

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our new 'baby' - UP THE GATINEAU! - has been born and your free copy is enclosed (unless you have already received one at our last meeting). It has been distributed to several retail outlets in the Gatineau Valley as well as in Ottawa and indications to date show a favourable acceptance.

If you wish extra copies the price is a modest \$1.50 despite inflation in the printing industry. You may write Sheila Strang or telephone her at 827 0420. Sheila is busy this summer including having responsibilities at Moorside so you may have to try more than once to reach her.

What better small 'historical' gift for your friends than a copy of UP THE GATINEAU! ?

LAST MEETING

A small number of members had their knowledge of COIN COLLECTING increased at our last meeting on 19th June when Frank Park spoke to us. He and his wife brought along a large part of his extensive collection as well as his library on the subject and because he had been collecting for over 50 years and obviously knew whereof he spoke we were provided with an interesting and enlightening evening.

CEMETERY CEMENTINGS

Quite by chance your president met Mr. Cyrus Stothers at the Horse Draw at Chelsea School on 31st May, one of the events celebrating West Hull's 100th anniversary.

It transpired that some of Mr. Stother's antecedents lie buried in our cemetery north of Chelsea. He had noticed that the Stothers stone had a lean on it. He wished to do something about it.

On Monday morning, 16th June, by arrangement, Mr. Stothers, Pat Evans, Richard Lee and I foregathered at the cemetery and by noon we had straightened up the Stothers stone as well as all others which were leaning except the Cameron stone for which heavy equipment will be required. Several stones had joints pointed and other cementing done.

Mr. Stothers provided the immediate incentive and we all did the work. The result - a big improvement!

A SAD LOSS

An old and good friend of the Society and the community, Mr. Donat Fiset, passed away on June 23rd. Mr. Fiset, former proprietor of the Parkway Store in Old Chelsea had been particularly helpful and generous to us at Auction time for a number of years. On one occasion he made a substantial contribution of money to the Society of which he was a member. We shall miss him.

ANNIVERSARIES GALORE

As you are no doubt aware by now this is Hull's 100th anniversary of incorporation and 175th year since founding. To help in the celebrations the Society is participating in a joint venture of an historical display in the Parish Hall of St. James Anglican Church in Hull.

Rod Sparks contributed his large display of early tools used in farming, lumbering, blacksmithing and carpentry which had been assembled for our show at the West Hull birthday party on 31st May. The Society's exhibit was supplemented by a selection of larger primitive items from the Davison collection. There are many other artifacts of interest provided by the other participants. It is well worth a drop-in before it closes on 6th July.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

At last! LAPÊCHE - A History of the Townships of Wakefield and Masham - 1792 to 1925 has come off the press!

Norma and Stuart Geggie are the authors of this attractive, readable, fact-filled and profusely illustrated book which traces the history of an important part of our region. It is another publication of the Society.

It is available in bookstores and other outlets at \$5.50 per copy but a special price of just \$4.00 is available to you as a member of the Society - another fringe benefit of membership.

You may order as many copies as you wish at the special low price. Send remittance with orders to Mrs. N.S.Geggie, Wakefield, Que. JOX 3G0

This is a significant addition to our local history and would make a gift which you would be proud to present to a friend.

INVITATION

All members are cordially invited to be present at the launching of a new publication - HULL - A Pictorial History - 1800 to 1975, in the Hull Municipal Library, 39 Leduc Street, Hull, at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 6th July. There will be refreshments.

Arthur Davison,
President.