

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This will be held, as usual, in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. Although it is nominally the April meeting it will miss that month by one day - being held on Thursday, 1 May 1980 at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

For your edification and, we hope, entertainment the evening will feature a mini-panel on the subject of 'Printing and Publishing' with some direct reference to our own 'Up the Gatineau!'. The participants, besides yourselves as questioners, will consist of Mr. Frank Cartwright, Proprietor of Bonanza Press Limited of Ottawa and your editor.

We hope to enlighten you on what goes on behind the scenes between the time a publication is a germ of an idea and when it is realized in the form of a finished printed booklet.

We trust that there will be a free flow of discussion and what you do not hear you can ask about.

LAST MEETING Except for a tiny coterie who knew ahead of time, last meeting on 27 March turned out to be a complete surprise.

Due to an indisposition our scheduled speaker, Dr. Hans Geggie, was forced to withdraw four days before the meeting. A little quick footwork followed and a happy accident was spawned. It turned out that columnist and commentator Charles Lynch had a brief interval in his busy round of activities and he was kind enough to make himself available to us on short notice. He covered a variety of subjects with insight and good humour and we even had a go at some political questions of moment at the moment. The large audience got into the act and the result was a lively 'give and take' which was stimulating and enjoyable. We also had the pleasure of the company of Mrs. Lynch who, with her husband, spends the summers at Kingsmere.

LOOKING AHEAD

If all goes according to present plans the meeting scheduled for 27 March will take place toward the end of May when Dr. Hans Geggie will bring us his "Reflections of a Country Doctor". This should be another popular meeting and, as before, please be prepared to bring extra chairs with you.

You will, of course, receive complete details in a Newsletter in mid-May. In the meantime, hold yourself in readiness.

DOODLEDY DUES

We are getting toward the end of the doodling or dawdling with respect to the annual dues for 1980 and we are making one last appeal to those who have not renewed already. If we do not hear from you on or before the first of May 1980 we shall have to assume, with regret, that you no longer wish to be one of us.

If this paragraph is marked in red it means that, according to our records at 'press time', YOU had not renewed and, hoping that you wish to do so, you may send your cheque in favour of The Historical Society of the Gatineau to Miss Sheila Strang, Secretary-Treasurer, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0. You will recall that our nominal dues are \$3.00 single \$5.00 family, both of which include a complimentary copy of 'Up the Gatineau!'

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATION

If you are a member in good standing for 1980 you should receive, with this Newsletter, your free copy of the new 'Up the Gatineau!'. Of course, you may have received yours already by hand if you were at the last meeting or we have run across you in the meantime. Such 'handwork' saves the Society substantially on postage.

If you are not now paid up for 1980 but subsequently become so you will get your copy in due time, probably by mail.

Incidentally, we visited our numerous sales outlets 'up the Gatineau' as far as Mont Ste. Marie on Thursday, April 3rd and left our initial supplies in anticipation of the Easter weekend.

ESSAY CONTEST '80 We apologize for 'harping' on this subject but we do hope to increase participation in the Contest this year so please do all you can to help the cause, either by becoming an essayist yourself or encouraging someone else to be one. It could be profitable to you or to them and it would certainly be profitable to us.

As a start, why not pick up some leaflets at the next meeting and either digest or distribute them - or both. We would appreciate your good turn.

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regional Council of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec of Heritage Canada Foundation will meet on Saturday, 10 May 1980 in St. Lawrence College, Cornwall, Ontario, with registration beginning at 9.15 a.m. and opening remarks by the Chairman, Dr. Pendergast, at 10 a.m.

There will be three workshops, a luncheon, a coffee break, an important business meeting, a dinner and an adjournment about 7.00 p.m. The cost for the two meals, etc. is \$15.00.


Our Society will send two voting representatives but if you are interested and you are a member of Heritage Canada Foundation you will be most welcome to attend. You may telephone Sheila Strang at 827 0420 or me at 235 1064 for a registration form and a program of events. The registration form with your cheque or money order should be sent before 1 May 1980.

So there is your opportunity to spend an interesting day among congenial people in pleasant surroundings. Interested? Telephone 827 0420 or 235 1064 - but do it soon.

INCIDENTAL NEWS

As an outgrowth of Lillian Walton's prize-winning essay the head of the History Section of the Department of National Defence has borrowed our complete file on Pte. Richard Rowland Thompson, QS, and on our cemetery north of Chelsea, Que., with the object of reproducing pertinent parts of this file for their permanent records.

10 April 1980


Arthur Davison,
President.