

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

### NEXT MEETING

We resume our monthly (more or less) meetings on Tuesday, 25 October 1983 at 8.00 p.m. sharp in the West Hull Community Centre, Old Chelsea, Que. For this occasion we are fortunate in having Dr. Isabel Bayly come to us with her magnificent display of slides accompanied by commentary on the Gatineau. If you need any convincing, or wish to have your own views confirmed, on the natural beauty and interest associated with the Gatineau you simply must attend this meeting.

Dr. Bayly, who is one of the faculty of Carleton University in the field of Environmental Biology, is a key figure in Conservation Gatineau and she is well-fitted to know the area, both by desire and domicile, having lived here for over 35 years Summer and Winter as well as Spring and Autumn.

Do yourself a favour by joining us on the 25th for renewing acquaintance with the Gatineau and with many fellow members whom you may not have seen for a few months.

### LAST MEETING

On the evening of 1 June 1983 Miss Pamela McDougall attracted one of our larger attendances as she treated us to some "random thoughts on heritage and preservation at home and abroad" based on local experiences related to growing up in, and around, Ottawa and to her career in the diplomatic service. It was an informal talk which yielded much in the way of information which was very well received.

AUCTION SALE A more recent activity of the Society was its annual auction in a new format on 20 August 1983.

After a heavy commitment to this activity for 20 years the writer was prepared to abandon this function. However, some members of the Executive felt otherwise and so a committee was formed to review the auction and, as it turned out, to run it for 1983 in a somewhat different form.

Essentially, the difference was an auction sale of antiques and collectibles only with an associated flea market which handled the more 'run-of-the-mill' items by direct sale. The whole affair was completed by noon instead of running into the evening hours as in the past.

The Society is indebted to the aforementioned committee consisting of Bob Phillips, Carol Martin, Sheila Strang and Gary Levy for the conception, organization and realization of this new pattern in sales which yielded total receipts of \$3,269.46 and a net profit of \$1,666.64 from 32 consignments, many of which were donated outright to the Society.

Edgar Mulligan and Col. E.T. Munro were the auctioneers, a large number of other members participated in various capacities, Sheila Strang did her usual prompt and efficient task after the sale of bookkeeping and paying the bills and Gary Levy provided a new standard of security by sleeping on the premises the night before the sale to protect the consignments which had been received.

The weather was good, the buyers were enthusiastic, the workers were productive and the results were most satisfactory. Congratulations and thanks to all concerned!

### A MILESTONE

On 24 August 1983 our highly regarded and respected Honorary President, Mrs. Marjorie McDougall, celebrated her 90th Birthday which the Society recognized by a note and a small gift, expressing the hope that she might enjoy many more birthdays in the communities to which she had contributed so much in many ways through many years.

### ANTIQUÉ FAIR

The Aylmer Heritage Association is planning to hold its 9th annual Antique Fair on Friday, 28 October from 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. and on Saturday, 29 October from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with more than ever antique dealers expected to be on hand with their variety of wares for viewing and sale. It will be held, as usual, in the 'Barn', behind the City Hall in Aylmer, Que. and the admission is \$1.50.

If more information is required please telephone Helen Peach at (819) 684 5182 or Mary Howell at (613) 729 4669.

We commend this annual event to all seekers of antiques and collectibles.

### RICHMOND REVISITED

The Society involved itself in a new association as part of the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show at Richmond, Ontario, 27 September - 1 October 1983. Specifically, we provided some artifacts from our dormant museum, with the co-operation of Pat Evans, for a display in a History and Heritage Tent as part of this mammoth temporary tented city. June Greelman and Dave Castleman were involved in this with the latter delivering, and later, retrieving the artifacts - no small chore considering the distance to the site from the Gatineau and the crowds of people and vehicles encountered on, and near, the show grounds.

This display, with many others from sister organizations and other groups, was under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Hartin and it took careful planning and organization over an extended period of time. Countless numbers of people visited this tent.

In addition to the above, Sheila Strang, supported by Mel Alexander; Dave Castleman, helped by his daughter and the writer, to whom Tom Hyslop provided some welcome relief; each manned a sales table for a different day where we sold over \$60.00 worth of our publications - 'Up the Gatineau!', 'Lapêche' and 'Unto the Hills'. In the process we had occasion to meet, or renew acquaintance with, many visitors, a number of whom had a Gatineau connection.

We were impressed with the immensity and complexity of the whole operation and we cannot help but admire the results achieved by all concerned. Fortunately, the weather was good throughout the show and the event is being chalked up as a great success. Now it is on to Teviotdale in western Ontario for 1984 - but not for us.

### A TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The Heritage Canada Foundation observed its 10th anniversary in Toronto, September 21 - 25, 1983 by arranging a convention in conjunction with the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Two days were spent dissecting the City of Toronto and comparing the harbourfront developments of Toronto and Montreal. This involved the participation of well-known experts in their fields with international reputations. A larger than usual number of people attended the events and much credit is due to the Chairman, the Board of Governors, the Executive Director and the staff of the Heritage Canada Foundation for a major share in making this occasion the success which it was.

*Arthur Davison*  
Arthur Davison, President

11 October 1983