

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

The week of April 25th to May 1st has been designated as heritage week in the Outaouais. The Conseil Régional de la Culture de l'Outaouais is organizing the week and co-ordinating the efforts of the various interested organizations. The theme chosen is 'Arts and Crafts of Yesteryear'. Accordingly, as our Society's contribution, we are pleased to announce that Karen Woods will come to us, once again, and the subject that she will cover is "Quilts - Past and Present". This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 28 April 1982 at 8 p.m. sharp in the West Hull Community Centre, Old Chelsea, Que.

Karen, with some colleagues, researched the early quilts of the Outaouais and gave us a report thereon at a meeting in the Spring of 1977. Since then they have submitted a manuscript to the Museum of Man for ultimate publication. In the meantime, she has been teaching quilt making in the Gatineau area and is an acknowledged authority on the subject.

To enhance the interest of the meeting Karen asks that YOU bring any quilts which you may have - old or new - and if there is a story or bit of history associated therewith that YOU tell us about it. So please 'get into the act' and make this a truly participatory meeting with all the extra interest which that would add to the occasion.

LAST MEETING On 25 March we were again privileged to have a presentation by Arthur Dunn, this time on "Early Grist Milling". Because of his obvious extensive research around the world and with the support of some fine slides on the subject, which he had accumulated, he was able to convey his message in a most interesting and illuminating way. To cap his performance and with Rod Sparks as the supplier and operator of the necessary equipment we were also treated to a splendid award-winning film depicting a restored and functioning grist mill powered by a huge water-wheel located near Tarrytown, N.Y.

An articulate and well-informed speaker supported by fine pictorials yielded us an enjoyable and enlightening evening.

'UP THE GATINEAU!' After multiple proofreadings and many hours on making up the 'dummy' the 1982 edition is now off the press and herewith is your complimentary copy IF your current dues have been paid. Members in good standing may buy extra copies for \$1.00. It will soon be placed in our various sales outlets from Ottawa to Kazabazua and Mont Ste Marie where it will sell for \$1.50.

DO DO YOUR DUES There are still a few members, identified by red marking of this paragraph, who, for one reason or another, are not yet included in our paid-up list at time of mailing of this Newsletter. We DO want you with us. We DO need your support. We DO wish to send you a free copy of our 1982 'Up the Gatineau!'. Our Secretary Treasurer, Sheila Strang, is happily receiving (\$3.00 single, \$5.00 family) at Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2NO, so please DO it - and I DO want to get off this subject.

RENFREW REPEATS After a successful initial effort last year our sister Society - Heritage Renfrew - is having its second ANTIQUÉ SHOW AND SALE in the Renfrew Arena on Argyle Street, Renfrew on Friday, April 30 - 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, May 1 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can have a lot of enjoyment for the admission fee of \$1.00 and you may even find something which you cannot possibly live without. You'll never know unless you go.

### TOUR TO TAKE

Under the capable direction of Miss Myrtle Mills, the Historical Society of Ottawa is planning another of its popular bus tours, this time to Chaffey's Locks on the Rideau system which, this year, is celebrating its sesqui-centennial.

The bus will leave the Voyageur Colonial Bus Depot on Catherine Street in Ottawa at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 5 June 1982, returning by 6 p.m. The cost including lunch, tips, etc. is \$18.00.

The seat reservations are going quickly and, in fact, the tour may be sold out by now. The way to find out if you will be accepted is to telephone Miss Mills at 232 8529 without delay.

### REUNIONS PAST AND FUTURE

In 1980 the Shouldice Family, in all of its ramifications including connections in the Gatineau and in Ottawa, held a large and successful reunion at Shallow Lake, west of Owen Sound, Ontario. One of the prime movers was Wayne Shouldice of Kitchener who has been a member of our Society for a number of years. He has very kindly sent us a complimentary copy of a comprehensive book telling all about the many branches of the family and the reunion activities. Anyone interested in seeing our copy has only to telephone Sheila Strang on 827 0420 or me on 235 1064 (winter) or 827 2598 (summer). We can also advise you on how and where you can buy your own copy. Plans are in the making for another reunion in 1985 in Ottawa.

On 10 July 1982 the Pritchard Family, who are old hands at reunions, will have their 50th annual reunion at Alcove, Que., and will also, at the same time, celebrate the sesqui-centennial of the arrival of the family antecedents in Canada from Ireland. This will obviously be a very special occasion. Our 1982 'Up the Gatineau!!' contains a lengthy article about one 20th Century member of the family, now deceased, and also an item about the reunion. The organizers have graciously granted us permission to sell at the reunion. Also for sale, and in the meantime available from the author, will be a well conceived and thoroughly researched book on "The Pritchards and Related Families", beautifully scripted by our own Patrick M.O. Evans who spent some 10 years of dedication on this project. It is well supplied with genealogical charts and pertinent pictures. Pat generously donated a copy to the Society which we will also let you see.

### SCHOOL SHOTS

If you have, among your treasures, any photos of old schools in West Hull or photos related thereto, Carol Martin, who is busy on a research project, would very much like to copy them and she would be most grateful if you telephoned her on 827 1633. Please help, if you can.

### PLANS FOR PLANTING

This is to remind you of the plan to plant shrubs and trees along the road between Chelsea and Old Chelsea and to put up bluebird houses in West Hull. This is an inspired project being developed by June Roots in preparation for Conservation Day on 1 May 1982. June has a landscape plan and we have asked her to show it to us at our next meeting. Prepare to help, pls.

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