



# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY,  
JANUARY 19 AT 8:00 P.M. IN  
CHELSEA'S RESTAURANT,  
OLD CHELSEA**

It is the Annual Meeting. Since last January the historic Dean's Hotel has been transformed. It will be a pleasant setting for our most informal of meetings, and a chance to express our appreciation to John Gordon for his investment in our history. There will be coffee and light eatables (for which the usual generous donations will be accepted) and a cash bar.

No reading of reports-- that's a promise, provided you will look through the enclosed *Review* beforehand. There will be an election of the new executive. (Please see *Review*.) New names for the President and other officers, and additional names for the Advisory Committee will be welcomed from the floor. Just be sure your nominee is willing to serve. Members will be asked to approve the financial statement and the appointment of auditors. And that is it for routine business.

The next important item is comments on the *Review* or on any item in it. It is a time for questions, suggestions, criticism.

We would like to have a general discussion on volunteering. How ready are we to share the growing responsibilities of the society? Can we better balance some of the present workloads? Should we do more? Can we help the NCC to operate the MacLaren Mill?

What are the priorities for 1987?

Next, if technology does not fail us, we plan to show videotapes on two 1986

activities: the Rededication of the Cemetery and the Auction-- starring Betty Davison.

And we shall finish with the grand climax of Show & Tell. Last year we ran very late because no one accepted our invitation to phone **Bob Phillips** (827-3164) in advance about S & T subjects. This year, please tell us if you will volunteer an S&T so that we can organize our time to everyone's convenience.

### LAST MEETING

If there was one feature that made **Dr. Norman Hillmer's** talk such a memorable occasion, it was the remarkable collection of quotations about King: like Dalton Camp's "We Liberals spoke of Mackenzie King with a mixture of wonder and uneasiness....." Or Churchill's "You are the outstanding imperialist today...." Apart from a delightful illumination of our former neighbour, the talk was a superb example of how downright entertaining scholarly research can be. If you missed Dr. Hillmer this time, it was a great pity: meanwhile watch for anything he writes, and we will see how soon we can get him back.

### MEMBERSHIP

Alas, on the last stroke of midnight on December 31, your membership expired. Will you please help our overworked Secretary and other volunteers by renewing fast, fast, fast? There will be no special membership drives this year, and we would like to avoid the tedious and embarrassing business of phoning all who are delinquent in renewing.

To ensure a feeling of warm satisfaction for 24 happy months, would you consider our new two-year membership at \$15? It will

save us much work and make us all feel good. Thank you.

We welcome as new members: **Mrs. Sheila Goldrick, Donald Jackson, John J. Lynch, and Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Quince.**

### **WELCOME THE TREASURER**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Mrs. Mary Schultz** as treasurer under a somewhat different arrangement than in our first 25 years when volunteers handled our finances, with a small honorarium.

You may have known Mrs. Schultz as the efficient Secretary General of the Protestant Regional School Board of Western Québec. After her retirement she took over the books of the Outaouais Alliance as a part-time occupation. She has been persuaded to add the Historical Society to her duties.

We are indebted to **Margaret Buchinski** of Outaouais Alliance for her generous help in the transfer of responsibilities.

### **WITH DEEP REGRET...**

we record the death of Mayor Doug Minnes. His qualities of civic leadership were greatly respected throughout the Gatineau, but we had special reason to be grateful for his support as a member, as a public official and as a friend whom we shall greatly miss.

### **EARLY DAYS**

At our March meeting **Sheila Thomson** presented to the Society a bound and indexed collection of interviews with Gatineau old-timers collected during a search

for history of the old Ridge Road. "Recollections of Early Days in the Gatineau Hills" is available for reference on application to the Secretary (827-1995).

### **THAT'S IT....**

We are shortening this *Newsletter* to encourage you to move on to the *Review*. A happy 25th year to all of us, and may as many as possible of us drink to it together on January 19.

R.A.J.P.