

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

The well-known Alan Powell, proprietor of the well-known Bytown Glass shop on York Street in Ottawa will speak to us on pre-Confederation maps and prints, a subject on which he is particularly well qualified to speak. His talk will be illustrated with examples from his own extensive collection of rare items and you may be assured of a most interesting evening.

This meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 October 1975 at 8 p.m. sharp in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que.

You are urged not to miss this important occasion.

### AUCTION '75

Despite our having to hold this year's auction in a new location it turned out to be the best to date with gross receipts approximating \$5,000. We had 375 items to sell, we had 323 registered bidders and we had 12 hours of selling. We had many items of quality to offer and, generally speaking, prices were good.

Through the co-operation of 57 consignors and the willing efforts of our large group of volunteer workers the Society's bank account received a healthy transfusion.

### BEREAVEMENT

Gladys Blair, a noted local writer on historical matters and a member of the Society died suddenly on September 10th last. This is a sad loss to the historical community in particular and to a great many friends in the theatre and in all walks of life. She lent her talents and energies for many years to the cause of preserving our heritage and at her passing she was engaged in writing a book on the Gatineau, an area she knew well from associations through the years beginning in her youth. Many members will remember her having spoken to the Society in and about the old Prentiss house in Chelsea, now the home of Mrs. S.G. McDougall.

We shall miss her blithe spirit!

### PUBLISHING BUSINESS

LAPECHE, the history of Wakefield and Masham Townships by Norma and Stuart Geggie has been well received, having sold about two-thirds of the edition of 1,000.

UP THE GATINEAU!, our first 'house organ' is sold out as far as supplies for our outlets are concerned. The balance of 31 out of a total printing of 727 is to be retained for occasional individual orders.

THE WRIGHTS, a genealogical study of the Philemon Wright family by Patrick M.C. Evans, published by the National Capital Commission in an edition of 300 is sold out. (Some modest success stories!)

### MISSING PERSONS

Isobel A. Spencer of Box 144, Craik, Sask. SOV OGO would like to hear from anyone by the name of Sloan(e) in the Gatineau region or from anyone who knows anything of such a family. This is the second time of asking.

### GATINEAU L(ORE)

One of our members, Dr. Donald Hogarth of the University of Ottawa is author of an interesting, 44 page, well illustrated book - PIONEER MINES OF THE GATINEAU REGION, QUEBEC. This covers material similar to that of his talk to us some time ago and, of course, is pertinent to our area of interest.

It is available at \$2.00 through the main Ottawa bookstores or, by mail at \$2.25 which includes postage and handling from By Town Beavers, Publishers, P.C.Box 783, R.R.No.6, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 3N4 (no personal cheques, please)

This would be a valuable addition to your historical library or as a gift to a friend and the season to be gifting is fast approaching.

### HELP WANTED

Our small museum at Moorside badly needs a friend - one who would devote a little time to refurbishing it, adding a bit of sparkle to the displays, doing some labelling and cataloguing and generally acting as a part-time curator. Adequate funds would be made available to cover expenses involved.

This could be a stimulating challenge for someone interested and the museum would be that much more attractive for the thousands of visitors we have each summer season. To show that it does receive attention the donation box therein yielded \$202.66 this year plus one Mexican peseta.

Please call me at 235 1064 soon. Your call will be most welcome.

### MORE MOORSIDE

From present indications the Tea Room which closed after Thanksgiving Day seems to be heading for another record year. Much credit for this performance must go Elaine Albert and Jean Chapman for good leadership and to a devoted staff for good cookery and service aided by Sheila Strang with her usual thoroughness in her first year as the keeper of the books.

Congratulations and thanks to all concerned!

Arthur Davison,  
President.