

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will have several different features so please read the details carefully. In a sense it is a postponed meeting from 10 June 1981 when the same principals could not appear for health reasons.

It will take place on Monday, 29 October 1984 at 8.30 p.m. sharp in the auditorium of the Chelsea Elementary School which is on the north side of the road between Chelsea and Old Chelsea, the entrance being 0.7 km. west of Highway 105 in the village of Chelsea - different day of the week, different time and different location.

We can all look forward to having with us William and Mary Commanda of the River Desert Algonquin Band, Maniwaki, Que. William is a former Chief of this Band and in 1913 he was elected Supreme Chief of the North American Indian Nation. William and Mary are both noted for their knowledge of, and proficiency in, the traditional Algonquin Indian crafts in which connection they have travelled widely including having had invitations to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and to Denmark.

Our evening will feature an illustrated talk on "The Algonquins in the Gatineau".

Since we have made a point of selecting an auditorium with a larger than usual capacity you are asked to invite friends, acquaintances and family to share this rare treat.

We also invite our sister societies, which get this Newsletter, to get the news to their members to enable them to participate including The Historical Society of Ottawa, Heritage Ottawa, Aylmer Heritage Association and la Société historique de l'Ouest du Québec.

Let us rally round in numbers to show the Commandas how much we look forward to their unique presentation.

LAST MEETING At the Chelsea Elementary School on Thursday, 27 September 1984 a large attendance was on hand to enjoy Pierre Louis Lapointe speak on the MacLarens of Buckingham and Masson. His presentation was excellent and it gave ample evidence, if such were needed, of his prowess as an historical researcher. This research was the foundation of his recent book - of which he had a few copies on hand - on this same subject written in French.

His talk was illustrated with slides made from early photographs which intrigued the audience and which, combined with his well-delivered address, gave us a most edifying and interesting evening during which many facts were revealed which were unknown to most of us - expanding our historical horizons in the process.

As evidence of audience interest there were many questions from the floor, some of which developed into discussions.

This open meeting yielded one new member for the Society and one potential member.

### 'UP THE GATINEAU!' 1985

With the long winter quickly approaching it seems appropriate at this time that we should ask members to devote some of their spare time and talent to developing articles, short or long (not exceeding 3000 words), for consideration of publishing in the 1985 edition of 'Up the Gatineau!' in the Spring of next year.

We are always seeking short anecdotal material related to some aspect of the history of our area, especially if it is people-oriented. We know that many of our members have such recollections - all that we ask now is that they be recorded in writing for our review.

Please do not set this request aside with the thought that you will do it some time. Do it now !

HERITAGE CANADA FOUNDATION If present plans develop your editor will have attended, before the next meeting of the Society, the Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Foundation in Edmonton, complete with a pre-Conference Tour of Rocky Mountain Historic Hotels. This involves going West on 14 October and returning one week later.

This engagement is being sponsored by The Heritage Canada Foundation and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation with the full co-operation of the Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta.

Under the theme "Getting the Job Done" the program seems most promising and with what appears to be good combined organization it should be very worthwhile.

You can always seek further information from the local office of H.C.F. by telephoning 237 1867 or 237 1066.

THEATRE CALECHE 1870 Most people who have any connection with the Gatineau region will have become aware, by now, of an enthusiastic group in the Wakefield area who are striving mightily to give re-birth to live theatre in Wakefield.

May we commend this to your attention and, if you are interested, please be advised that there will be a General Assembly in the Wakefield Elementary School at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 17 October 1984. Your support would be welcomed. Please telephone Karen Noganosh on 237 5632 or 459 2042.

David Park is the Provisional President and he would be pleased to hear from you by telephone on 459 3343 or, in writing, c/o Box 542, Wakefield, Que., JOX 3G0.


This is another organization which should add to the interest of and to the character of the Gatineau.

ANTIQUÉ FAIR Picking up the message contained in our September Newsletter this is a further reminder that The Aylmer Heritage Association is holding its 10th Annual Antique Fair on Friday, 12 October, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, 13 October, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Barn, 94 Albert Street, Aylmer, Que. Admission is \$2.00.

### THAT IS ALL

Although we have not run out of space we have run out of material for a Newsletter which is being produced under time restraints. It will, at least, provide you with essential information with particular reference to the next meeting which we hope will be attended in strength.

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Arthur Davison, Editor