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HASTI-NOTES ON SALE

Four line drawings by Julian who is well known to readers of The Newsletter have been printed as Hasti-notes. Each plastic folder contains 12 notes and 12 envelopes, three of each drawing. Price is \$2.50 per package including sales tax.

These notes are exclusive to Heritage Ottawa and make excellent small gifts -- or you can even write a note to a friend yourself!

The Hasti-notes may be purchased at the Fraser Schoolhouse or please call Stella Kirk at 745-0551 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF ARCHITECTS IN CANADA 1800-1950

It has been brought to our attention that a Biographical Dictionary of Architects in Canada for the period 1800 to 1950 is in preparation.

Begun in 1976, it is expected that this work will be ready for publication in late 1983. A copy of the Progress Report is available by calling Stella Kirk at 745-0551.

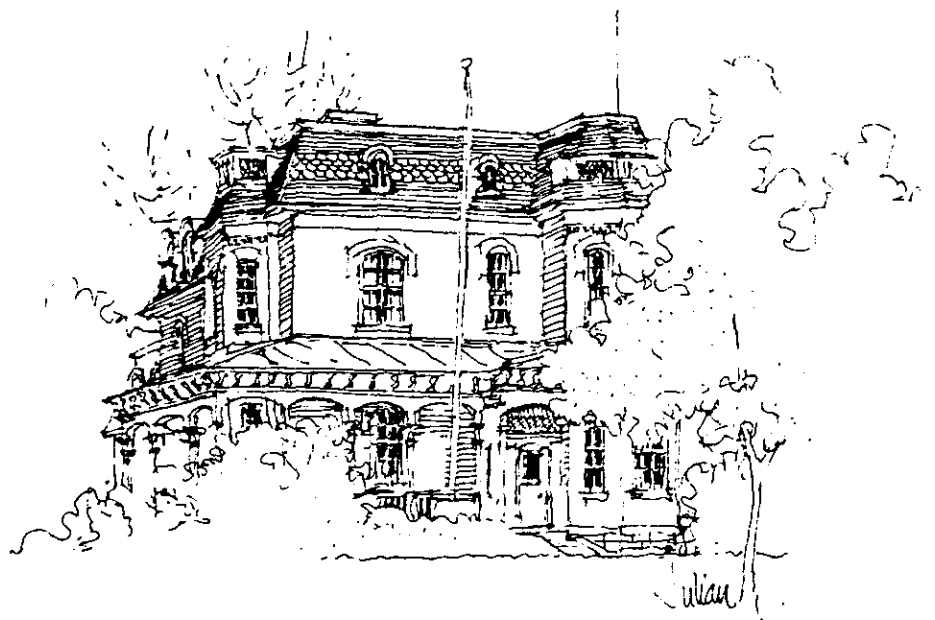
The work is being edited and compiled by Robert G. Hill, an honours graduate of the School of Architecture at the University of Toronto (1972), and at present a practicing architect in Toronto. Interested individuals who can provide additional information on architects in this country practicing during the study period are invited to write to:-

The Biographical Dictionary of Architects in Canada
Box 1066, Station A
17 Front Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5W 1G6

HISTORY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH (Part 2)

Architects Messrs. Gauthier and D'Aoust of Montreal had submitted a bid of \$151,200 to build a church similar to the one that burned down on June 10, 1907; for a fireproof building the fee was \$232,800. Whether the builder, Joseph Gaudrea of Hull, constructed a fireproof building is not revealed in the archives, but in any case the church was not safe from a second ordeal by fire 67 years later. It, too, was an outstanding building, Gothic in style, with sculpted wood Stations of the Cross, a delicate baptismal font carved in 1937 and beautiful works of art on the ceilings and walls.

The life of the church in the community reached its fullest flowering in the years following the inauguration of the new building in 1911. The country and the city were growing and the church participated in and led many activities in Canada's



Laurier House (1878)

capital. Concerts, debates, plays, study circles, summer vacation schools, even a tennis club and Boy Scout troop were organized in addition to the many church groups and the continual round of celebrations of holy days and special occasions. The membership included such prominent people as the Hon. J.E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries; Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines; the Deputy Minister of National Defence, Major-General J.R. Laflèche; and the King's Printer, Mr. J.O. Patenaude. Joseph Pope, the first Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs was also a member and, when forwarding his yearly stipend in 1916, wrote an eloquent appeal that the parish take cognizance of the fact that a world war was raging and that they should pray for the souls of the brave soldiers who had fallen to Canada's defence. He pointed out the grave danger to Canada should the allies falter.

Over the succeeding years, the church maintained its active role in the life of Sandy Hill, although the character of the parish changed with the times, becoming somewhat less of the old Ottawa elite and somewhat more of a new-Canadian mix.

(to be continued)

Janice Sutton

FRASER SCHOOLHOUSE EXHIBIT

The opening of the latest Fraser Schoolhouse Gallery exhibit was marked by a reception and talk on July 15th.

The exhibit consists of hand-colored postcards dating from 1890-1914. The quiet scenes of Edwardian Ottawa are the private collection of Peter Hessel, author, who is presently working with the National Capital Commission on two books dealing with the history of the Ottawa Valley.

The postcards are featured in Mr. Hessel's book "From Ottawa with Love" which may be purchased at the Schoolhouse.

Also on display in the exhibit is a collection of contemporary and antique pieces of hand-painted porcelain, loaned to Heritage Ottawa by Barbara Fraser of the Outaouais Guild of Porcelain Painters.

These pieces are one-of-a-kind painted locally by citizens -- Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Cook (now deceased) and by Mrs. Glen living in the Ottawa area.

Although the weather was warm, guests enjoyed refreshments and conversation on the lawn. We would like to thank Marg Gardner for organizing the welcome refreshments.

MOORSIDE

The Historical Society of the Gatineau reports that the Tea Room at Moorside opened May 16th. Hours are from 12:00 noon until 6:30 p.m., seven days a week. The telephone number is 827-2364.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU - ESSAY CONTEST 1980

The Historical Society of the Gatineau invites you to compete in it's annual Essay Contest and win one of the prizes totalling over \$1,000.00.

Authors may choose their own subjects providing they pertain to the history of the Gatineau Valley. Compositions should not exceed 3,000 words, may be illustrated and may be submitted in French or English.

Manuscripts must be mailed on or before 15 September 1980 to:

Secretary-Treasurer, Historical Society of the Gatineau, Old Chelsea, Quebec JOX 2N0.

Be sure to include your name and address and your age.

Many thanks to Janice Sutton for her continuing contributions to the Newsletter.

Please send your submissions before the 10th of the month to: The Editor, 44 Carmichael Court, Kanata, Ontario K2K 1K2 or telephone: 592-4209.