

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Howard and Grace Harris have graciously invited us to visit what remains of a prize-winning farm which began in 1820, subsequently to be operated by four generations of Harrises, in what was, for many years, West Templeton. Although the 240 acres of Shadow Hill Farm have been reduced to five and all the horses and cattle have gone as well as most of the machinery and equipment there are still a great many remnants of the Harris past in house and sheds to whet the interest.

We are to enjoy their hospitality on Saturday afternoon, 12th July 1980 starting at 2.15 p.m. and ending with a tea and coffee party. In the afternoon interval we will have a tour which will reveal a surprising number of fascinating artifacts and collections.

Spouses, even though they may not be members of the Society, are cordially invited.

If the weather is inclement we will gather in the spacious house which fairly exudes hospitality. Incidentally, we shall visit the house in any case whether the weather be fair or foul.

To get there, proceed easterly toward the town of Gatineau along Maloney Boulevard West which is on the main route to Montreal. After crossing the bridge over the Gatineau River follow the directions to Montreal and pass three stop lights on cross streets and turn left on the fourth stop light at Montée Palement. Before turning at this point, Bonhomme Materials is on your left and Tecumseh Golf Club on your right. Proceed northerly on Palement, cross St. René Boulevard and the first house (No. 501) on the left is your destination. The driveway will lead you to the large house, outbuildings, adequate parking and a warm welcome. If lost, telephone 568 2841.

LAST MEETING

Dr. Hans Geggie treated us to one of our more memorable evenings on 29 May 1980 when he reminisced about his own experiences and those of his father and his grandfather, all of whom served the Wakefield area as doctors. Being so well and favourably known, a large number of members were attracted and they were not disappointed in the treatment they received at the hands of the doctor - a pleasant and effective prophylactic against ennui. We also had the pleasure of having Mrs. Geggie with us.

TEA FOR YOU

Our Tea Room at Moorside opened on schedule on 16 May under the capable management of Micheline Sabourin who has had some year's experience there in other capacities. Sheila Strang is still keeping the books in her customary efficient way. Now, all we need is more business engendered by better weather - and, in this, we hope that we can count on you to bring us your patronage and that of your friends and relatives. The usual high level of food quality and low level of prices still prevail - and the setting is incomparable.

Hours are from 12.00 noon to 6.30 p.m., seven days per week. Telephone number, if needed, is 827 2364. An added attraction is our small museum of local artifacts and Mackenzie King memorabilia.

WRIGHT'S RITES

After the appropriate across-the-border negotiations, arrangements were completed for designating, with a large bilingual bronze plaque, the farm once owned by Philemon Wright in Winchester (until 1850 a part of Woburn) Mass., U.S.A. It was from this farm that Philemon set out in February 1800 with his party on the journey which culminated in what is now Hull and of which he became the founder. For the past several years this farm has been owned by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hamilton.

Rolf Latte, Chief of the Heritage Section, National Capital Commission organized the procurement, mounting and the unveiling of the plaque which took place on 18 June 1980. Pat Evans, the author of THE WRIGHTS, representing our Society, gave the official address on the occasion at which Dr. Edwin Welch also spoke as representative of The Historical Society of Ottawa.

This unique monument which developed out of international co-operation commemorates a significant personality and event which became intimately entwined in local history.

PRESS RELEASE

Any time now, Ruth Tabacnik's new booklet - WAKEFIELD TODAY, A GATINEAU VILLAGE SOURCE BOOK - should be released from the presses. The 48 pages, 2 dozen photographs and a map will be invaluable to you as a source of information about businesses and organizations in Wakefield today.

May we suggest that you look for it soon in several outlets in Wakefield and in your favourite bookstore elsewhere.

AUCTION ACTION

This is a preliminary 'notice of motion' to enable you to start in motion on identifying and/or assembling your items and those of your friends and neighbours for our 18th Annual Auction Sale which we hope to hold on Saturday, 23rd August 1980.

In due time you will receive your usual detailed instructions about where, when, how, why and what. We look forward to your customary helpful (and essential) support.

HELP HERITAGE

To strengthen its voice with politicians and decision makers, Heritage Canada Foundation is launched on a campaign to enlist more members who then become subscribers to its new magazine - Canadian Heritage or, alternatively, by being a subscriber one becomes a member.

Let me quote from Pierre Berton, the Chairman of the Foundation - "Canada's leading conservation newsmagazine has been praised at home and abroad for its liveliness, topicality and innovative style. You will notice,, that the magazine is chock-full of stories that will keep you and your family in touch with our man-made and natural legacy. . . . For when you take out a subscription to CANADIAN HERITAGE, you do more than simply buy a magazine - you actually participate in saving Canada's heritage. And that's saying a lot."

The magazine comes out 6 times per year and the rates are: 1 year \$10.00, 2 years \$18.00, 3 years \$25.00. Simply send your name, address including postal code, and cheque to Canadian Heritage, P.O.Box 9100, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 1V5.

This is a highly recommended way to do yourself and Canada's priceless heritage a good turn. And you'll be proud of yourself for having done it so don't delay.

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