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SEPTEMBER PICNIC

Please take special note of the attached invitation to Bob and Maryanne Phillips' home near Chelsea, Quebec, September 19th.

Both Bob and Maryanne were founding members of Heritage Ottawa, Bob our first President and subsequently first Chairman of Heritage Canada.

Eternal friends of the heritage conservation movement, the Phillips are extremely knowledgeable of our cause. The afternoon promises to be both informative and exceptionally enjoyable.

THE DALY BUILDING

Much has been printed recently concerning the Daly Building, that abused, misunderstood and certainly unappreciated building at the corner of Sussex Drive and Rideau Street.

The owners, the Federal Government, decided to vacate while considering demolition of the building in 1978, then changed their minds in 1981 and requested suggestions for its use. Ideas were submitted and the most viable seemed to be an idea for condominium units, a theatre and stores. The Government, ignoring the fact that many people had expressed an interest in the condominium units decided the Daly Building was not a good residential location and it should be demolished.

The Federal Government insists that the Building would be too expensive to renovate and public funds should not be used for such a purpose. I am tempted to agree. However, the Federal Government received 2 separate proposals for putting the Daly Building to good use, using private funds -- in other words using not a penny of Canadian tax dollars. Brushing aside for the moment the overwhelming historical significance and future aesthetic value of the building on that site and speaking financially, I submit that the Government cannot afford not to pass the building's future over to the private sector. Whatever is done with the site following demolition will cost the tax-payer considerably more money and since the Government doesn't

seem to have a use for the building or the site in mind why not let the public enjoy it in its restored condition.

Jennifer Roddick

Editor's note: The above is a personal opinion. Although there are arguments on both sides, I myself, feel that, in this particular case, the Government should reconsider using private funds for the restoration and preservation of the Daly Building.

FRIENDS OF THE DALY BUILDING

On August 17th, "Friends of the Daly Building" met at the National Research Council, Sussex Drive, to discuss steps to be taken to save our Daly Building. Only approximately 50 people came, and most of them well-known heritage conservationists.

Where were you? Are you one of the minority who would rather see a parking lot in its place? Will you regret not joining our cause when the bulldozers move in? Do you remember the Rideau Street Convent - or perhaps you prefer the look of what stands in its place!

Please, won't you join the "Friends of the Daly Building", now, before it's too late! All that's needed is a small donation and your moral support. Please contact Judy Deegan at 238-8951 or 232-3497 for further information.

BRIEF HISTORY - DALY BUILDING

In 1978, Public Works Canada commissioned a Heritage Report on the Daly Building which unquestionably recommends the preservation of the building for numerous indisputable reasons.

The Report, by Gregory P. Utas, describes the Daly Building as "an aesthetic object" of reasoned proportions and consistent detailing. "It preserves its dignity despite small alterations which have coarsened its detail, obscured its lucidity, and unbalanced its elevation. None of these changes is irreversible".

It is well-known that the Daly Building is a rare example of the Chicago style of architecture and the only one in

Ottawa - possibly the only one east of Winnipeg.

Built in 1904-1905 by developers The Clemow Estate for T. Lindsay Co., clothiers, the building was designed by architect Moses Chamblain Edey. Mr. Edey is also known for his work on the McLeod Street Methodist Church; the Garland Building on Queen Street; the Monroe Block; the Aberdeen Pavillion; a cast-iron bandstand on the Commission Driveway; as well as a number of residences.

Following the death of Mr. Lindsay in 1909 the building became the A.E. Rae department store which was succeeded by the H.J. Daly Co. store in 1918, hence the name.

The Federal Government allowed the condition of the Building to slide and in 1978 vacated the premises to make way for possible demolition. Since it has been vacant and uncared for for almost 5 years is it any wonder it looks so unkempt!

The above-noted report recommended that all the facade below the first floor mouldings be opened up allowing pedestrian accessibility. The bays facing Rideau and Sussex should be opened up cutting away the first floor entirely and leaving the columns free in an arcade forming shelter and a pleasant pass-through. Above the first floor level the exterior should be "lightly restored"; windows should be re-glazed and fixed thermal dark glass in dark metal frames would reproduce the look of the original windows. The cornice should be restored and the building cleaned. The report also suggested replacing the awnings on the south side "to add a festive element to an admittedly austere facade".

All of the suggestions in the report are not only viable but desirable. The interior, which is not worth saving, (apart from minor examples of a tin ceiling and the classic elevator which could not be used but could easily be incorporated as decoration) could be rebuilt by the future tenants and used as a department store or boutiques once again.

The report concludes that the Daly Building is "an important structure, one that must be preserved . . . The

Daly Building must be considered an important, preservable structure" and we, at Heritage Ottawa, concur.

Ref: Public Works Canada
Environmental Design
Heritage Structures
Heritage Report: The Daly Block
20 July 1978, 12 pages
by Gregory P. Utas

OUR PRESIDENT - FUTURE ALDERMAN (WOMAN)

Heritage Ottawa President Diane Holmes has announced her candidacy for Alderman, Wellington Ward. During her campaign, Vice-President, Jennifer Roddick will assume the duties of President.

We wish Diane every success although Heritage Ottawa would be at a loss without her.

Anyone willing to donate time and/or money to Diane's campaign is asked to call her at 232-4794.

NOTES FROM LACAC

The row houses at 157-167 MacKay St., known as Lansdowne Terrace, have been recommended for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. The statement of reason described the building as a six door row house, built in C.1876, and an excellent example of a residential investment property of that time. The building is a two and one-half storey brick veneer structure with a pitched roof. The facade is highlighted by contrasting coloured brickwork, regular and symmetrical window and door openings, and gabled dormers.

LACAC members have been advised that the University of Ottawa intends to use a BRIC grant to up-grade its property at the corner of Wilbrod and Cumberland Streets.

With reference to the Aberdeen Pavillion at Lansdowne Park, Minto intends to do a feasibility study on its future use.

The Bay Company intends to modify the facade of the heritage building adjacent to their Rideau Street store. LACAC advised the Company "to carry the heritage elements to grade".

FROM "THE ARCHIVIST"

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Rideau Canal, "The Archivist" (May-June) from Public Archives Canada includes articles on water travel.

"The Rideau Canal 1832-1982: 150 years of Evolution" depicts a brief history of the Canal; a history and description of "Canals in Canada"; "Steamship History in Art", which is one of the best represented subjects in the Public Archives' Picture Division.

Also included in this issue is a brief outline of the process of producing a television program. By understanding more clearly how a program is created and produced, archivists can better assess its historical significance.

HOUSE TOUR

The Port Hope Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario is pleased to announce its fall Historic House Tour, October 2nd and 3rd.

Lunch will be served Saturday at Batterwood House from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and English tea at the restored St. Lawrence Hall from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets for the tour are \$6.00 each, lunch is \$5.50 plus tax and tea is \$1.50 plus tax.

A bus tour is available Sunday for \$3.00

For tickets and reservations please contact Mrs. Ruth Harper, 2 Carol Place, Port Hope, Tel: (416) 885-6971.

SEPTEMBER EXHIBITION

Heritage Ottawa cordially invites you to the opening of its September exhibition to be held on September 8th at 8 p.m. in the Schoolhouse Gallery, 62 John Street. Wine and cheese will be served.

"Scenes of the Rideau Canal" is a collection of colour photographs by Don Lahey, formerly Associate Editor, Canadian Heritage magazine.

The exhibition will be on display until October 10th.

While the Bytown Museum is closed for repairs to the Rideau Canal, the Ottawa Historical Society will be using our display space in the Schoolhouse. Watch for their first exhibit, opening October 15, 1982.

Submissions for The Newsletter may be sent to: The Editor, 44 Carmichael Court, Kanata, Ontario K2K 1K2 or telephone: 592-4209

Jennifer



CP/PO Box 510, Station B, Ottawa Ontario

SUNDAY AFTERNOON OUTING & PICNIC
AT THE PHILLIPS PLACE

Sunday - September 19, 1982
2 -- 6 p.m.

Bring the family, bring a picnic.

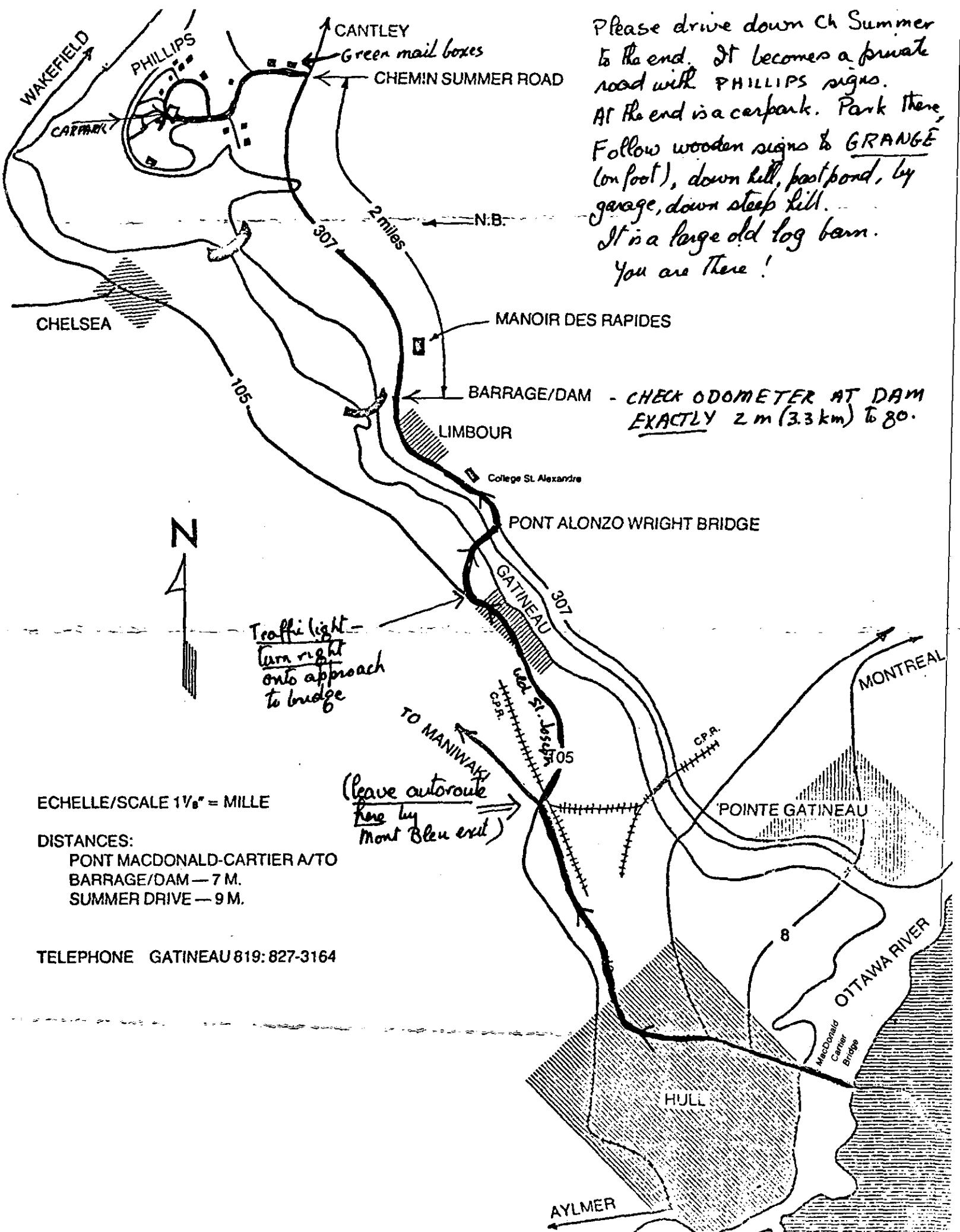
Tour the property and houses,
lovely walks. Discuss conservation
with Maryanne or Bob Phillips and
see what they have done to save
barns and houses from all over
Ontario.

Small beach for swimming.

Less than half an hour from downtown Ottawa.

See enclosed map to get there - and get away from it all.

'In case of rain the following Sunday
September 26'.





THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE GATINEAU - OLD CHELSEA - P.Q.

A Search for History

WHERE IS OUR HISTORY?

It is in the memories of people who live in the Gatineau. It's in the trunk of letters in the attic, or in the chocolate box full of old photos. It's in the records of parishes, schools, offices.

But it is slipping away before we find it. People move or die. Written records disappear or fall prey to disaster.

The history of the Gatineau is rich, fascinating, amusing, tragic, and important to an understanding of our roots. But it is little known and recorded. That is why the Historical Society of the Gatineau is working to save our history before it is too late.

IF YOU WILL HELP, WE WILL TOO

Members of the Society have raised funds to provide up to \$2,000 a year to help find and record our history. We are offering modest grants to help you in your historical research on a Gatineau subject.

WHAT WE NEED

Local history can mean many things:

- the story of a family settling and living in the Gatineau
- a single anecdote about Gatineau life
- the story of a farm, store, village or region
- the history of a commercial enterprise or an institution
- cultural life in the Gatineau Valley
- people of the valley - residents, ~~strangers~~, visitors
- the way people lived
- legends and folklore

WHAT TO DO

If you are already working on a project dealing with the Gatineau; if you can help collect or write; if you know sources of material about the past; if you have ideas for history projects --

- PLEASE WRITE: SEARCH FOR HISTORY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU
Old Chelsea, Quebec
J0X 2N0

WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

A jury will consider your information, ideas, or proposals and, when necessary, get further advice from outside experts. We are also concerned with the best means of permanently preserving the history we find. We work in close co-operation with other organizations--voluntary, educational and government--which share our interests.

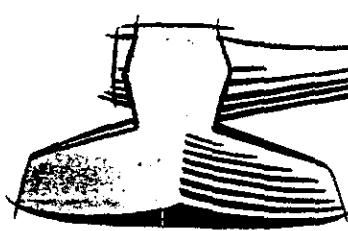
We will follow up your ideas with you, help your project, and, if you need money, discuss the kind of help we can give. We may put you in touch with others who will offer professional guidance.

- Deadline: Applications should be completed before October 15.

WHAT ABOUT US?

If you share our interest in the history of the Gatineau, you may wish to join the Historical Society of the Gatineau. Absorbing speakers address monthly meetings in Old Chelsea. We have a monthly newsletter, we annually publish "Up the Gatineau!" (free to members) and we sponsor such activities as the famous August antique auction. An annual fee of only five dollars gives a lot and helps our work. Cheques may be sent to the address above.

IF YOU DON'T HELP, WHO WILL SAVE OUR HISTORY?



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE GATINEAU • OLD CHELSEA • P.Q.

À la recherche de notre histoire

Notre passé: où peut-on le découvrir

Il se cache au fond de la mémoire des anciens de la Gatineau. Il se retrouve dans les lettres oubliées au fond d'une vieille malle déposée au grenier, dans les anciennes photographies de l'album de famille défraîchi, dans les archives des paroisses, des commissions scolaires, des municipalités, des gouvernements...

Mais ce passé est en train de se perdre. Les vieux résidents meurent ou quittent la région de la Gatineau. Les manuscrits disparaissent ou sont victimes de désastres.

L'histoire de la Vallée de la Gatineau est extrêmement riche; elle est fascinante, amusante, tragique...et essentielle à la prise de conscience de nos origines. Mais elle est encore mal connue et mal étudiée. C'est pourquoi la Société historique de la Gatineau tente de conserver cette mémoire collective de notre passé avant qu'il ne soit trop tard.

Contribuez à cette sauvegarde de notre patrimoine! Nous vous épaulerons!

La Société historique de la Gatineau a, au cours des ans, amassé des fonds lui permettant de distribuer environ \$2,000 annuellement en modestes subventions à la recherche. Elle veut ainsi contribuer à cette conservation de notre histoire et de notre patrimoine. Vous pouvez ainsi recevoir une aide financière vous permettant de mener à bien un projet de recherche sur l'histoire de la Gatineau.

Que recherchons-nous?

Un projet de recherche en histoire locale ou régionale peut toucher à une grande variété de sujets. On peut:

- Décrire l'établissement et la vie d'une famille sur la Gatineau
- Conte une "anecdote" liée à la vie de la rivière et de la vallée
- Écrire l'histoire d'une ferme, d'un magasin, d'un village ou d'une région
- Raconter l'histoire d'une entreprise ou d'une institution
- Analyser et décrire un aspect de la vie culturelle de la vallée
- Parler des gens de la vallée: des résidents, des villégiateurs, des visiteurs; de leur mode de vie, de leurs traditions, etc.
- Conte nos légendes et chanter notre folklore

Que devez-vous faire?

Si vous travaillez actuellement à un projet de recherche, si vous pouvez mener à bien des recherches, si vous avez le goût d'écrire, si vous pouvez nous faire découvrir des sources liées à notre passé, si vous avez des idées de projets intéressants dans le domaine de l'histoire...écrivez-nous à:

- À LA RECHERCHE DE NOTRE HISTOIRE
SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA GATINEAU
Old Chelsea, Québec
J0X 2N0

Que se passe-t-il ensuite?

Un comité de sélection étudiera votre proposition et sollicitera l'opinion d'experts de l'extérieur. Nous nous devons de consulter et de collaborer étroitement avec les organismes du milieu qui s'intéressent de façon particulière à la conservation du patrimoine et à la diffusion de notre histoire.

~~Nous examinerons avec vous votre demande d'aide et nous verrons de quelle manière nous pourrons effectivement vous venir en aide. Nous vous offrirons peut-être une aide financière. Ou nous vous mettrons en contact avec des gens qui pourront vous offrir une aide technique.~~

- DATE LIMITE: Votre demande d'aide devra nous parvenir avant le 15 octobre.

La Société Historique de la Gatineau

Si vous ne présentez pas un projet mais que vous partagez notre intérêt pour l'histoire de la Gatineau, nous vous invitons à devenir membre de notre société historique. Nous avons d'intéressants conférenciers qui, chaque mois, lors de notre assemblée, nous entretiennent de sujets liés à l'histoire. Nous publions une revue qui s'intitule "UP THE GATINEAU" et nous avons un bulletin de nouvelles qui est envoyé à chacun des membres mensuellement. Nous organisons chaque année, au mois d'août, une vente aux enchères. Votre cotisation de cinq dollars nous permet de faire beaucoup pour la cause de la conservation du patrimoine de la Gatineau. Votre chèque doit être envoyé à l'adresse donnée plus haut.

**SANS VOTRE AIDE, NOUS NE POURRONS SAUVER VOTRE
HISTOIRE . . . ET LA NOTRE!**