

NEXT MEETING

We have lately acquired a new member and, as a result, we have also acquired a speaker for our next meeting to be held in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. on Wednesday 2 March 1977 at 8 p.m. sharp.

Mr. Mike Bedard of Gatineau has spent most of his spare time for the past six years researching and documenting heritage structures in the Western Quebec region. He has interested himself particularly in those properties threatened with destruction. In this endeavour he has been supported by Mr. Larry Deacon who has made paintings of many of these old structures.

Mr. Bedard will share his dedication and enthusiasm with us when he speaks about RECORDING OUR HERITAGE and Mr. Deacon will have some of his paintings on display. This presentation should be "right down our alley" so come learn a thing or two.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

An encouragingly large number of members presented themselves at the last meeting on 26 January - the first of our 1977 series. Reports on last year's activities were brief but revealed another year of activity and profit .....  
.. Moorside Tea Room had a very small decline in sales from 1975 but there were several reasons for this including the complete loss of the normally busy Thanksgiving weekend due to hydro power outage. We are fortunate in having the capable and conscientious team of Elaine Albert and Sheila Strang in charge....  
.....Again the donation box in our small Museum was the recipient of over \$200. Glenna Reid has instituted some improvements in our records and displays with more to follow.....Ed. Laberge reported on a successful Essay Contest in 1976 and outlined plans for the 1977 Contest which will have a different prize structure totalling about \$1,200 - see enclosure with this Newsletter.....  
.. Following a visit with Ed. Laberge to Algonquin College to review the bursary which we have donated for three years Ann Crane reported that under a new plan we will donate money only as needed to maintain a small surplus in a fund to assist students in the Museum Technology course..... Sheila Strang led us through our financial statement which revealed a surplus on the year's operations of \$1,513.20 of which interest on our investments yielded \$1,268.92 - money we do not have to work for..... Money we did have to work for came from another successful Auction Sale with the largest gross ever. With all consignors, except a few donators, paid off and all bills paid we came out with a profit of \$2271.83, a credit to our workers and the good quality of the items consigned..... In the publication field Lapêche by Norma and Stuart Geggie which we financed made us a profit of \$924.50 for which we can thank the authors. Our 'Up the Gatineau!' sales have paid for the total printing bill and other expenses including those sent free to members and other complimentaries. Our latest publication, the Geggies' "Unto the Hills" is out and selling..... During the year we have consolidated our relations with sister societies in Western Quebec and Eastern Ontario through Regional Council meetings of Heritage Canada in Aylmer and Kingston..... In 1976 we had a meeting or other event for each month of the year except December....  
..... The Executive Committee was re-elected for another year..... There was discussion on what should be done about Old Chelsea following the research and report thereon by Heather Quipp which has been mentioned in a previous Newsletter. Before any further action can be contemplated more committee work is needed and anyone willing to work on this project is urged to come forward.  
..... Shirley Shorter, aided by her husband Gordon, delighted us with a short program of movie films and slides related to our area which was enthusiastically received.

DIGGING FOR INFORMATION

Dr. Donald Hogarth, author of PIONEER MINES OF THE GATINEAU REGION, QUEBEC, is seeking ~~more~~ more information on the Haycock Mine near Cantley. There are, apparently, some missing Haycock papers. If you have any such information or any clues please telephone Dr. Hogarth at 741 4202. His address is 425 Maple Lane, Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa.

And if you would like to buy a copy of the above-mentioned publication Dr. Hogarth can tell you how to get it.

DO DO DO IT

Although there was a good response to our appeal for renewal of memberships there are, as of 3 February, 95 single or family members of last year who have not renewed. At least some of these may be away seeking some winter warmth. If this paragraph is marked in red on YOUR copy of this Newsletter will YOU be so kind as to send your cheque covering dues of \$3.00 single or \$5.00 family to Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que. JOX 2N0 or you may pay at the next meeting.

Do not miss any of the things we have to offer by failing to renew - including a free copy of 'Up the Gatineau!' 77.

ESSAY CONTEST '77

Your attention is drawn to the enclosure with this Newsletter. Now get in there and win some of that \$1,200 of the Society's money.

HERITAGE BALL

Aylmer Heritage Association is planning a repeat of its successful Heritage Ball of last year. The date is 26 February 1977 and if you are interested please call Heather Lawson at 771 2727.