

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

This will be held in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. on Thursday, 29 January 1976 at 8 p.m. sharp and there will be time and opportunity for the members to review the past, present and future of the Society.

There will be brief reports on our numerous activities in 1975 and on the state of our finances. The executive committee for 1976 will be elected. For added interest there will be a short topical film or other audio or visual presentation.

We like to think of ourselves as an activist group. Please be part of the action on the 29th of January.

There is no limit to what we can accomplish if enough members become involved and your membership will mean that much more to you if you do. So will you make the effort? Say YES and see what happens.

### LAST MEETING

Alan Powell lived up to his reputation and our expectations on the 29th of October when he gave us his talk on old maps and prints. A good turnout of members was obviously interested in his topic as witnessed by the questions and answers which flowed back and forth. In any event Alan gave us an edifying and entertaining evening and for this he has earned our thanks.

### MISSED MEETING

We had every intention of having a meeting toward the end of November but by then our public "communication" system had broken down and notices could not get to you. We will try for an extra event this year in compensation.

### ESSAY CONTEST '76

Since change is the essence of vital living some significant changes have been made in the rules of our Essay Contest for this year. Rather than restricting it to students as in the past the Contest will now include Canadians of all ages and the prizes have been increased in value to a total of \$1,000 hopefully to attract greater interest and participation.

The rules which are being publicly advertised in THE NEWS are outlined in the attached leaflet.

Members are urged to enter this contest. Your efforts may pay off in more ways than one.

### UP THE GATINEAU! No. 2

Material including photographs is being assembled for the next issue of "Up The Gatineau!" which enjoyed an encouraging reception in its initial appearance last year.

Already we have a wide variety of interesting items from which to choose for "No. 2". In fact there would appear to be sufficient material to assure copy for several issues ahead.

There is much work involved between the assembly of the manuscripts and the delivery of the printed word but we are working towards a publication date in May.

### NEWS WORTHIES

Lapêche continues to do well, some 900 copies having been sold. The original advance of \$1,400 by the Society has been repaid and prospects are good for a nice profit on our venture of support to Norma and Stuart Geggie, the authors (and distributors).

A nice note of thanks has been received from Valerie Larson, age 13, of Ridgemont High School who received 78% on an historical essay about Wakefield for which the Society loaned her some material including a copy of Lapêche.

Mr B.G. Bell has sent a letter of appreciation for our bursary of \$300 for the benefit of students in Museum Technology at Algonquin College. Mrs Patricia Black has sent a similar letter of thanks for our contribution of \$100 to the Chelsea Co-operative Nursery School, Old Chelsea, the ladies involved having been most helpful in preparing St Stephen's School for our Auction Sale last year.

Some information has been provided to Mr George Arnott of Apple Hill, Ont., who is editor of the publication of the Glengarry Historical Society. He had some complimentary things to say about "Up The Gatineau!"

Under the auspices of the Society Heather Quipp has completed a comprehensive historical study, complete with photographs, of the heart of Old Chelsea. You will be hearing more of this fine effort.

### DO SEND DUES

Your 1976 membership dues should be sent without delay to Miss Sheila Strang, our Secretary-Treasurer, Old Chelsea, Que. JOX 2N0. Cheques should be made payable to the Society at \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Remember that for this, among other benefits, you will receive Issue No. 2 of "Up The Gatineau" without charge. Dues may also be paid at the next meeting.

### GREETINGS

May 1976 be good to and for you! Remember your heritage on Heritage Day 16 February as well as on all the other days of 1976.

Arthur Davison,  
President.