

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT EVENT

Inspired by Senator Connolly's account of boyhood days in Chelsea as presented in the latest issue of "Up the Gatineau!" it is planned to have a walking tour of Chelsea on Sunday, 25 July 1976.

Senator Connolly has agreed to conduct us through the village pointing out those places and their associations which remain from his youth and indicating the location of other places which have long since disappeared.

We will foregather outside St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church located on Highway 105 just North of the heart of the village at 2.15 p.m. sharp where there is adequate private parking. We will walk Southerly through the village to the old Prentiss House where, through the courtesy of Mrs S G McDougall and her daughter Pam, the Society will provide tea -- all for free to you and me. We hope that a fine day will permit us to have the tea in their lovely garden but if it is not we will gather indoors in their heritage home.

Please come rain or shine and for this occasion you may bring a friend or friends. We hope that you will want to join us for a couple of hours in an earlier and different Chelsea under the guidance of Senator Connolly whose interesting recollections of people and places you have already sampled in his article or in his talk to us in the old Church House some years ago.

LAST MEETING

An encouragingly large number of our members and guests from Larrimac Golf Club turned out for our meeting there on the 24th of June.

Mr Wyman MacKechnie made the occasion memorable as he is a naturally gifted story-teller with a great fund of material which he produced from his own memories or from his extensive research on the past of the Pontiac and its people.

His excellent historical narrative "What Men They Were" has sold out one printing and is now in its second. This book is commended for your attention.

We are indebted to Mr MacKechnie for one of our better evenings and to Pat Evans who provided hospitality to our speaker and his wife.

A LINK WITH THE PAST

Following the printing of Arthur H Shearman's letter from Woburn in "Up the Gatineau!" we sent complimentary copies to each of his two daughters, Miss Caroline Shearman of Hanover, New Hampshire and Mrs Audrey Tassé of Ottawa. In their letters of acknowledgement they have each expressed great affection for and pride in their father and are happy that his words live on in our publication.

ACQUISITIONS

Through the president of the Larrimac Golf Club, Mrs Randall Arton of Bermuda has presented to the Society a MacLaren Account Book of the period 1888-1894 which reveals an interesting insight into daily business activities before the turn of the century.

Alan Powell also turned over to the Society a bound copy of "The Voice" - a collection of ecclesiastical magazines published by the Roman Catholic Church in 1885-87 of which the editor was Rev James Brown of Old Chelsea, Que.

One of the ladies who assisted at the Moorside Tea Room for some years, Mrs Laura Ogilvie has donated to our museum an old family rolling pin fashioned by hand by an early pioneer.

PUBLISHING BUSINESS

The last meeting ratified a decision of your Executive Committee to advance funds for the publishing of "Unto the Hills" - a history of the early church in Wakefield and surrounding communities by Norma and Stuart Gergie.

Their first book - Lapêche - is virtually sold out and it has returned a nice profit to our Society which published it.

Our congratulations to the Geggies for their ventures into the held of letters!

AUCTION SALE '76

Initial planning has started for our fourteenth annual Auction Sale which will be held, we expect, on Saturday, 28 August 1976. We would like to have held it in the same place as last year - St Stephen's School, Old Chelsea - but this is not possible due to other commitments. We may be next door in the Kindergarten School.

A special bulletin will be issued early in August giving you all particulars but in the meantime please start saving up. Let us try to exceed last year in quality of offerings.

14 July 1976

Arthur Davison,
President.