

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This meeting will be held on Thursday, 29 March 1984 at 8.00 p.m. sharp in the West Hill 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 manuscripts 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.

LAST MEETING

If some of the phrases in the preceding announcement look familiar to you - they should be. You are not suffering any aberrations.

Because our February meeting co-incided with the worst local snow storm on record it became necessary to cancel it - or rather, postpone it. That day the airwaves were full of announcements about a wide variety of cancelled meetings.

Thanks to the adaptability of our speaker we will have the pleasure of hearing her about one month late. We have every reason to believe that you should not miss this opportunity.

BOTTLE SEEKERS

On Sunday, 15 April 1984, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., in the Nepean Sportsplex, The Bytown Bottle Seekers Club is holding an 'Antique and Nostalgia Show and Sale'. Admission is \$2.00. For more information, if needed, please telephone Shirley Shorter on 596 1023.

FEES PLEASE

We are back with our recurring annual theme. There are still some members who have not renewed their memberships by paying their dues for 1984. As a reminder - if this paragraph is marked in red, according to our records, you are one of the members in question - unless our communications have crossed in the mails.

The annual dues - both individual and family - remain at \$5.00 per annum which, among other benefits, includes a complimentary copy of our annual booklet - 'Up the Gatineau!'. Simply send your cheque, in favour of the Society, as soon as possible, to Sheila Strang, Secretary Treasurer, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0. Alternatively, you may pay Sheila at the next meeting.

We need you and, we like to think that, we satisfy some of your needs, too!

NEW BOOKS

The Society has been advised about the availability of some new books which should be of interest to some of you.

(a) "The Silent Enemy, Canada and the Deadly Flu of 1918" by Eileen Pettigrew.

(b) "Early Canadian Court Houses" compiled by Margaret Carter.

(c) "Our Architectural Ancestry" by John Leaning and Lyette Fortin.

These books are available through local booksellers. However, in the case of (c), Heritage Ottawa has some for sale from which they get a small return and they would appreciate your business.

Much more information is available on all of these books, of which you may avail yourself by telephoning me on 235 1064 except during the period 20 March to 2 April 1984 inclusive.

'UP THE GATINEAU!'

Despite some special problems this year the 1984 edition is in hand and it is hoped that it will be completed and printed before the end of April with distribution in May.

Remember that the complimentary copy is only sent to those whose membership dues are paid up for 1984.

A DATE TO REMEMBER Are there any - or many - of you out there who remember? --

"The twenty-fourth of May  
Is the Queen's birthday  
If you don't give us a holiday  
We'll all run away."

Be that as it may. However, the 24th of May 1984 is a date we would like you to mark on your calendar NOW as being a Thursday evening on which you will be invited to 'The Grange' in Cantley - the delightful home of Bob and Mary Ann Phillips - for a social evening featuring the music of the Gatineau. There will be specific detailed information in a later Newsletter but, in the meantime, this is definitely "A Date to Remember" - so please do a little forward planning now.

THE SOCIETY AS PUBLISHER

Two years after its founding, through the co-operation of the authors, the Society embarked on its publishing efforts. In 1964 we published "Hurling Down the Pine" - a history of lumbering in the Ottawa and Gatineau valleys - by John W. Hughson and Courtney C.J. Bond. A year later a revised second edition was put out. This book is now out of print.

This initial production was followed by "Lapéche" - a history of the Townships of Wakefield and Masham in the Province of Quebec, 1792 to 1925, by Norma and Stuart Gergie in 1974 with an expanded second edition in 1980. The same authors developed "Unto the Hills" - a church history in the Wakefield area - which we published in 1976. Both these books are still available. For more information and for possible purchase please telephone Sheila Strang, Secretary Treasurer, on 827 0420.

In the meantime, launched in 1975, the Society compiles and publishes annual editions of "Up the Gatineau!" - which includes many articles and photographs of the Gatineau region in an historical context. The 10th edition is expected to be available for distribution in May 1984. Except for the earlier years and 1980 there are some copies of past issues still available. Please telephone our Secretary Treasurer for information.

For the members, Newsletters are written and distributed each month except during the summer.

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