

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

Through the courtesy of the President and Officers of the Larrimac Golf Club the next meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Wednesday, 20 May 1970 at 8 P.M. We shall be permitted to flavour some of the flora and fungus of the Gatineau Valley. Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Geggie of Wakefield who are avid floriculturists will give us an audio-visual introduction to the flowers of our lovely countryside and Mrs. Harry Thomson who spoke to us early last year on Harrington-Mousseau Lake will display the breadth of her interests by presenting a talk illustrated with slides on our native mushrooms.

Since by this time our beloved hills and valleys will have taken on new growth and greenery after a long winter this "double bill" should constitute a "must" in our Spring activities and particularly so because of the lengthy interval since our last get-together.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Our next meeting on 14 July 1970 will be held in the charming old Prentiss house in Chelsea, now the home of Mrs. S. G. McDougall. Mrs. Gladys Blair, whose articles about old houses in the Saturday Journal are well known, will be guest speaker. More news of this meeting later.

### HELP FOR HISTORICALS

In our last notice we indicated an interest in hearing from anyone who was engaged in developing local or family histories and we even murmured something about providing publishing assistance. So far there has been no rush to take up our offer. Mrs. Tom Hyslop, Kingsmere, P.Q., Telephone 827-2837 is in a receptive mood and would be delighted to discuss the matter with you.

### FEES PLEASE!

There are still a few members whom we wish to keep in the fold who have overlooked sending in their dues for 1970. A two dollar bill will discharge this obligation if sent to the undersigned at 445 Daly Avenue, Ottawa 2 for the next two weeks or thereafter to Chelsea P.O., P.Q.

### A VOID

A void which we would like to have avoided has been created in our executive ranks by the recent resignation of our Secretary-Treasurer, Hilary Sharp. He has had to return to England for awhile because of the illness of his mother.

Hilary filled our post faithfully and well and contributed much to the good of the Society. We shall miss him in his accustomed role and hope that he may be able to return to the Gatineau before too long to reactivate his interest in our activities.

### SOME ADO ABOUT MOORSIDE

Plans are well in hand for the re-opening of the ever-popular Tearoom at Moorside. Guests will be welcomed from noon on May 15th until mid-October. This activity gives pleasure to thousands of visitors each summer season and does much to enhance the name of the Society in the community and throughout the district. For this we are deeply indebted to May Mulvihill and Jean Chapman with the members of their staff.

### GOING TO PRESS

We have been advised that Mrs. Harry Dodds has written a genealogical and historical account of the Johnston(e) Family of Johnston Lake and has included therein accounts of other Gatineau Valley families including the Crosses, Moffatts, Hudsons, Pritchards, Earles, Trowsses, Kennedys, Shouldices, Reillys, Sullys, Steeles and others. The book has 75 or more early photographs including good tintypes and pictures of old artifacts related to the early settlers of the last century. To assist in printing costs Mrs. Dodds is desirous of establishing a pre-publication list of purchasers. The cost of the book will be \$9.00. We are sure many of our members will be interested and if so will you please get in touch with Mrs. Dodds at 15 Coleway Street, Ottawa 12 - Telephone 825-1325.

Arthur Davison,  
President.

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