

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Having had a small sample of Bob Phillips' recollections of one Prime Minister at our annual meeting in January you will want to hear more as he becomes the featured event at our next meeting with his informal discourse - Recollections of Prime Ministers Past.

As most of you know, Bob is now Director Emeritus of Heritage Canada and, although he is not putting in the hours which he used to, he remains as an advisor-consultant to that organization.

Prior to his productive association with Heritage Canada, during which he guided it through its birth pangs and formative years, he had the opportunity of working closely with four Prime Ministers and so he was well-positioned to accumulate recollections which he will share with us. These will be more personal than political.

He will do so at our next meeting on Thursday, 29 March 1979 at 8 p.m. sharp in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. If you miss this one you could be missing something good - so be good to yourself and come!

LAST MEETING

One of the largest gatherings of members which we have had in a very long time enjoyed the dispensations of Dr. Stuart and Norma Geggie as they revealed some of their collected historical research, related primarily to recorded interviews with, and letters by, some early inhabitants of the Gatineau. The originators of this material - now dead - have unwittingly added their titbits to the history of the area and, fortunately for its preservation, it has come into the right hands. We were fortunate, too, in having it shared with us.

IN MEMORIAM

Although we did not see as much of them as we would have liked during their latter years we enjoyed the association which we did have and we are now saddened to report the deaths of two of our senior members - Redmond Quain, Sr. on 15 February 1979 and Cecil Morrison on 26 February 1979.

They will be long remembered by those who knew them and what they accomplished in their long lives.

GIFT OF WORDS

Mrs. Rena Giles, the author, has kindly donated to the Society, through Howard Harris, an inscribed copy of her book - "Eternal Triad". This is the history of the United Church of Canada in the Gatineau Charge which covers an area between the Gatineau and Lievre Rivers, north of the Ottawa. We thank Mrs. Giles for her thoughtful gesture and we offer this book on loan to any of our members who may be interested.

PLEASE BE SEATED

The large attendance at our last meeting produced a seating shortage in the Council Room of the Town Hall - this despite our bringing into use all the available office chairs as well as an uncomfortable wooden settee.

Since our turn-outs are unpredictable - and we certainly do not wish to do, or fail to do, anything to discourage good attendance - may we make a suggestion? If you are one who arrives in your own automobile please bring along with you one or two small chairs, folding or otherwise, just in case. They can be left in the car unless required. If they are needed, you will bless your foresight, as you seat yourself comfortably within the floor space provided.

HERITAGE CANADA

As a change from the practice in the past all personal memberships are now handled directly by the office of Heritage Canada, Box 1358, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5R4.

As one who is sympathetic to their cause - we hope - you may embark on, or renew membership at the new rates of:

Life - \$250.00 Household - \$15.00 Individual - \$10.00
Senior Citizen - \$5.00 Student - \$5.00

Our Society is continuing its Participating Organization Membership at \$25.00 and we encourage you to support this worthy body by your own membership. Among other benefits, you will receive many interesting publications and a good deal of satisfaction in contributing to the saving of Canada's heritage.

ESSAY CONTEST '79

We invite you, your family, your friends or anyone to whom you can convey this message to compete in our eighth annual Essay Contest, with the possibility of winning one of the prizes totalling over \$1,000.00.

Authors may choose their own subjects providing they pertain to the history of the Gatineau Valley (i.e. be about people, places or events of the area) Anyone is eligible except members of the Essay Committee and the judges.

Compositions should not exceed 3,000 words, may be illustrated by photographs, maps, etc. and may be submitted in French or English.

Manuscripts must be mailed on or before 15 September 1979 to:

Secretary-Treasurer, Historical Society of the Gatineau, Old Chelsea, Que., J0X 2N0

The results will be announced publicly not later than 15 November 1979.

Be sure to write or print your name, address and your age (if 18 or under) on the first page of the essay. Essays will not be returned so keep a copy. Winning entries may be published by the Society under the name of the author.

15 March 1979

Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison,
President

Please 'talk up' our Essay Contest
and 'get into the act' YOURSELF!