

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Topicality is the word for our next meeting which will be held on Thursday, 25 April 1974 at 8 pm sharp in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, PQ.

Mr Terry Riddell, M.A., who is an historian with the National Museum of Man, having responsibilities which involve research, permanent exhibits and collecting of artifacts, will be our speaker. Both in the matter of interests and place of residence he is "one of us". He lives at Gleneagle and his topic will be "WHAT AN HISTORIAN LOOKS FOR IN THE GATINEAU".

Could anything be more topical? Do not miss this golden opportunity for shop talk with a knowledgeable and articulate talker!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on 13 February 1974 and it produced some welcome discussion.

1973 included a variety of activities, a few being on-going and some being new. We had some firsts and we broke some records.....Under the continuing and capable guidance of May Mulvihill and Jean Chapman gross sales at our Moorside Tea Room increased an unprecedented 38% over last year to a level of almost \$65,000. This volume of business made heavy demands on May and Jean and their devoted staff members but they all came out of it sane and smiling. Unfortunately costs, particularly for food also increased at a record rate to blot the profit picture.....our silent beggar, the donation box, in the upper museum extracted \$207.25 from generous visitors, this being \$38.65 more than last year. It is planned to improve our display with the guidance and help of the Director and a student or two from Algonquin's course in Museum Technology. We hope that with some aid from our friends, the N.C.C., we can open the garage museum in 1974.....Lid Ryan reviewed our meetings of the year. One of them at The Farm with J.W. Pickersgill set an attendance records Lid and Fiona Hyslop and Alan Powell earned our gratitude for the variety and excellence of our programs.....Pat Evans continues to nourish the growth of the Philemon Wright family tree with characteristic thoroughness and, in addition, he is co-ordinating the research effort of a half dozen of our members.....Ed Laberge and his committee were largely responsible for the success of our second annual Essay Contest and the interest engendered by a public presentation of prizes may have contributed to a 120% increase in the number of our 1974 entries.....Another first was our award of a \$250 Bursary to the department of Museum Technology at Algonquin College.....Sheila Strang, our conscientious secretary-treasurer revealed the robust health of our bank account.....the gross take from the auction sale hit a new high of about \$4,100 with the Society netting just over \$1,600.....Marian Roberts has kindly taken on the task of further editing of our historical material toward the end that it may be published, the best means of which she is investigating.....some additional rehabilitation of our cemetery is planned for '74.....honorary memberships were granted to Mrs D.E. Macintyre and Mayor James S. Brown.....a generous gift of money from Mr Donat Fiset was acknowledged with our thanks.....to avoid "our light being under a bushel" it is proposed that publicity for the Society be sought through The Sunday Reporter and The News (both papers have since complied for which we are grateful).....those present signed a petition for the preservation of the covered bridge at Wakefield.....the present executive which agreed to continue was strengthened by the addition of Mrs Ann Crane, Mr Raymond Watson and Mrs Marion Welsh, the latter representing the Aylmer region.....the meeting closed with the showing of an excellent short film for which our appreciation was due to Red Sparks.

SLOAN LOW

If any of our members have or know a source of information on the Sloan family which lived at or near Low or Venosta at one time Mrs Violet A. Spencer, Box 144, Craik, Sask. SOV OGO would be most pleased to hear from you.

DUES DUE

If you see red (marking) when you read this paragraph it means that somehow you have overlooked paying your 1974 dues and Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, PQ is anxious to mark you PAID - \$2.00 per person will do it.

THE GENIAL GENEALOGIST

One of our members and the founder and past president of the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, Wilfred Kearns, is scheduled to address the Branch members on Tuesday, 21 May 1974 at 8 pm in the auditorium of the National Library and Public Archives Building, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa. He is an accomplished speaker and his subject "Searching in Ireland" sounds intriguing. Interested? We are invited!

DETACH AND PIN UP SOMEWHERE - Dates to Remember!

- 16 April 8 pm - Pat Evans - "THAT'S WRIGHT" - auditorium of the National Library and Public Archives Building, Ottawa.
- 25 April 8 pm - Terry Riddell - "WHAT AN HISTORIAN LOOKS FOR IN THE GATINEAU" New Town Hall, Old Chelsea.
- 18 May 12 noon - Opening of Moorside Tea Room for the 1974 Season, Kingsmere.
- 21 May 8 pm - Wilfred Kearns - "SEARCHING IN IRELAND" - auditorium of the National Library and Public Archives Building, Ottawa.
- 20 June 8 pm - R.A.J. Phillips, executive director of Heritage Canada - "THE PAST HAS A FUTURE" - Chelsea Public School, Chelsea.
- 24 August 9.30 am - Our twelfth Annual Auction Sale - Old Town Hall, Old Chelsea.

Arthur Davison,  
President.

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