

NEXT MEETING

In anticipation of a cherished feature of our lower Gatineau summers for several years we expect to have a talk on the history of the Steam Train by John Corby, Curator, Industrial Technology, National Museum of Science and Technology.

This will take place on Thursday, 31 March 1983 at the West Hull Community Centre, Old Chelsea, Que. The meeting will begin sharp on 8.00 p.m.

Due to budget restrictions this year there was some doubt that the train would operate in the summer of 1983. However, an "angel" has appeared on the scene and plans are now underway to get it rolling again.

Mr. Corby has, among his many duties, the responsibility for organizing this operation so he is well equipped to talk about it - to the accompaniment of slides and, maybe, even a movie.

So come on along and have a pre-taste of summer '83. You'll be glad you did.

LAST MEETING

On the 24th of February we had a somewhat unique program presented by Mr. T. A. Brown on the subject of 'Collecting Agricultural Antiques'. It soon became apparent that Mr. Brown has been zealous in tracking down these pieces of farm machinery of an earlier age. In the process he has developed an expertise on collectibles in this field and it was this which he, so generously, shared with us in an interesting illustrated talk with which it was easy for most of us to relate,

SOME DUES STILL DUE Here we are with our perennial request to those few of you who have neglected to renew your membership for 1983 to do so as soon as possible. The amount is \$5.00 this year for both individual and family memberships and the recipient is our Secretary Treasurer, Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0.

Would it not be a relief to have one less matter requiring your future attention? Do it now and enjoy that relief. (If this paragraph is marked in red YOU are one of the few)

'UP THE GATINEAU!'

The material for the 1983 edition (our ninth) is now in the hands of the printer for typesetting. Your editor can enjoy a brief respite (?) while he completes his income tax returns. Then, it will be necessary to do some proof-reading; prepare the mock-up for the booklet; do a few other chores and, in April or May it should be ready for distribution to our sales outlets and for mailing complimentary copies to you paid-up members. We hope that you will like this addition to your collection of Gatineau lore.

NEW BOOK

Back in 1964, when the Society was but two years old, we embarked on our first publishing venture, through the kindness and generosity of Courtney C. J. Bond who, with John W. Hughson, had authored "Hurling Down the Pine" - the story of the Wright, Gilmour and Hughson families, timber and lumber manufacturers in the Hull and Ottawa region and on the Gatineau River, 1800 - 1920. This first edition soon sold out and, in 1965, a second revised edition came off the press. Now it, too, is sold out - and has been for some time. At intervals, we give thought to a third edition but, as yet, we have not suited action to our thoughts.

Although the Society was not involved, Courtney has lately had published an autobiography entitled "An Iron in Many a Fire" which is available in several Ottawa bookshops.

Because Courtney Bond helped us get launched in book publishing, as one of our side-lines, we wish him every success with his latest work.

MIND EXPANSION

We hope that at least some of you have availed yourselves of the splendid opportunity of 'DISCOVERING THE HISTORY OF WESTERN QUEBEC' by enrolling in the series of courses, seminars and workshops being offered in close cooperation with the Adult Education Sector of the Outaouais CEGEP, as announced in the leaflet which was enclosed with your February Newsletter.

What an interesting and informative way to spend your Wednesday evenings for eight weeks!

Although already underway, I am informed that there is room for a few more and, if needed, you can get the required particulars from Jean Ogilvie on 684 2336 or Pierre-Louis Lapointe on 777 2900.

CHARITABLE STATUS At this time of year, in particular, we are more conscious than ever of Income Tax implications and our appreciation of donation receipts is enhanced. At the instigation of your Executive Committee, our Secretary Treasurer made representations to Revenue Canada on 20 December 1982 which, if approved, means that we would be authorized to issue official receipts for donations which could be used as Income Tax deductions. If all goes according to plan, we should have authorization from Revenue Canada by late Spring.

We will keep you in the picture.

A FEW REMINDERS If you can help:

(a) Arthur Dunn and Mike Bedard with their project of searching out and recording all the old mills, of any type, in the Gatineau, please telephone Arthur Dunn on 225 4149 (October 1982 Newsletter)

(b) Gary Levy with his project of writing a biography of Arthur Beauchesne, former Clerk of the House of Commons, please telephone him on 992 6982 (office) or 827 0058 (home) (October 1982 Newsletter)

(c) John Bingham to locate anything new on his great-uncle, Samuel M. Bingham, "King of the Cascades", please telephone him on 234 0960 (January 1983 Newsletter)

(d) Michael Bussière in his search for folk music in the Gatineau, please telephone him on 234 4694 (February 1983 Newsletter)

(e) With the annual conference, in Hull next June 3 - 5, of The Federation of Quebec Historical Societies, please telephone Gary Levy, our representative, on the telephone numbers listed in (b) above (January 1983 Newsletter)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Having already completed two missions of goodwill, this winter, helping friends who were temporarily away from the area, Sheila Strang embarks on another such mission in mid-March, so if you are trying to reach her by telephone, during the period - March 19 to April 30, try her on 729 7106 instead of her usual number of 827 0420.

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Arthur Davison
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