

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Are you old enough to remember? -

"The twenty-fourth of May is the Queen's birthday.

If you don't give us a holiday we'll all run away."

On this 24th of May, which is a Thursday, at 8 p.m. sharp in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que., we are to be favoured with a presentation by Laurel Doucette which will include the spoken word and tape recordings. Ms. Doucette grew up in Venosta where her father still lives. She received a Master of Arts Degree in Folklore from Memorial University in Newfoundland, taught a course in Folklore at Carleton University last Fall and is working, under contract, in the Folk Culture Division of the National Museum of Man.

She has done extensive folklore research in the Gatineau and she will speak to us on 'Folklore in Your Family'. This will be pertinent to each one of us and you cannot really afford to miss this experience.

LAST MEETING

The ramifications of heritage legislation in Canada and where it should be changed or strengthened were made very clear to us at our last meeting on 26 April by Marc Denhez, Research Director of Heritage Canada. He presented the facts in a most articulate and appealing manner and by making his subject so interesting he caught and held our complete attention throughout his address which concluded with a useful question and answer period - a very worthwhile presentation.

A dividend, which we enjoyed, was the graphic description by Ruth Petrie of her recent visit to an area east of Quebec City for viewing, at this stopover, the Snow Geese on their annual Spring flight from south to north with all its inherent drama.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Although Elaine Albert, who left her mark on Moorside Tea Room with her years of conscientious management, has had to resign for health reasons, new arrangements have been concluded with Colleen Hendrick and Kathy Cook who, together, have had a total of 10 seasons' experience at Moorside. Essentially, as co-managers, they will continue the policies of the past with some minor menu changes and we have every expectation that you will be well served with good food at attractive prices as has been our custom. Sheila Strang will continue her competent care of financial matters and the ubiquitous paper work.

May we look forward to your continued patronage, on and after 18 May, for the new season?

ANCESTRAL AID

A letter has recently been received from G. Ernest Sully, 81, of Central Park Lodge, 2374 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, K2B 7G5, in which he seeks information with respect to his great grandfather, Robert Sully, before he emigrated to Canada from England in the 1830's. Robert Sully married Mary Cross, sister of Isaac, who also emigrated and they all settled in the Meach Creek Valley.

For one thing, he would like some confirmation of where, in England, Robert Sully came from. He believes that it may have been from near Bridgewater in Somerset. Can you help? If so please get in touch directly with Ernest Sully.

DO DO YOUR DUES

Please! Many of you have paid your annual dues for 1979 and some of you may have your cheque in the mail even now. If we have not received yours by the time of mailing this paragraph will be marked in red, as a reminder, and you will not be receiving your free copy of the 1979 'Up the Gatineau!' which is going out to all paid up members with this mailing. All is not lost, however, and if we receive your renewal before the next mailing you will get your copy of our booklet and whatever else we have to offer during 1979. If we do not hear from you, this will be your last notice and, with regret, we shall have to remove your name from our mailing list. To keep in good standing with us is really quite simple - just send your cheque to the Society, \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family, in care of Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., J0X 2N0.

So now "the ball is in your court" for a snappy return!

DONATION

Recently, Bill Thomas, son of the late Gladys Blair, donated a one drawer filing cabinet to the Society. Gladys will be remembered for her articles on heritage houses and other historical matters of the area. It seems appropriate that this cabinet should have a new life housing historical papers and we are grateful for this thoughtful gift.

ESSAY CONTEST '79

Please give us all the help that you can in publicizing our Essay Contest for 1979 of which we gave complete details in our March '79 Newsletter. More essays will mean more material from which to make selections for future issues of 'Up the Gatineau!'

SUMMER SUGGESTIONS

During the past two summers we have arranged walking tours of Wakefield and Aylmer respectively. What would you like us to arrange for the summer of '79 which will soon be upon us?

Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison,
President.

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