

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This will be held on Thursday, 27 September 1984 at 8.00 p.m. sharp in the Chelsea Elementary School which is west of the Village of Chelsea on the Old Chelsea Road, north side. We are to be favoured with an illustrated talk on "The MacLaren Empire of the Lievre" by Pierre Louis Lapointe, Director of the Outaouais Branch of The Quebec National Archives. This talk, in English, is based on a book recently authored by our speaker, in French. He is knowledgeable and articulate so you will be well advised not to miss this opening presentation of our Fall, Winter and Spring program.

LAST MEETING

As mentioned as an upcoming event in our June Newsletter we later did have a visit to the MacLaren Mill in Wakefield followed by a walking tour of the village on Wednesday, 27 June.

A large number of members and friends foregathered at the Mill, as planned, where representatives of the N.C.C. gave us guided tours through and around the Mill which was to be officially opened on July 8th.

As usual, Norma and Stuart Geggie proved to be most knowledgeable and despite some rain showers, for which most members and their friends came prepared after weather warnings on TV, we completed the walk all the while either learning or refreshing our memories about many of the historical highlights of the village.

The afternoon ended with tea and sandwiches at the Earle House Restaurant and, on the whole, this was received as a useful and enjoyable event.

AUCTION SALE

Our latest event was the Annual Auction Sale which, under its new format, attracted more business than last year. The receipts from the Auction proper were \$3,640.45 and from the Flea Market were \$1,895.70 making a total of \$5,536.15. After deducting expenses, taxes, and payments to consignors the Society made a profit of \$3,053.65.

There were 67 consignments - more than double the number in 1983 - and 23 consignors donated their share of the proceeds to the Society.

President Bob, who played an active and important role in the auction sale by giving the provenance and other information on each item as it came up for auction, graciously invited Betty Davison, herself a recognized professional artist, to guest-auctioneer three works of art which she did with enthusiasm and good results.

The weather was good, the crowd was large and the whole affair produced gratifying results for which the Society is, once again, indebted to the many workers responsible, most of whom are members of the Society.

UP THE GATINEAU

Reference herein is not to our yearly publication but to the musical satire production of the Glebe Collegiate Institute by the same name.

In our June Newsletter it was announced that plans were in hand to have two showings in Brennan's Hill Hotel on Sunday, 24 June 1984. These showings, in fact, took place in the presence of two large enthusiastic audiences.

Your editor attended the evening performance to enjoy the show again, which he had first seen at the Glebe Collegiate Institute on 5 May 1984, but also to promote the sales of our booklet, of the same name, particularly our 1981 edition which carried an article on 'The Battle of Brennan's Hill', on which event this show was based. As a result of this operation 16 copies of the 1981 edition and 14 copies of the 1984 edition were sold.

These sales were helpful and having this show 'on site' at Brennan's Hill seemed most appropriate. It was certainly well received by those in attendance and it was a credit to the production team and the players.

SAD NOTE

We were taken on a nostalgic but sad journey with the revelation of the death of Dulcie Hudson on the 4th of September 1984.

Dulcie was one of the founding members of the Society in 1962 and she played a significant role in the direction of its affairs thereafter for some time as an active member of the Executive including being the Treasurer. Although we have not seen her at our events for several years she maintained her membership in the Society.

Two sons and their families and a daughter remain to mourn her loss as do all of us who had a congenial association with her in 'the early days'.

BUS TOUR WORKSHOPS

For yet another season the Continuing Education division of Heritage Campus, CEGEP de L'Outaouais, in collaboration with IHRO, is organizing bus tour workshops under the general theme "History and Folklore of Pontiac County".

There will be 5 day-long guided bus tours on 15, 22, 29 September and on 6 and 13 October, each of which will concentrate on a different area or feature of the Pontiac. The cost for the 5 Tours is \$135.00 or, if you are over 60 years of age - \$90.00. For each day trip the separate price is \$35.00. This price includes a full lunch each day, cost of bus transportation, cost of the course, cost of boat and ferry rides.

This highly recommended venture should appeal to many of our members who are able to avail themselves of this opportunity. For more information or to register please telephone Continuing Education at 778 2260 or 778 2270 - but do it without delay.

ANTIQUÉ FAIR

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.

There will be approximately 30 dealers from Ontario and Quebec with an emphasis on quality. This annual event has earned a well-deserved reputation and it is well-worth your attendance. Admission is \$2.00.

HERITAGE CANADA FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held in Edmonton this year in mid-October. For details please call H.C.F. locally on 237 1867 or 237 1066

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