

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This will be slanted toward the annual Essay Contest, of which the results appear below. It will be held in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. starting at 8 p.m. sharp on Thursday, 30 November 1978.

The winners have been invited to receive their awards and all of us will receive something more. We are most fortunate in that Courtney C.J. Bond has agreed to attend and speak on the researching and writing of history. His career has been one of variety and interest including having been historian with the National Capital Commission. He has had a long association with our Society which began shortly after our founding. He, with J.W. Hughson, was the author of our very first publication - Hurling Down the Pine - which went into two editions in 1964-1965. It is now out of print and we receive recurring requests for it. He is also the author of three other books.

LAST MEETING This should be a full evening and an opportunity not to be missed - so don't !!

On September 29, 30 and October 1, Heritage Canada held its annual meeting and associated events which were delineated in our last Newsletter and of which you were invited to partake.

It turned out to be a most edifying, and even inspiring, experience. There were excellent discussions with knowledgeable and articulate panelists. Pierre Barton, the speaker at the Annual Dinner, was at his story-telling best. There were two first-rate audio-visual presentations. The tour of the East Block, in process of restoration, revealed some of its aged bare bones. We attended Government House for an awards presentation and we wound up on Sunday at the Phillip's Place for a tour of their personal "Lower Canada village" and a good lunch.

The pleasure quotient was increased by meeting so many people with a common interest from across the breadth of Canada.

We 'doff our hat' to those in Heritage Canada who were responsible for the planning and organization - a good show!

THE WINNERS

Again, something has been added to our lode of Gatineau lore by the participants in our seventh annual Essay Contest of whom the following have been judged worthy of awards:

| <u>Prize</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Title</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| First (500) | Barbara Benoit | Ottawa, Ont. | Record of a Summer L'Echo de la Gatineau of 1889 |
| Second (200) | Gwenda Lambton | Alcove, Que. | The Barry Farm A Pioneer Homestead |
| Third (50) | Lynda Renaud (Age - 15 years) | Cascades, Que. | Danford Lake |
| Honorable Mention (25) | Claude Brind'Amour | Ottawa, Ont. | Meach Lake Failure of a Dream |

Once more, we of the Society congratulate them for their contributions to history.

REGIONAL COUNCIL

This year our Society was host to the members of Regional Council of Eastern Ontario/Western Quebec, Heritage Canada for their Fall meeting on 21 October.

The business meeting was held in the Alonzo Wright Room of College St-Alexandre through the courtesy of Rev. Henri Lestage, the Director. Some eight societies were represented by 25 members including three from Heritage Canada Head Office and all of our own Executive.

We met Jacques Dalibard, the new Executive Director of Heritage Canada; had a brief talk on the Wright connection by Pat Evans; saw an excellent audio-visual program on 5 years of progress in Heritage Canada by Barry McMahon; did a bit of business including naming a provisional executive for our Regional Council with our Ann Crane as president and recommended a change in the name of the Council to incorporate Western Que.

We had lunch in L'Auberge le Milieu du Monde, north of the college; visited the Wakefield Craft Fair; had a casual and short walk through the Village and ended the session with Tea in St. Andrews United Church as guests of our Society.

We are indebted to Francoise Parent of Heritage Canada who was helpful in several ways. We had a 'large' day which we hope our visitors found worthwhile and pleasant.

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING

A. Some updated figures for Auction '78. Total proceeds - 4,355.24, payments to consignors - 1,940.78, expenses including provincial taxes - 734.66, profit to the Society - 1,679.80. B. Although the books have not, as yet, been closed on the 1978 season for Moorside Tea Room it appears that this may have been one of our better years, thanks to good management, good staff and good weather. C. In late August the donation box in our small museum at Moorside was 'jimmied' but the 'jimmier' must have been interrupted because, after the incident, the box still contained about 100.00. After strengthening it was put back in service and the final total yield was 170.49 plus a shilling and a new pence. It is probable that we lost some money in the break-in as in past years the 'take' (our 'take') was at least 200.00.

WHO'S WHO

John Alan Powell - that's who! ...Alan was born in Ottawa in 1917 and attended local schools followed by 'higher learning' at the Universities of Toronto and Cambridge, 1934-1940.....from 1940 to 1945 was in the RCNVR and served with the Air Branch of the Royal Navy.....in 1942 he married his wife, Diana, in the U.K. and they have parented 3 sons.....was engaged in teaching from 1946 to 1958.....the Public Service claimed him during the period 1958-1968, part of which time he was with the National Research Council.....in 1969 he founded Bytown Glass on York Street, Ottawa.... he is a member of the National Archival Appraisal Board which identifies him with Canada's heritage.....formerly a cricketer and golfer his swing is now that of a wood-chopper....member of the Executive and the one invaluable 'constant' in the accounting group of our annual auction for the past 16 years.

Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison, President.