

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

This will be held, not on the last Monday in April, but on Monday, 22 April 1985 at 8.00 p.m. sharp in the West Hull Community Centre, Old Chelsea, Que.

At this meeting we will have an illustrated lecture by an acknowledged authority on Pottery in the person of Dr. Elizabeth Collard. She was born in the province of Quebec and educated at Mount Allison University (which conferred on her an honorary LL.D. for her contribution to Canada's material history), the University of Toronto, and the University of Maine. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts she is also a member of the English Ceramic Circle and the Wedgwood Society of England. An author and lecturer of importance in her field, she is the consultant on ceramics to the National Museum of Man and the honorary curator of ceramics at the McCord Museum, McGill University.

Dr. Collard not only knows what she is talking about but she makes an excellent presentation so this meeting will be well-worth your attendance and, in the process, you will learn something significant.

Incidentally, during the month of April, a couple of the books which Dr. Collard has written, as well as some of the china illustrated in these books, will be on display at the main branch of the Ottawa Public Library at the corner of Laurier Avenue and Metcalfe Street. Why not avail yourself of this rare opportunity?

### LAST MEETING

At this meeting on 25 March 1985, Dr. Munro Beattie, our speaker, provided us with a very different - but delightful - talk. He narrowed the limits of his stated topic of 'Literary Landmarks' to concentrate on Archibald Lampman with references to Duncan Campbell Scott - two of Canada's poets and writers of note.

Emphasis was directed toward the canoe trips, often taken together, which took them up the Gatineau and up the Lievre which, of course, brought them in contact with country with which most of us are familiar.

Dr. Beattie recited with understanding and feeling some of Lampman's poetry and other writings. This was a treat in itself. As a dividend he gave us biographical material which he had assiduously researched and out of which he had the thrill of actually handling papers which Lampman himself had handled.

On a personal note, it was revealed in a chat after the meeting with Dr. and Mrs. Beattie that Dr. Beattie's 96 year old father, now living in Toronto, had been one of my teachers at Brockville Collegiate Institute from which I graduated in 1925.

It also turned out that my wife, Betty, and he had been in a play together at the Ottawa Little Theatre. Duncan Campbell Scott had had a close identification with this theatre.

Furthermore, at our summer residence on the Gatineau River north of Chelsea, Que. which is about 70' 0" above the water level we had acquired, several years ago, three sections of used fire escapes to provide an easily negotiated means of access to, and from, the shore. These fire escapes were freed when a building at Bay and Slater Streets in Ottawa was demolished and which, at one time, had been the home of Archibald Lampman.

### DUES STILL DUE

At the last meeting President Bob made several announcements of interest to the members. Included was a not-so-worthwhile revelation that, at that time, there were still some 90 members who had not paid their annual dues for 1985.

If you are one of those referred to it will be quite simple to remove your name from the delinquent list. Simply complete one of the membership forms which was sent to you, attach your cheque for \$5.00 (single or family) and mail it TODAY to:

The Historical Society of the Gatineau,  
Box 143, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0

This is not only a simple operation involving very little time but it is also a bargain in value considering all that you get in return. SO PLEASE DO IT WITHOUT DELAY.

### UP THE GATINEAU!

The 1985 edition has gone to the printers for typesetting. This will be followed by proof-reading; corrections, if necessary; making up a 'dummy' of pages by the editor with a scheduled completion date late in April or very early in May. After that you, as a member will receive your complimentary copy. It will not be long now.

### HOW IT WAS IN "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"(?)

One hears so much of 'rights' and 'privileges' nowadays we hope that the Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum will not mind our borrowing, with due acknowledgement, from their Newsletter, Volume 11, No. 1 the following:

#### 1872 Rules for Teachers :

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each day's pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labour faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

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