

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be a little further afield but well within our area of interest. It will be held in Hill House, the home of Mr A M Shaw and his daughter and son-in-law, Dr and Mrs S Claude Hudson on the northerly outskirts of Aylmer. The date - Wednesday, 14th July, 1971 at 8 p.m.

This house, mentioned in Anson Gard's Pioneers of the Upper Ottawa, was built in 1832 by Simon Hill and occupied by descendants of the original family until 1905. Mrs Hudson will guide us through the house and garden.

Mrs Bruce Hay of Luskville has kindly agreed to tell us something of the early history of Aylmer and for this she is well qualified.

Hill House may be approached from Old Chelsea and environs by proceeding southerly on the Notch Road, turning right on to the Mountain Road and after a short run turning left and southerly again on Vanier Road. After travelling some distance turn right on McConnell Road and proceed to Klock Road. Beyond this intersection it is the fourth house on the north side of McConnell.

Or, if you wish to start with Aylmer as your base proceed northerly on Broad St which runs northerly off the upper end of the town square. Broad St runs into Klock Rd and after bearing slightly to the left Klock runs into McConnell where you turn left and you will find Hill House still the fourth on the right from the intersection.

With no more than normal navigating skill that should get you there. However, if all those rights and lefts and rights again have confused you, call Mrs Hudson at 684-6695 and she will "talk you in". So come along for an interesting evening in the pleasant atmosphere of this lovely old home for which we are indebted to Mr Shaw and the Hudsons.

LAST MEETING

Our meeting in May at the Larrimac Golf Club brought out a good showing of our members as well as some from the Club. Mrs Dorian Cumming proved her competence as a photographer of wild flowers and she shared with us her extensive knowledge of the flora of eastern Canada with a few examples from British Columbia. This was our second meeting at Larrimac which has proven a popular venue.

HISTORICAL ESSAY CONTEST

One of our members, Mr E P Laberge, proposed at our last meeting that the Society sponsor an annual essay contest for school-age boys and girls of the region based on some historical theme. The suggested schedule of prizes would total \$300. This seems a reasonable dispensation of some of our funds and the proposal will be reviewed in detail. However, in the meantime, if you have any views on the matter, either pro or con, please be prepared to express them at the next meeting or telephone me at 827-2598. As you know we have been looking for worthwhile projects.

UP THE GATINEAU

As mentioned in a previous notice and at our April meeting which evoked much interest we hope to collaborate with the Ottawa Valley Chapter of The Canadian Railroad Historical Association in a train trip up the Gatineau in the Fall. We have followed this up recently and may have more information for the next meeting.

LIVE MODELS

Through the courtesy of the owner, Mrs W Moffatt, two early vintage dresses will be modelled at our meeting by the Misses Shouldice and Davidson. One of these was a bride's gown worn at her wedding in Chelsea in 1895. Come view our old fashion parade!

POSTCARD PROJECT

There has been some response to the request in our last notice for coloured slides or prints to become the possible subject of a postcard to be produced by the Society. The report on our contest will be forthcoming at the meeting.

Arthur Davison
President