

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This will be held in the West Hull Community Centre, Old Chelsea, Que. on Monday, 25 February 1985 at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

On that occasion we will be honoured to have, as our speaker, Robert Grenier, Canada's senior underwater archaeologist. His work with the sunken Portuguese fishing vessel, the San Juan, has brought Canada and Mr. Grenier international fame for this sixteenth century vessel is the oldest wreck ever discovered in North America. Mr. Grenier has stunning slides of this work at Red Bay, Labrador.

This should be an occasion not to be missed including the coffee, cookies and chatting after the meeting.

LAST MEETING

The Annual General Meeting, on 28 January 1985, this year attracted, possibly, the largest attendance of any such meeting in the history of the Society.

President Bob reviewed the details of '1984 in Review' in his inimitable and articulate way, explaining, adding to and seeking reactions to this new document. He 'drew out' the audience and developed a good interchange of ideas which must have been encouraging for him and contributed greatly to the member involvement which he and the Executive have been striving to foster.

One question in the discussion on the amendments to the constitution was raised on the position of the sub-divided role of the Secretary and the Treasurer which, previously, as Secretary-Treasurer, Sheila Strang filled so capably for so many years. The final result was that the proposed Executive, as shown in Appendix 'A' to '1984 in Review' was adopted by the meeting with the interchange of the incumbents listed, in error, under Secretary and under Treasurer.

At the kind invitation of President Bob, Arthur Davison made the presentation of the Arthur Davison Prize to Patrick M.O. Evans whose contributions to 'Up the Gatineau!' have been substantial. In the first ten annual editions he has had articles in six of them and for all ten he has given invaluable advice and assistance to the editor. He is considered to be a most worthy recipient of this Prize.

Four or five members provided enlightenment and entertainment by their participation in 'Show and Tell' - a tradition for our Annual Meetings where the members have the spotlight.

Coffee, cookies and conversation wound up one of our better such meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

With the mailing of this Newsletter we enclose three copies of our new membership registration form. Will you please complete one copy of the last section including the questionnaire of one of them and return it to us whether or not you have already paid your 1985 fees. If you have not paid your dues as yet may we respectfully suggest sending a cheque in the same mail.

And - please give the other two copies to friends who might join. If you would like more copies of this form just telephone our Secretary - Rae Moore - on 827 1995 or our Treasurer - Sheila Strang - on 827 0420.

If you are from out of town you could include a request for more copies, if needed, when you mail in your completed one.

Thanks for your help - we need it.

FLEA FOR FEES

If you have not already done so will you kindly send in your fees for 1985.

As President Bob announced at the Annual Meeting, good reasons could be easily found for increasing fees this year. However, the Executive has accepted the proposal to 'hold the line' at \$5.00, single or family, for 1985 with the expectation that such fees will be increased to \$8.00 for 1986.

So please avail yourself of one of the best bargains anywhere by sending in your \$5.00 fees, payable to the Society and addressed to The Historical Society of the Gatineau, P.O. Box 143, Old Chelsea, Que., J0X 2N0.

READING MATTER

Because our Society published an excellent book by the same author, over 25 years ago and now out of print, I am taking the liberty of borrowing a few words from President Clare Grandmison's 'MESSAGE' in the January 1985 issue of the Newsletter of The Historical Society of Ottawa - as follows:

'Our book, "Where Rivers Meet" by Courtney Bond was brought out in November and was in the bookstores in time for Christmas sales. I am sure that all who have seen or bought it will agree that it is an excellent history of Ottawa, with beautiful illustrations arranged by Sandra Parsons. A copy of the book was presented to Mayor Dewar at a ceremony at City Hall on December 11th.'

Now you have been 'tipped off'.

MORE READING

Rupert J. Last has lately written, and had published, a new book - KNOW THY NEIGHBOUR - a history of Poltimore and its people.

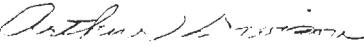
Since this is, more or less, 'up our alley' you may wish to learn more about this book. If you do, please telephone our Secretary, Rae Moore, on 827 1995.

UP THE GATINEAU!

Our annual publication, of which the 1985 edition will be the eleventh, is underway. The editor is assembling, scrutinizing, editing and, in general, making preparations for its publication later this Spring, after which it will be distributed to members and to several sales outlets in Ottawa and Hull and as far north up the Gatineau as Kazabazua.

For the benefit of new members, and as a reminder to old ones, your membership entitles you to a free copy - and the privilege of buying additional copies at a reduced rate.

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Arthur Davison,
Editor