.....director of Rockcliffe Park Conservation Association.....member of Canadian Institute of International Affairs.....worker with the Canadian Save the Children Fund..... director of our Society for several years.....won the contest for naming our annual publication 'Up the Gatineau!'.....recently named provisional president of the Regional Council of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec of Heritage Canada.....a keen skier, an occasional canoeist and an avid gardener.

May '79 be just fine!

16 January 1979


Arthur Davidson,
President.