

# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

## NEXT EVENTS

This year the annual meeting of Heritage Canada will be held in Ottawa which gives us the opportunity to participate with a minimum of travel. We may do so either as individual members of Heritage Canada or as members of our Society which enjoys corporate membership.

The programme is as follows:

### Friday, 30 September 1977

- 2.00 p.m. - Fourth Annual Business Meeting.
  - The Senate - Railway Committee Room (253D)
- 3.30 p.m. - Members' Programme I
  - 'Financing Heritage Conservation'
  - The Senate - Railway Committee Room
- 7.30 p.m. - Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation
  - The Chateau Laurier Hotel

### Saturday, 1 October 1977

- 9.30 a.m. - Members' Programme II
  - 'The Weapons of Economic Persuasion'
  - The Senate - Railway Committee Room
- 2.00 p.m. - Members' Programme III
  - 'The Heritage Society in the Community'
  - The Senate - Railway Committee Room

### Sunday, 2 October 1977

- 10.00 a.m. - Train Trip to Wakefield, Que.
  - Members of the Society will describe landmarks and other points of interest on the train trip.
- 12.15 noon - Lunch at The Earle House or Pot au Feu Restaurant (Old Station) Wakefield.
- 2.00 p.m. - Leave Wakefield by train for the return trip, arriving in Ottawa about 4.15 p.m.
  - The train departs from and returns to - The National Museum of Science and Technology, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa - One mile south of the Queensway.

We hope that many members will take advantage of as much as possible of this interesting programme while it is so convenient to do so.

#### What is the cost?

- Registration Fee for Meetings - \$10.00
- Tickets for Annual Dinner - \$10.00
- Tickets for Train Trip including cost of lunch - \$15.00

#### What must you do?

Telephone and make reservations before 15 September to Francoise Parent, Heritage Canada on 237 1867 or 237 1066.

## LAST EVENT - THE AUCTION

Good weather, good goods, good crowd, good work and good workers all contributed to making Auction '77 second only to Auction '76 which was tops in our record of auction sales.

We had 368 lots to sell - 20 more than last year - consigned by 59 members and friends of whom 9 donated their proceeds from 21 items to the Society with a value of \$179 for which we are most grateful. There were 256 registered bidders - 60 fewer than last year - some of whom listed as home addresses: Halifax, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Westmount, Newmarket, Cornwall, Raleigh N.C. and Tallahassee Fla. Our gross 'take' was about \$5,140 including taxes, raffle money, etc. This is about \$300 less than last year but the Society should still net about \$2,000 after paying all expenses from its share of the proceeds.

A feature this year was a very special menu of good food prepared and dispensed by Heather Guipp and Jenny Walker. If you were there you know what we mean and if you were not there you missed something.

Selling went on all day from 9.30 a.m. until 8.50 p.m. with time out only for the draws.

Cheques have gone out to consignors plus some letters of thanks to donors and others. We are paying bills and are almost ready to consign Auction '77 to history.

JULY EVENT Our event on 31st July attracted between 50 and 60 members and friends to the former 'Carbide' Willson estate where we were treated to an audio programme on 'Carbide' which re-inforced much of what we had previously learned - that he was a most enterprising and remarkable man.

A large number made the 3 mile round trip walk from the house to the ruins of the power house and plant which included a glimpse of a couple of sunbathers who were not leaving any parts of their bodies untanned.

We are grateful to Senator Connolly, the trustees of the Gilhooly estate, Marion Roberts and Rod Sparks for making possible such good use of a sunny Sunday afternoon.

AN ACT OF GIVING One of our members, Mrs. Patricia Cosh of Wakefield Antiques, has made a most generous gift to the Society for the museum at Moorside. It is a steel and plate glass display cabinet which is a very handsome addition to the upper hall at Moorside and since it is capable of being locked while also providing good viewing it will be used to house our smaller, more valuable items.

The Society is indebted to Pat Cosh for her thoughtfulness and generosity!