

NEXT MEETING

Our last meeting for 1983 will take place on Thursday, 1 December 1983 at 8.00 P.m. in the West Hull Community Centre, Old Chelsea, Que.

We are privileged to have as our speaker, for this occasion, Bob Phillips who, not long ago, spoke to a meeting of The Historical Society of Ottawa from which I have heard nothing but complimentary remarks.

His subject will be 'Reflections on Preserving History' - a topical one for us. Any of you who have heard Bob speak will know that he will have something worthwhile to say and will say it well. He has spoken to the Society before but not too recently.

So come on along and get up to date with the past! You'll be glad you did.

LAST MEETING

I am sure that all who were present for the last meeting on 25 October 1983 will agree with me that Dr. Isabel Bayly gave us an evening to remember. Her showing of splendid slides of the Gatineau country in all seasons of the year was a vivid confirmation of what the majority of us feel - that we live in one of the most beautiful, easily accessible, areas on earth.

Prompted by questions from the floor Dr. Bayly gave us added edification in her discourse on the natural environment and her concern for its protection - a subject in which she is most knowledgeable.

It was a satisfying and informative evening for all who were there.

ADDED TOUCH

It is not too soon to think of how YOU can add sparkle and interest to our 1984 edition of 'Up the Gatineau!'. We welcome your tidbits of history of the Gatineau area in the form of short articles or anecdotes to be used as fillers in setting up the booklet for publication. We could probably use some longer articles, too. In either case, please telephone me on 235 1064 to discuss your possible contribution.

Please give this request your serious consideration well before next Spring. This could be a useful winter project for you - and if your item is used you will get a credit line in the publication.

GIFT GIVING

Almost before we know it Christmas will be upon us and with it the need for deciding on certain small gifts for certain people. May I suggest giving a copy of our 1983 'Up the Gatineau!' which, to you as a member is available at \$1.25 each. I am forever meeting people who have or have had some connection with the Gatineau and who view the area with nostalgia. What more appropriate small gift could you conceive for people such as these than a copy of our booklet?

We have a small stock remaining which we would like to clear out. Partly due to the loss of a few of our sales outlets in the area our overall sales are down a bit this year and any help which you can give us to reconcile this situation will be much appreciated. Please think about it.

If, perchance, you are interested in back issues, kindly telephone Sheila Strang on 827 0420 or me on 235 1064. Some issues are still available for sale, some are not.

ANNUAL MEETING

This meeting, almost always held in January, is when we wind up our business for the fiscal year which, in our case, is the calendar year. It is also YOUR opportunity to discuss the past and make suggestions for the future. Please be assured that your views ARE important to us.

This year the meeting in question will probably be held 19 January 1984. You will receive specific information on this early in the New Year.

The January meeting should be a very significant one in the life of the Society for reasons which will become apparent in due time. Please make a special effort to attend THIS year. Mark the date on your new calendar NOW to keep that evening free.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

No, not ours, not yet, but that of the Cascades Club. In the late afternoon and evening of Saturday, 19 November 1983 a get-together is being organized by way of celebration.

Since mention of the Cascades Club and its beginnings is included in Lillian Walton's article - 'The Tip Top and the Gatineau Echo' - in the 1983 edition of 'Up the Gatineau!' I have been given permission to set up a small display of booklets with the hope that I may attract some sales to those wishing a little memento of the Club on this milestone in its existence.

CONNECTIONS We have something in common with The Historical Society of Ottawa in that a former vice-president of ours, and still a member of our Advisory Committee, in the person of Dr. Edouard P. Laberge, is a director of this sister society and responsible for its publications. In addition, Patrick M.O. Evans, our current vice-president, is a director of the other society and has on-going active responsibilities as their Archivist and Chairman, Research Centre Management Committee. We are pleased that both societies can share their obvious talents.

THOUGHTS

Borrowed from Elbert Hubbard's Scrapbook, published in 1923

Twelve Things to Remember - 1. The value of time. 2. The success of perseverance. 3. The pleasure of working. 4. The dignity of simplicity. 5. The worth of character. 6. The power of kindness. 7. The influence of example. 8. The obligation of duty. 9. The wisdom of economy. 10. The virtue of patience. 11. The improvement of talent. 12. The joy of originating. -- Marshall Field.

A MERRY AND A HAPPY

The Executive and the Advisory Committee join with me in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you for supporting us in the past! We hope that you will continue to do so.

Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison, President