

NEXT MEETING

Through the kind hospitality of Bob and Mary Ann Phillips we are to be privileged to visit their fascinating collection of early 19th Century log buildings and artifacts which they have assembled, over a period of years, on their property at Cantley on the east bank of the Gatineau.

The time is 2.15 p.m. sharp on Sunday, 29 July 1979 and, after a conducted heritage tour of the extensive estate, we will have tea with the Phillips in the 1819 recycled 'Grange' about 4.00 p.m. They have generously arranged to provide the tea, coffee and lemonade. If you would like some victuals, as well, how about bringing your own in the form of sandwiches, cookies or anything else that strikes your fancy. In this way you can have as much as you want of what you want.

For this occasion, spouses are cordially invited even though they may not be Society members.

To get there, cross the Alonzo Wright Bridge over the Gatineau River at Ironside; turn left on to Highway 307 and proceed northerly until the Farmer's Rapids Power Dam comes into view on your left; check your odometer at this point and drive exactly 2 miles or 3.2 km.; turn off the highway to the left on Summer Drive (there will be a temporary identifying sign here) and drive as far as you can until you come to the Phillips' parking lot.

This is a rare opportunity so do not miss it by default. Let us enjoy this 'Summer Solace' with the Phillips!

LAST MEETING The speaker at our meeting on the 24th of May, Laurel Doucette, was a happy choice.

We could relate easily to her, her subject and her early connections with the Gatineau. Her subject - 'Folklore in Your Family' - was a popular one and, with her family background and her training in folklore, she quickly caught our attention and held it during her talk, some recorded interviews and a variety of questions. She left us with much good advice and some pleasant recollections of an evening well and happily spent.

TRANSCONTINENTAL TRANSPLANT

As most of you know, the Society has an association with Her Majesty's Canadian Ship - 'Gatineau' - a destroyer now serving in the Pacific Command.

To mark her Twentieth Anniversary they wished to establish a closer link with the Gatineau region so a request came to us for a small pine tree from the area to be used in a tree-planting ceremony as part of the celebrations of the occasion.

To make a potentially long story less long, our Sheila Strang took the matter in hand and arranged for the N.C.C. to provide the tree. Being ex-RCAF, Sheila still has "friends at court" and through them, the tree got transported to Victoria by air - all done through proper channels, I hasten to add.

We have lately had a letter from Lieut. Gary Nason, the chairman of the Anniversary Committee, in which he reported the safe arrival of the tree and its planting with full ceremonial honours on the 29th of May in Victoria.

So the Society, through the effective work of Sheila Strang with some help from her friends, has contributed to a native of the Gatineau being privileged to grow up in the more salubrious climate of the west coast.

Happy 20th Anniversary to H.M.C.S. Gatineau and to all the officers and men who serve in her!

HERITAGE SAVING

Arising out of the persistent difficulty of finding a suitable use for the 103 year old original Town Hall in Old Chelsea the Municipality of West Hull called for tenders for its demolition. Several members of the Society were none too happy about this prospect so the Executive Committee met on 15 June and, after discussion of the matter in detail, it was resolved unanimously that the Society should oppose the demolition. Several letters with supporting material were sent to the Mayor and Councillors and aid was sought from Provincial authorities.

On 3 July six members of the Society appeared at a meeting of Council and pleaded the case for survival. After discussion, it was agreed that there should be a "stay of execution" and that a committee should be set up to study the whole problem including potential uses for the building. This committee will be comprised of representatives of the Council, the West Hull Community Association and this Society.

ELDER SISTER SOCIETY Following a suggestion by one of our members, Islay Johnson, there has been an exchange of correspondence with the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec whose founding by Lord Dalhousie in 1824 pre-dated the founding of our Society by 138 years. It is the oldest learned society in the Commonwealth outside Britain and it maintains a very old and very large Library of historical and other subjects, collected through the years, comprising some 25,000 volumes. The whole five issues of our 'Up the Gatineau!' have been sent to them as an addition to their Library, if they find them suitable.

Our members, visiting Quebec City, are invited to drop in to this Library in Morrin College at 44 St. Stanislas Street.

ANNUAL AUCTION Although we have not, as yet, got down to serious planning, we do expect to hold our Auction Sale for the 17th year on Saturday, 25 August 1979. So please make a note of the date and start casting around for the things you may wish to consign to make our sale possible.

LEARNING HISTORY At the request of Carleton University we direct your attention to two, once a week, evening courses in History to start in September.

The first course (327) before Christmas, is intended as a general introduction to the concepts and questions of local history and provides an opportunity to examine some of the best examples of local history writing produced in Canada and abroad. It is, therefore, a necessary introduction to the second course (328) after Christmas, which will consist primarily of guided research into the history of the Ottawa Valley.

For further information, please contact the Carleton University Office of Continuing Education at 231 6660.

DON'T FORGET - to participate in our 1979 Essay Contest - details from Sheila Strang at 827 0420.
- to patronize our Tea Room at Moorside - fine dining at reasonable prices.
- to avail yourself of the opportunity of visiting the Phillips' Place, Sunday 29 July