

NEXT MEETING

This will be held on Wednesday 26 January 1977 in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. at 8 pm sharp. This will take the form of our Annual Meeting for business purposes. There will be brief reports on 1976 activities and the state of our finances. The future will be scanned and our hopes expressed. The Executive Committee for 1977 will be elected.

To add to the interest of the evening Mrs Gordon Shorter, one of our members, who is an accomplished photographer, will display her talents in some coloured slides including a few taken on our walk through Chelsea last Summer with Senator Connolly and also a short movie which picks up some auction sale highlights.

And there is more! A free copy of a copiously illustrated book on "Carbide" Willson will be given to all those who attend this meeting.

So lend us your support and have some pleasure in doing so! See you on the 26th!

LAST MEETING

Those of us who were present at the last meeting on 1 December 1976 are, I am sure, not only better informed but also impressed with what has been, and is being, done to preserve heritage properties throughout Canada. Mr. Kenneth Kelly, Secretary to the Board of Governors of Heritage Canada displayed his knowledge of this subject and made his presentation the more effective by including some excellent slides by way of accompaniment.

Five of the six prize winners in our 1976 Essay Contest turned out and gave us the opportunity of meeting them while we gave them cheques for their commendable efforts.

RENEWAL TIME

It is that time of year again when your membership must be renewed for another calendar year. To do so is quite simple. Just send your cheque - \$3.00 Single, \$5.00 Family - to our Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que. JOX 2NO. You may also pay at the next meeting.

"Don't wait for Spring, do it now!" and if you take the initiative rather than wait for more reminders you will earn the gratitude of our Secretary-Treasurer who has plenty of other Society responsibilities to keep her fully occupied.

Bear in mind that your copy of "Up the Gatineau!" 1977 comes free if you are a paid-up member.

Be a considerate member and mail that cheque TO-DAY! Please!!!

UNTO THE HILLS

That is the name of the latest book to be published by the Society. Well researched and well written by Norma and Stuart Geggie it is an attractive volume of 80 pages and 54 photographs. It is the history of the Presbyterian, Methodist and United Churches in Alcove, Wakefield, Cascades and Rupert over a period of 145 years with special reference to the men and women who have made these churches such vital forces in the communities concerned.

Church organizations are responsible for distribution but you may get your copy by telephoning Norma Geggie on (819)459-2393. There is a special reduced price to members of \$4.00. Copies will be available for sale at the Annual Meeting.

SILVER JUBILEE

No - not ours, but that of Queen Elizabeth II. The Municipal Chapter of Ottawa of the I.O.D.E. is organizing "A Jubilee Salute to Her Majesty the Queen" to take the form of an exhibition of Royal Commemoratives and Commemoratives of outstanding events in Canada during the Queen's reign. This will open on 18 October 1977 in the Foyer of Ottawa City Hall.

If you have any such Commemoratives and would care to lend them for the show your participation will be much appreciated.

Items will be displayed in locked glass cases with additional good security at City Hall. A catalogue will be published containing a short description of each item with the name of its lender.

If you are interested you may obtain full particulars from Mrs Eric Brand on (613)592-1600 or Mrs John Rooney on (613)731-4543. They will be delighted to hear from you. And again, do it NOW!

NUMBER THREE

Two annual issues of "Up the Gatineau!" seem to have thrived in the marketplace. So plans are in hand for number three to make its appearance in May 1977.

We now have in our files a wealth of material from which to choose. However, we do need short filler pieces, anecdotes, etc. and more old photographs of the Gatineau region.

Please telephone me at 235-1064 within the next three weeks and let us discuss what you have.

GREETINGS

May 1977 be one of your better years! Give a thought to your heritage on Heritage Day, 21 February and on a few other days of 1977!

17 January 1977

Arthur Davison,
President.