

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This meeting, on Thursday, 27 March 1980 in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que., at 8 p.m., sharp should be something special.

Dr. Hans Geggie, senior member of that well known, long established and highly respected family of doctors of Wakefield, Que., has agreed to reveal some of his more interesting experiences in "Reflections of a Country Doctor". These will be based, in part, on a background of 'house calls' which were prevalent prior to the founding of the Gatineau Memorial Hospital in 1952.

We are fortunate in having Dr. Geggie accept this assignment and we suggest that you make a special effort to treat yourself to this evening out - a highly recommended treatment for your own good.

LAST MEETING On 27 February those who turned out for Mr. Arthur Dunn's audio-visual presentation on early ironmaking enjoyed the benefits of his extensive professional research. He traced the history of the craft from its beginnings in Europe, then to North America and finally concentrating on an early Canadian works at Marmora, Ontario.

It was apparent that he knew his subject thoroughly and he presented it well, giving us a meeting to remember. An added pleasure was in meeting Mrs. Dunn.

We shall have more of Mr. Dunn and his work as he has decided to become a member of the Society to which we welcome him.

RE-BIRTH OF LAPÊCHE

Norma and Stuart Geggie are hard at work bringing forth an updated edition of 'Lapêche', first published by the Society in 1974 and sold out for some time. 'Lapêche' is a carefully researched and well illustrated 'History of the Townships of Wakefield and Masham in the Province of Quebec, 1792 to 1925' by the above-mentioned authors.

This second edition will have the addition of about 10 pages of newly assembled information and 14 pages of extra pictures or maps.

At our last meeting a resolution was approved for the Society to, once again, finance the re-publication to the tune of about \$3,000, this to be re-imbursed from sales as they develop.

The new unit price has not been established as yet but there will be a discount to members of the Society.

So if you missed getting a copy the first time round or wish to have an enlarged updated copy or know of anyone who would like one or even someone whom you would like to surprise with a gift copy just bide your time and soon the opportunity of acquisition will present itself. We shall let you know how, when and how much through this Newsletter in due time.

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In case you are intrigued by those initials they stand for the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada which has requested that we publicize their 6th annual meeting to be held 28 May - 2 June 1980 at the University of Quebec in Montreal.

If you are interested in any way you may telephone me at 225 1064 and I will give you what particulars have been sent to me. On the other hand you may go straight to the fount of information, the Chairman of the meeting - George Kapelos, 95 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 2E4; Telephones (416) 922 4013 (residence) or (416) 965 4021 (business)

Their program sounds potentially significant and interesting.

MORE PUBLISHING BUSINESS

The presses are just about ready to run (or they may have had their run by the time you get this Newsletter) on the 1980 edition of 'Up the Gatineau!'.

The timing is a bit earlier than usual and it is possible that your complimentary copy will go out with the April Newsletter if your fees are paid up for the 1980 season. If, perchance, we miss the April deadline there should be no trouble getting them to paid-up members in May.

FEES PLEASE

On this subject, which I would just as soon drop, there are still over half of our 1979 members who have neglected to send that cheque to the Society for \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family i/c Sheila Strang, Secretary-Treasurer, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0.

Now it is in your hands to get me off this subject.

ESSAY CONTEST '80

Please do all you can to "talk up" our 1980 Contest or, better still, participate yourself.

For full directions just give Sheila Strang a call on 827 0420 but you may have trouble getting her until after 7 April 1980 unless you wish to call Australia which is where she is at for the time being.

Alternatively, you may call Dr. Edouard Laberge, the Chairman of the Essay Contest Committee - Telephone 820 6717.

Your help, in any way you can, will be most welcome.

INCIDENTAL BUSINESS

Some recent requests for help have come from Elizabeth Gray, the journalist and commentator, who is developing a radio program and was seeking a copy of the account of The Low Rebellion and The Battle of Brennan's Hill which we were able to provide; Pat Fotvin, who is 'looking up her ancestors', for available sources of information on the McGraths, Dunlops and McCluskeys of the Meach Lake area on which we were able to suggest some channels to pursue; a descendant of a pioneer family of Danford Lake who is concerned about the preservation of the heritage homestead built by his great, great grandfather in 1845 and he is looking for advice which we are pondering at the moment in between other activities.

It is hard to find a dull moment!



Arthur Davison,
President.