

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 February 1984 at 8.00 p.m. sharp in the West Hull Community Centre, Old Chelsea, Que.

Gunda Lambton will speak on "The Folklore of the Gatineau". This will be our first chance to hear one of the historians in our 'Search for History'. Those lucky enough to have read her manuscript know that it will be a fascinating evening.

Another 'first' is that we will conclude formal business promptly to have time for a cup of coffee when we will have a chance to get to know better our speaker -- and one another.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

A cold, but not stormy, night did not deter about 25 members from attending this meeting in the West Hull Community Centre on Thursday, 19 January 1984 the brief reports revealed yet another year of diverse activity and development in the Society... our effective Secretary Treasurer, Sheila Strang, read the main features of the audited financial statement for the year. Once again our operation was "in the black" with receipts of \$14,406.48 and expenses of \$13,067.85 - big business! We have an investment portfolio of \$30,000.00 which earns us much-needed interest to add to our receiptsannual dues for 1984 remain the same as for 1983 i.e. \$5.00 for either individual or family memberships.....Bob Phillips reviewed the 1983 Auction Sale explaining the new operation with a changed format which was completed by noon hour on the day of the sale and produced, for the Society, a profit of \$1,666.64. The fact that we can now give official receipts for Income Tax relief added to the number of outright donations to the sale this year.....Cdr. Tony German, the Chairman of our "A Search for History" program revealed that we had had four participants in 1983 to whom we had advanced modest financial support to cover some costs of research, etc. He capped his report by playing a recording of some Gatineau music which one of our researchers is delving into.....Sheila Strang reported again on our charitable status with Revenue Canada which encouraged some donations during the year including those to the Auction Sale for a grand total of \$1,466.30.....The tenth annual edition of 'Up the Gatineau!' is having some initial birth pangs and the Editor appealed for contributions from members - deadline 15 February 1984 with items of any length but not exceeding 3,000 words... thanks to his past and present co-operation Phillip Journeaux was again appointed our auditor for 1984.....it was reported that there had been seven regular meetings of the Society during the past year plus participation in the Outaouais Alliance Day in the Spring; the Auction Sale in Summer and the International Flowing Match in the Fall. In the case of the first and last mentioned events above we set up and/or provided historical artifact displays.....the report of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Helen Starnes, was read which included the names of Nominees, each of whom she had contacted, and a suggested sub-division of responsibilities as follows:
Past President - Mr. Arthur Davison - Publications - 'Up the Gatineau!', Newsletter (pro tem)
President - Mr. Bob Phillips - Presides at meetings; overview of other functions; etc.
1st Vice-Pres. - Cdr. Tony German - Membership promotion: programs
2nd. Vice-Pres. - Mr. Patrick M.O. Evans - Constitution & By-laws; Museum and Archives
Secretary Treasurer - Miss Sheila Strang - Minutes & Records; Correspondence; Budget & Audit; etc.
Directors - Mrs. Carol Martin - Auction Sale; Mr. Gary Levy - Translation; Mr. Howard Harris - Cemetery
Advisory Committee - Dr. E.P. Laberge; Mrs. Isobel Ryan; Mrs. Joanne MacDonald; Ms. June Creelman; Mr. Tom Hyslop; Mr. David Castleman; Mrs. Lydia Morriset.
The out-going President quoted from a report of the then Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Judy Crawley, to the Annual Meeting of the Society on 10 August 1965 in which Arthur Davison was proposed for President, as successor to our first President - Moya Wright, which, on being ratified by the meeting, launched him on an 18 1/2 year tour of duty in that position which ended tonight, since the current Annual Meeting accepted the proposed slate of officers.....The meeting was turned over to the new President, Bob Phillips, who opened his remarks by some kind and complimentary references to the contributions of the Immediate Past President to the Society through the years.....The new chairman directed a SHOW and TELL session in which 5 members entertained us before the meeting came to a close.....another year of the Society becomes history.

HEART-FELT THANKS

The out-going President expressed his thanks to those at the Annual Meeting and does the same, herein, to all those members who, for one reason or another, were not at the meeting, many of whom have too much geography between them and Old Chelsea to be able to attend.

He is very conscious of, and appreciative of, the support which he has enjoyed through the years. From time to time a member has even expressed that support when renewing his/her/their membership and on other occasions.

In any event, thank you all from the bottom of my heart! I hope to be an active and involved Past President. May I now bespeak your on-going support for our new President, his Executive and Advisory Committee. And speaking of that, may I thank, specifically, the members of the Executive and the Advisory Committee, past and present. The composition of these bodies has, naturally, changed through the years and so a great many members have been involved. As a matter of interest, Lid Ryan and Pat Evans were members of the Executive in my first year and they still are - the only ones who have been continuously, and productively, involved during the whole term of my Presidency.

I could mention other names and their significant contributions but, on this occasion, I wish to render a very special thank you to a very special Secretary Treasurer in the person of the genial and efficient Sheila Strang who, with her highly developed sense of responsibility, has been of inestimable help and a joy to work with through many years.

So, au revoir (in the sense of 'till we meet again!') and not good-bye - not yet!

FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Thank you! - to Arthur Davison, for such a goodly legacy -- to the new executive, for agreeing to work even harder to try to walk in Arthur's footsteps -- to all members, for their determination to help this difficult turnover by coming - with friends - in record numbers to our meetings -- to everyone, for patience because things will not be quite the same.

10 February 1984

Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison,
Past President.