

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This will be held on Wednesday, 13 February 1974 at 8 pm sharp in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que., and will provide all members with the opportunity to discuss past and future activities of the Society.

We have had an interesting variety of meetings and other functions during 1973 and there will be a brief review thereof. There will be a report on our financial position (which is sound) and the election of members of the executive committee.

In absolute terms the most important factor in this meeting will be YOU. We need your presence! We need evidence of your support! We need your ideas! Without you, we are less than we could be!

Plenty of time will be provided for open discussion and arrangements have been made to have a short film to cap the evening.

We shall look forward to seeing YOU on the thirteenth!

LAST MEETING

Despite the kind of weather which encourages people to hug their hearths there was a good turnout for our meeting on 5 December 1973 in "The Barn" on the Woodroffe Campus of Algonquin College.

Mr Patrick Wohler, the director of the course in Museum Technology, spoke about the program in some detail following which we toured the facilities and saw work in progress. We were guided by Mr Wohler, one of his teaching colleagues and some of his students.

We were impressed by what is being done and we caught some of the enthusiasm of those involved in the course. We have confidence that our recently donated bursary will be put to good use.

Tentative plans have been made to consult with Mr Wohler and company in the Spring on possible improvements to the operation of our museum at Moorside.

Complimentary coffee and doughnuts provided a nice note on which to end an enjoyable and edifying evening.

A SADNESS

As you doubtless already know we have lost one of our most beloved and respected members in the person of Col. Duncan Eberts Macintyre. He was a strong supporter of the Society and he delighted us on two memorable occasions when he spoke about his early railroad-building experiences (which have been recorded in his recently published book END OF STEEL) and later when he told us of the life and times of his grandfather who was an early Hudson's Bay Company factor at Fort William.

We were looking forward to another talk this year on his other grandfather who was a Great Lakes ship captain. Unhappily this is not to be.

The Society made a contribution to the Gatineau Memorial Hospital in Wakefield in commemoration and Mrs Macintyre has sent us a nice note of acknowledgment.

All who knew him will cherish the memory of a great man who led a full, useful and active life to the day of his death at 88 on the fourteenth of January.

THAT'S WRIGHT

This is the subject of a talk which our own Pat Evans will deliver to the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society based on his extensive research of the Philemon Wright family, its ancestors and its descendants.

This will take place on Tuesday 16 April 1974 at 8 pm in the auditorium of the National Library and Public Archives Building on Wellington Street opposite the northerly end of Bay Street.

And lucky us! We have been invited. Pat has spoken to our Society on occasion and, with these recollections in mind, if "you know what is good for you" you won't miss this.

COINAGE OF EARLY AGE

At our last meeting Mr Frank Park of Hull presented the Society with an attractive case made by him in which were mounted eighteen pre-Confederation coins of this country. The earliest is dated 1814 and included in the collection are coins of some provinces and early banks such as the Quebec Bank and the Bank of Upper Canada.

We are grateful to Mr Park for this thoughtful and generous gesture which was a spontaneous one growing out of the Society's participation in setting up the historical display as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations of St James Church, Hull.

Look for this collection which will be on display in our museum at Moorside when it opens for the 1974 season.

DUES ARE DUE AGAIN

Your 1974 membership card is enclosed as we assume and hope that you wish to continue with us. Please send your cheque for \$2.00 per person, made payable to the Society, to Miss SC Strang, Old Chelsea, Que. JOX 2N0; or you may pay at the Annual Meeting.

Arthur Davison,
President.