

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

For the first meeting of our Fall program on Wednesday, 8 October 1980 at 8 p.m., sharp we will return to the scene of some of the Society's earliest meetings i.e. Moorside Tea Room at Kingsmere, Que. We will move in after the day's business has been completed and use the main dining room.

We are most fortunate in having Councillor Peter Schnobb with us to tell us some of the background and developments on the proposal to change the name of the Municipality of West Hull to something more appropriate and in agreement with the standards of the Commission on Toponymy. Mr. Schnobb will outline the reasons for a change and what has transpired since he received the blessing of the Council to solicit suggestions and select an Advisory Committee.

This subject could not be more topical relating, as it does, to past, present and future history of the area. Mr. Schnobb, who is the Director of Information Services for the Canadian Transport Commission and has a background of training and experience in philosophy and journalism, is well qualified to give us an informative and edifying evening. Whether you are pro, con, or uninvolved we are sure that you will enjoy this presentation and, probably, learn a thing or two.

We assume that you know your way to Moorside and you may park in the designated parking area or, for this occasion only, near the Tea Room itself. May we suggest that you bring a flashlight to guide you on your way in the dark of night. You may wish to have dinner in the Tea Room before the meeting but please remember that you must be there before 6.30 p.m.

LAST EVENT

Despite the fact that we had been draining the community of its odds and ends for our Auction Sale for the past 17 years once more our consignors accepted the challenge and produced some 366 lots, an increase of 30 over last year.

The weather was good and the 216 registered bidders took all these items off our hands by 6.46 p.m., after about 9 hours of steady selling. During that time we also raffled two good items to those who had bought tickets from our two RAFFLE girls, whom we thank again, and we dispensed six books in free draws to those who had made purchases at the Sale.

Our gross 'take' was about \$4,470 with a net benefit to the Society of \$1,700. Nine people generously donated their share of the proceeds to us and the rest were paid promptly, thanks to Sheila Strang's enterprise and efficiency.

It would appear that we can 'chalk up' another successful sale and we can thank, sincerely, the many workers and consignors who made it all possible. We also thank Nancy Frank and Mary Keyes who provided an excellent refreshment service; the Volunteer Firefighters who relinquished their recreation room for the occasion and the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality who granted us permission to use the building which was the site of the sale and who co-operated in other ways.

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS This year Heritage Canada Foundation will hold its annual conference in Winnipeg from October 21 to 25. The highlights include two days of pertinent workshops; the General Business Meeting; a series of speakers on significant heritage subjects, with audience participation; a tour of historic Lower Fort Garry; a walking tour of Winnipeg's Warehouse District and the Annual Dinner and Dance with a presentation by Pierre Berton. All of you who are members of the Foundation will have received the complete details covering a full five days of interest and activity.

The Davisons plan to attend and represent the Society as best they can.

MORE AUCTION ACTION

Three or four years ago our Society provided some information to The Ottawa Valley Historical Society of Pembroke, Ontario on our Annual Auction Sale. Now these seeds seem to have germinated and the result will be their own Auction Sale, starting at 12 noon on Saturday, 4 October 1980 on the grounds of the Champlain Trail Museum which was founded by that Society in 1958. There will be a viewing period immediately prior to the Sale. Incidentally, for all you auction enthusiasts, Pembroke is about 90 miles, by highway, from Ottawa.

EVENTUALLY

The Autumn meeting of the Regional Council of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec of the Heritage Canada Foundation will be held in Ottawa on Saturday, 1 November 1980. This meeting is being hosted by The Historical Society of Ottawa and the tentative program includes a morning meeting in the Billings House followed by a boxed lunch with a walking tour of Lower-town in the afternoon. There will be an evening dinner, with a speaker, the location yet to be determined. If you wish more information, in the meantime, may we suggest that you telephone the H. S. C. President, Mrs. Paul Blais, on 234 4770.

ESSAY CONTEST - 1980

An increased number of essays - eight, in fact, were received this year and they are now in the hands of the judges. An announcement of the results will be made on or before 15 November 1980. Meanwhile, our thanks to all participants!

TRAVEL TALK

Saturday, 20th September found a busload of us on a tour, through beautiful country, to the Bonnechere Caves, between Douglas and Eganville, and on to the Champlain Trail Museum in Pembroke. Both visits were memorable and we offer congratulations to Myrtle Mills who organized the tour, in her usual effective way, on behalf of The Historical Society of Ottawa, and to Evelyn Price who is the Curator of the Museum which is noteworthy for its splendidly displayed bounty of heritage items of the area including relics - two big ones - of the early lumbering industry which was so important to the Upper Ottawa. A day well spent in congenial company!

HELPING HAND

During the summer we had a request from a Mr. R.S.Catta, of Ottawa, who is writing a novel, the plot of which is set in the Gatineau in the last century. He sought some details with respect to train fares and schedules of the time. Through the courtesy of Gary Levy, who had researched the railway, we were able to provide some information and direct him to another source. So grows the Gatineau in fact and fancy!

23 September 1980

Antique Fair and Sale - the Barn, 95 Albert St.  
Fri. Oct. 24 - 6.30 pm. to 10.00 pm. Aylmer  
Sat. Oct. 25 - 9.30 am. to 5.30 pm.  
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