

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

We are pleased to announce that for our next meeting in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que., on Wednesday, 27 February 1980 at 8 p.m., sharp we are to be favoured with a presentation by Arthur Dunn, a professional engineer in industry and government, who is now researching and writing a "History of the Marmora Iron Works".

He will give us an illustrated talk on Early Canadian Ironworking.

If you have any easily portable examples of early Canadian ironwork, either cast or forged, bring them with you. Mr. Dunn has kindly agreed to a question and answer period.

This should be one of our 'not to be missed' meetings. This gives every indication of being a great opportunity for enlightenment on something of vital concern to the development of the Gatineau and of Canada in early times.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

We had an encouragingly good attendance at our meeting on 31 January 1980, with a total of 19, some 35% increase over last year....the weather was clear, cold and almost snowless....brief reports revealed another year of action with some money being made in the process....Moorside Tea Room overcame the effects of some poor weather and the power-failure induced loss of the entire Thanksgiving weekend business, through good management, making it one of our more profitable seasons, thanks to Colleen Hendrick, Kathy Cook and Sheila Strang...planning for the new season is well in hand....the Museum continues to improve under the care of our able curator, Pat Evans....the 17th annual Auction Sale was, again, a satisfactory exercise, yielding a profit of \$1,851.43, up over \$170.00 from last year....our 'Up the Gatineau!' expanded its sales areas somewhat and almost paid its way, bearing in mind that all members, and some others, get complimentary copies....the 1980 issue is about ready to go to press....some consideration is being given to re-publishing our 'Hurling Down the Pine' which has been sold out for some time following two printings in 1964 and 1965....during the year we had 7 meetings, an auction day and a pleasant Sunday afternoon with the Phillips' in their heritage surroundings....the 1979 Essay Contest produced some good essays but we hope to expand interest in this annual event by special promotion....during the year the Society had receipts and expenditures in the \$9,000 to \$10,000 range but with the balance in our favour by something over \$1,000 and, in addition, we have a substantial 'nest egg' in investments which adds interest to our receipts....on recommendations by Ed. Laberge we modified our constitution slightly to be more realistic and workable....we voted a donation of \$100 to the Gatineau Memorial Hospital campaign....under a small Provincial grant, Pat Evans continues to seek out and inventory material for the Archives of the Outaouais....Phillip Journeaux was again appointed auditor....the Executive Committee was re-elected with the addition of Gary Levy of Old Chelsea and the contribution of Mrs. Marjorie McDougall to the Society and to the community, through the years, was recognized by her being named Honorary President of the Society....the evening was capped with an entertaining (SHOW AND) TELL session with many participants....the Society has now been making its own history for eighteen years - and so we turn the page.

HERITAGE BALL

What has become an annual event will take place again this year when the Aylmer Heritage Association holds its sixth Ball on Saturday, 16 February, at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club.

The theme this year is: "1880's - a decade towards equality". Formal wear or period costume will be appropriate for the occasion which will begin at 6.30 p.m. with cocktails and dinner to follow at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets at \$15.00 each may be reserved by calling (819) 684 8546.

Why not inaugurate Heritage Day with a heritage evening?

A FLEA FOR FEES

Annual fees are coming in by degrees but just in case yours are not included in the flow may we remind you that we hope to continue to enjoy your membership support and the monetary evidence thereof. Simply send your cheque for \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family to our Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOK 2N0. You will receive a receipt and our sincere thanks.

HERITAGE DAY

Although February 18th is somewhat overwhelmed by another 'event' this year it is, nonetheless, the day coming to be looked on as Heritage Day. Heritage Canada Foundation is continuing its comprehensive campaign to have this particular Monday in February officially recognized. Anything which you can do to help will be appreciated.

LOCAL HISTORY

In response to our request, in the last Newsletter, for historical anecdotes related to the Gatineau to be used as 'fillers' in the 1980 'Up the Gatineau!' we did hear from six members. For this we are grateful. Keep this matter before you and if anything comes to mind, or to hand, anytime during the year, please send it in so that we may build up a stock of pertinent items from which to make selections.

For you who responded - and you know who you are - our thanks!

ESSAY CONTEST '80

It is not too soon for you to get started on your research so that you, too, can participate in our 9th annual Essay Contest.

What do you have to gain? You will be stimulated by your research and writing. You could win a part of over \$1,000.00 in prize money. You might be published - under your name - in 'Up the Gatineau!'. And you could become better acquainted with some aspect of our beloved Gatineau.

Briefly, the subject must pertain to the history of the Gatineau Valley - places, people, events. Keep it within 3,000 words, in English or French, and submit it to our Secretary-Treasurer, Sheila Strang (who can provide other information) on or before 15 September 1980.

Will you accept the challenge?

Arthur Davison
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President