

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Dr. Hans Geggie has kindly validated our "rain check" and will join us on Thursday, 29 May 1980 at 8 p.m. sharp in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. This is in lieu of meeting with us on 27 March 1980 as originally planned.

Considerable anticipation has already built up for this engagement when Dr. Geggie will give us his "Reflections of a Country Doctor". Because of his close association with the lower Gatineau and its people for so many years and because of the high regard in which he and the other doctoring Geggies are held we are fortunate in having him and we can only suggest that, for your own comfort and satisfaction, you arrive early for this meeting and, if possible, bring one or two extra chairs with you to supplement the meagre in-house supply.

Make a mental, or other, note of this date and make the most of it. We don't want to hear of your kicking yourself for having missed this important event.

LAST MEETING

Our informal mini-panel and discussion seemed to create a certain amount of interest and elicited a variety of questions in the answering of which Frank Cartwright revealed some of the mysteries of the modern-day print shop. In the course of the presentation we covered the many steps in the production of 'Up the Gatineau!' from the assembling of the material through the editing, typesetting, proof-reading, layout, etc., to taking delivery of the finished booklet, ready for distribution.

Again may we thank our several contributors, without whose research and literary effort any other effort would be fruitless in bringing out our annual load of Gatineau lore.

"A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE . . . . ."

Parks Canada has recently inaugurated a new information booklet and from Volume 1, Issue 1, of PARK SCAN we repeat the following:

'Built Heritage - Raze or Save? The recycling of older buildings is seriously being considered by many public and private interest groups. As well as keeping some dimension of human scale in our building landscape, there are other esthetic, energy and tourism benefits.'

'Persons interested in recording or assessing old buildings for possible preservation, can write to the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings, Research Division, Parks Canada, Ottawa, K1A 1G2, for information or training. CIHB will sponsor volunteers and set up training sessions, e.g. supply forms, films for processing in Ottawa, and provide general supervision and liaison.

Publications free on request -

THE CANADIAN INVENTORY OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS: descriptive pamphlet of national survey of over 200 years of Canadian building.

THE BUILDINGS OF CANADA: style guide to pre-20th century houses, churches, and other structures.

EVALUATION OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS: comprehensive guidelines for heritage groups interested in selecting buildings for preservation. Methods of evaluation contain criteria for verbal grading or a number-weighting system.'

LOCAL AUTHORS - LOCAL SETTINGS

Tony German, former Commander in the Royal Canadian Navy, is now well embarked on a new career as an author of adventure stories slanted toward young people but of equally compelling interest to those who look back on their youth.

Tony and his wife are now full-time residents of Kingsmere and members of our Society.

He first wrote TOM PENNY in which the action started in England and ended up the Ottawa near Chate Falls.

In his second book - RIVER RACE - the exciting story begins in the high Gatineau country and moves through many adventures to Quebec City.

As gifts for anyone, including yourself, who would enjoy tales of excitement based on the early days of our general area may we suggest that you look for 'Tom Penny' and 'River Race' wherever you buy your books.

Ruth Tabacnik, who lives near Wakefield and has recently identified herself with the Society by becoming a member, is currently hard at work on a new book to be titled WAKEFIELD TODAY.

The title will give you some idea of the essence of this book which is scheduled for the printer within the next month or so. We shall give you a more ample description in an early Newsletter when the book has been completed.

FAMILY REUNION

Wayne Shouldice of Kitchener, who is one of our members, has had a few kind words to say about our Newsletter which are appreciated. At the same time he has sent us an announcement about a proposed Shouldice Family Reunion slated for July 12 and 13, 1980 in Shallow Lake and District Community Centre which is 12 Km. west of Owen Sound, Ontario.

He has included details of a most interesting program with the request that we "pass the word along to anyone so interested." There is information on Shouldice family contacts, a dinner and a lunch, accommodation, etc., etc.

If you are interested in any way and would like more particulars please call Sheila Strang on 827 0420 or me on 235 1064 or 827 2598 after 15 May 1980. On the other hand, you may go straight to the source by writing Wayne Shouldice at 72 Ann Street, Kitchener, Ontario, N2B 1Y1 or by telephoning him on (519) 744 8704.

This sounds like something no Shouldice or Shouldice connection should miss.

REMEMBER

- the meeting on 29 May 1980.
- to bring extra chairs, if possible.
- our Essay Contest for 1980.



Arthur Davison,  
President.