

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Just over two years ago we had an enlightening talk on Early Canadian Iron-working by Arthur Dunn, a professional engineer. We are to be favoured with another talk by Mr. Dunn at our next meeting to be held in the West Hull Community Centre, Old Chelsea, Que. (just west of St. Stephen's Church) at 8.00 p.m. sharp on Thursday, 25 March 1982. This time his talk will be on Early Grist Milling - a subject to which he has given considerable study. As most of us know, Grist Mills played a very important role in the early days of Canada and a great many of them were in operation over a number of years.

Subject to our completing arrangements (and we are hopeful in this) for the necessary equipment and a willing operator of the same, an added feature will be the showing of an award-winning film on this subject.

We are sure that you will enjoy and profit from this presentation on something so closely related to our developing history.

LAST MEETING

Those of us who attended the last meeting on Thursday, 25 February 1982 were treated to a happy blend of enlightenment and entertainment at the hands of June Creelman who revealed many sights and sounds about Mackenzie King and his estate at Kingsmere. Since King was a controversial figure and the butt of much publicity over the years it was interesting that June was able to uncover a few facts (and pictures) that were new to us. Coupled with this, her enthusiasm for her subject was so infectious that it carried us along with her.

'UP THE GATINEAU!'

The typesetting has been substantially completed; the first proofreading done and the next step is reducing the accompanying photographs to a size compatible with our page size, following which a "dummy" of the booklet will be made up. After that our printer will embark on his final stages including printing and binding our 'opus'. Before too long, if all goes according to plan, it should be in the mail to our paid-up members - as well as delivered to our sales outlets.

FEES PLEASE

We consider that we have maintained our fees at a 'nominal' level and we hope that those of you who have not already done so will want to get this off your mind by sending a cheque to our Secretary Treasurer, Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0 - still \$3.00 single \$5.00 family. If you do this it will get us "off your back" and your name will be added to the preferred list for all that the Society has to offer.

So that you won't be wondering about your status, this paragraph will be marked in red for those of you who have not yet paid their fees for 1982 - according to our records at the time this Newsletter was mailed.

AUCTION SALE '82

As announced at our last meeting, we anticipate having our 20th Annual Auction Sale on 28 August 1982. With over 5 months notice you should have no difficulty in building a cache of your items for the sale - the best quality which you can bear to part with, please! Of course, there will be the usual detailed instructions later.

HERITAGE AWARDS 1982

Each year the Heritage Canada Foundation grants prestigious awards in five different categories in the fields of: outstanding service in the cause of heritage conservation; exceptional work in architectural conservation by an individual or group on a provincial level; modern adaptive uses for a heritage property; communications to promote conservation principles and community service in this area in each of five regions.

Notices of Intent to Apply must be received by H.C.F. by 30 April 1982 and the full application or nomination must be in their hands by 1 June 1982. Please address all inquiries concerning full submission requirements to: Awards Program, Heritage Canada Foundation, P. O. Box 1358, Station 'B', Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5R4. Telephone (613) 237 1066.

BOTTLE STUFF

The Bytown Bottle Seekers, in which two of our members - Shirley and Gordon Shorter are heavily involved - are holding an Antique Bottle Show and Sale in the Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa on Sunday, 25 April 1982 - 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission \$1.00. There will be more than bottles; there will also be lamps, stoneware, insulators, tins, toys, nostalgia, etc. For more information, please telephone the Shorters on 596 1023.

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(a) We have had a telephone call from a local girl who has a writer friend in Oakville, Ontario, who is authoring a new book on "The Great Flu". The author has been asked to write us directly to give us some idea on how, specifically, we could possibly help her. If you have any significant information on the Great Flu Epidemic of 1918 in this country and elsewhere, please telephone Sheila Strang on 827 0420 - in anticipation of our receiving the request referred to above.

(b) We have tried to contribute to the cause of saving the Gatineau Memorial Hospital by writing a letter in support thereof to the C.S.S.S.O. This was done prior to the mass meeting of supporters in Masham on February 22nd. Our letter has since been acknowledged.

" Where Life becomes a Spasm,
And History a Whiz:
If that is not Sensation,
I don't know what it is."

'Lewis Carrol' 1832 - 1898

Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison,
President