

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEX MEETING

Once again the Society is planning a gala evening to celebrate the end of our season of meetings. A similar evening in May 1984 was so satisfactory and successful that we are encouraged to try again.

This will be held on Monday, 27 May 1985 beginning at 7.30 p.m. sharp and, once again, we have been invited to 'The Grange' by Bob and Mary Ann Phillips where we will use the Great Hall. The location is at the far, or westerly, end of Summer Road which, in turn, is off Highway 307 to the left, 3.3 Kms. (2 miles) north of the Power Dam on the Gatineau in Limbour. This is on the easterly side of the Gatineau River, across the Alonzo Wright Bridge, north of Ironside. Please see the enclosed map of which there are two copies - one for you and, if needed, one for your friend(s).

We are fortunate in that Joan Finnigan, the noted folklorist and author, who is famous for her engaging books on the Ottawa Valley and who has now extended her interests to the Gatineau, will be our speaker.

Her talk will be complemented by music, wine and cheese.

This is the special occasion when we urge members to bring friends who might become members to enjoy both a lively talk and a great social event. The members can not only enjoy a memorable evening but, in the process, they can really help the Society's membership drive.

Any needed inquiries to the Phillips can be directed to them on 827 3164.

LAST MEETING

Dr. Elizabeth Collard, our speaker at the last meeting on 22 April 1985, attracted a very large crowd of members and others. She came to us with established recognition in her field and, if anything, she exceeded our expectations. She might be characterized by lively mindedness, knowledge and expertness in communication.

She gave us a very good talk on an interesting subject illustrated with some excellent slides. In addition, she accepted comment and questions from the audience and dealt with them in a very enlightening way.

She knew her subject well and she conveyed her knowledge to us in a most pleasing way. I am sure that most of those in attendance would rate this as one of our better meetings.

'UP THE GATINEAU!'

If your membership dues are paid up for 1985 you should receive, in this mailing, your complimentary copy of our annual booklet - 1985 edition.

If your dues are not paid up you can easily rectify the situation by returning your completed membership form (sent to you some time ago) and enclosing with it your cheque for \$5.00 (single or family membership) all to be mailed to: The Historical Society of the Gatineau, P.O. Box 143, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0.

You will then receive your copy of the booklet in question. There could be a slight delay on this end as Sheila Strang, our Treasurer, is on a well-deserved holiday in England until 27 May 1985. However, please do not delay your response.

OUR CEMETERY

Please study the enclosed appeal for funds for our cemetery and respond, if at all feasible. It is important that we have a prompt response to ensure the success of our summer project on which so much planning work has already been done. We must now initiate action at the cemetery and we know that we can count on you for the help which we urgently need.

To make your response a bit easier a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

SHOULDICE REUNION

The First International Reunion of the Shouldice/Sholdice Family was so successful that the Second International Reunion is scheduled for 1985, in Ottawa, on 9, 10 and 11, August.

If you are one of, or connected with, this family it is more than likely that you have already had a mailing from the organizers - and you have probably taken the necessary preliminary action.

In the unlikely event that you were not on the mailing list, while still qualifying as a family member, please contact the Registrar for this Reunion - Allan D. Shouldice, 35 Lavina Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 7F1 - for more details and an information sheet to be completed and returned without delay.

The prospects for this Reunion sound engaging, to say the least.

COMING UP

This year our summer tour will honour the Historical Society of Ottawa on its recent re-occupation of the Bytown Museum. On a Saturday morning in late June, we will be guests at the Museum and we hope to combine the tour with a National Parks briefing on its lately completed reconstruction of the lower locks of the Rideau Canal which are in the same general area as the Museum.

There will be complete details in our Newsletter which will be mailed to you early in June.

CREDIT LINES

- not lines of credit. Associated with their latest Newsletter the Historical Society of Ottawa issued another of its historical articles in booklet form. These are done under the direction of Dr. E.P. Laberge, Chairman, Publications Committee, of that Society. You will recall that Dr. Laberge was a Director and, later, a member of the Advisory Committee of our Society and that he was long-time Chairman of our Annual Essay Contest until it was superseded by our 'Search for History' program. The article referred to above is by R. Forbes Hirsch and is entitled 'The Upper Ottawa Valley Timber Trade'. Among his references is listed 'Hurling Down the Pine' by C.C.J. Bond and J.W. Hughson. In the early Sixties, by a generous arrangement with Major Bond, our Society published and sold out two editions of this book.

Awhile ago, Alfred O'Hanlon, who was the author of an article which appeared in the 1981 edition and another article in the 1982 edition of 'Up the Gatineau!', advised us that one or both of these articles might appear in an issue of 'Battlefords News-Optimist - a newspaper in North Battleford, Sask. where Mr. O'Hanlon lives - with full credit to 'Up the Gatineau!' and the author.

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