

1969

NEXT MEETING

This meeting will be held in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, P.Q. on Tuesday 21 October 1969 at 8 P.M.

We are most fortunate in having for our speaker on this occasion Mrs. Margaret Wade Labarge, B. Litt. Oxon. who will review with us "The Great Hunger" by Cecil Woodham-Smith, the story of the famine of the 1840's in Ireland which gave impetus to the emigration of many Irish people to North America, some of whom settled in this region. Mrs. Labarge who studied mediaeval history at both Harvard and Oxford is an author in her own right, a book reviewer and a lecturer. The Labarges have a summer place at Wakefield and in consequence have an identity with our region.

AUCTION SALE

On Saturday, 23 August, 1969 the Society held its seventh annual auction sale in the Old Town Hall, Old Chelsea. Interest and participation were high and the result was one of our more successful sales. The day was sunny and warm and this helped bring out the crowds.

We had the greatest ever number of items. We worked the longest hours - just over twelve of continuous selling - and we sold over \$2,200 worth with a net return to the Society of more than \$1,000. We even made \$182.00 in sales taxes for the Province of Quebec.

Again our thanks to all who provided items, to the community for its ready co-operation and to that small army of workers who made it all possible.

CHELSEAN REMINISCENCES

For those of you who missed Senator Connolly's delightful talk to us this summer on his boyhood reminiscences of Chelsea and for those who would like to refresh their memories on the subject and have a permanent record, Senator Connolly has kindly contributed a large number of copies of the substance of his talk. These are on sale from Mrs. E. J. Ryan, Old Chelsea for 50¢ each.

EXHIBITION OF TREASURES

We have been asked to remind you that the University Women's Club of Ottawa is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee by holding an exhibition of "Treasures from Ottawa Valley Homes" in the Auditorium Foyer of the National Library and Archives Building from Thursday, October 23 to Saturday, October 26 - noon to 10 P.M. This event should be most interesting and worthy of your support. You may even have some items on display.

DATE DATA

Dr. H. T. Douglas of the Ottawa Historical Society who spoke to us some time ago has a query about the Brigham House on St. Joseph Blvd. opposite Gamelin Blvd. in Wrightville. There is some confusion about when it was built. A Mr. Caron in Hull says the date was 1835 but another source of information says it was built by John S. Hall at an earlier date and sold to Brigham. If any member has any available evidence on this matter please telephone Hilary Sharp, at 827 0798.

A GENEROUS GIFT

Before the F. T. Jenkins' cleared out their house at Kingsmere and moved finally to Victoria this summer they very kindly donated to the Society a Gestetner mimeograph machine on which, for a number of years, Mrs. Jenkins ran off our notices of meetings and other material for which Mrs. Moore had cut the stencils. We are grateful for this gift of a machine which is interesting historically in that it is an early model, vintage 1929, I believe. Despite its years it is still capable of turning out good work and will be used for this purpose.

MOORSIDE TEAROOM

The tearoom will close for the season after Thanksgiving Day. This has been another good year under the capable and genial management of May Mulvihill and Jean Chapman, acting for the Society.

MAKING THE SCENE

For those of you who are not already aware of it our Secretary-Treasurer, Hilary Sharp, now covers the Gatineau region for items of interest to appear each week in The Aylmer Reporter. Call Hilary if you have a tidbit of news of general interest.

Arthur Davison,
President.