

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Thanks to the courtesy of Father Henri Lestage, Director of Collège St. Alexandre in Limbour, we are to have a rare privilege for our next meeting on Wednesday, 24 May 1978 at 8 p.m. sharp.

This meeting will be held in one of the rooms of 'The Chateau', the original part of the school which was formerly the home of Alonzo Wright and his wife, Mary Sparks. This room has been restored to its former splendour and it will be a most appropriate setting for some remarks by Father Lestage on the Alonzo Wright days and the beginnings of the college.

To reach the college, cross the Alonzo Wright bridge above Ironside, bearing right off Highway 105 (or left if you are coming from the north), turn left on the east bank of the Gatineau River, drive north for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile where the entrance road, on the right hand, is well marked. Proceed to the main door of the school, directly behind the statue. We will foregather in a reception room inside this entrance so please arrive no later than 7.45 p.m. We will then be escorted to the Alonzo Wright room.

Prime yourself for this event by reading Paul Benoit's excellent article - 'The Gatineau Falls Farm - in the 1978 'Up the Gatineau!'. Then come and enjoy our unique Spring Special. It may not happen soon, if ever, again.

LAST MEETING

We promised you something different for Wednesday, 26th April and it was different. It also attracted a good turn-out of members.

George Miller, trained in anthropology, whetted our interest with accounts of "digs" in significant areas which revealed some of the ceramics common to the households of our forebears of the 1800-1825 period. He enlivened the results of his research with many human interest tales of material deprivation in the early families which are now difficult to contemplate.

It was a good evening which elicited much 'give and take' between speaker and audience.

REGRETS If your copy of this Newsletter arrives unaccompanied by your free copy of the 1978 'Up the Gatineau!' it means that, according to our records at time of mailing, you have not paid your fees for 1978.

There is still time for you to send your cheque - before May 31st - to the Society, c/o Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0 - \$5.00 family, \$3.00 single. If we do not hear from you before the deadline we shall have to conclude, with great regret, that you are no longer interested and we have come to the parting of the ways. You will receive no further Newsletters. We will miss you.

YOU HAVE A DATE

- In the Alonzo Wright Room on Wednesday, 24 May 1978. See above innovations, on Friday, 19 May 1978.

- At our sixteenth annual Auction Sale to be held on Saturday, 26 August 1978. Start now saving your consignment 'goodies' for the big event.

OFF THE PRESS

'Up the Gatineau!' for 1978 is ready a bit earlier this year and your free copy, as a member in good standing, is enclosed.

It will be available through our numerous outlets at \$1.50 but one of your "member's perks" provides extra copies to YOU at a special rate of \$1.00. We also have a few copies of the 1976 and 1977 issues for sale at the same price. Please call Sheila.

MORE PRINTED MATTER 'THE WRIGHTS', which is a lot more than just the family tree of the Philemon Wright family, thanks to the assiduous work of Pat Evans; is now available in an enlarged and improved second edition. If you are interested in purchase, or wish more information, telephone Pat, without delay, on 827 2675 or write to him at Box 124, R.R.No. 1, Chelsea, Que., JOX 1N0.

'HISTORY & HERITAGE BIBLIOGRAPHY', which would be an invaluable tool for researchers of the past in this area has also come out in a much more comprehensive edition. For more particulars telephone Rolf Latte, Senior Heritage Officer of the N.C.C. on 995 9908.

Both books were published by the National Capital Commission and the Society has one copy of each which can be made available on loan to interested members. Just call Sheila.

WHO'S WHO

This time we offer you another active member of the Executive Committee. EDOUARD PHILIPPE LABERGE

Born in Montreal and educated in various schools terminating with the degree of Doctor of Commercial Sciences from the University of Montreal...between the years 1935 and 1957 he was employed as Executive-Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Trade and Commerce, Quebec...later as a Classification Officer, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa...and then as Director of Inspection Services, Unemployment Insurance Commission, Ottawa...during the years 1957 to 1965 he served with the United Nations Technical Assistance Division, first as a teacher and Director of the School of Public Administration for Central America in San Jose, Costa Rica...then as Director of the Public Administration Div. of the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia...From 1965 to 1975 he was Professor of Public Administration at the University of Ottawa...he also served on the ILO Mission to Italy in 1951; the U.N. Technical Assistance Mission to Colombia in 1954-55 and the Ford Foundation Mission to Zaire in 1968...he has published several articles and books on public administration...formerly he was a member of the Canadian Institute of Public Administration, the International Inst. of Administrative Sciences and the Public Personnel Association...he and his wife, May, have been members of the Society since 1966 and he is now a Vice-President and Chairman of the Awards and the Essay Contest Committees...he retired in 1975 and enjoys travelling, gardening and curling.

HOUSE TOUR

A tour of heritage properties in the capital, planned to appeal to men as well as to women, is being presented by Heritage Ottawa on Saturday, 23 Sept. '78 from 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Information on the properties, which have been chosen for their architectural and historical interest, and a map showing their location, will be provided on the ticket. Tickets at \$6.50 each, including lunch, may be obtained by sending your cheque or money order, payable to Heritage Ottawa, to - House Tour, 43 Blackburn Avenue, Ottawa, Ont., K1N 8A4. For more particulars, telephone Mrs. Jenny Morgan on 234 1756.

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