

"ARCH NOTES"

Ontario Archaeological Society

Toronto, Ontario

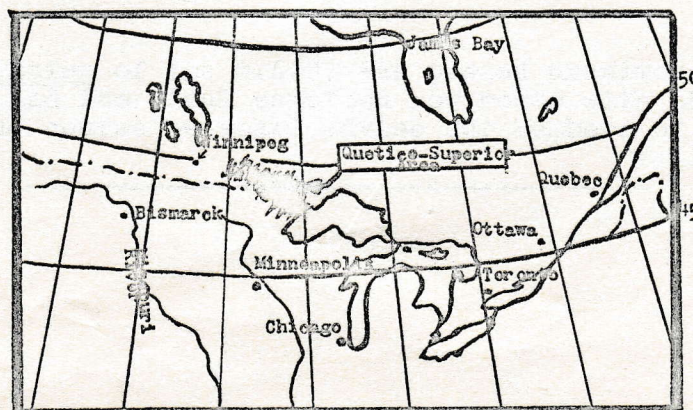
The Ontario Archaeological Society will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 15th. at 8 P.M., in St. Paul's Parish Hall, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto.

We are sorry to find it necessary again to deviate from the 2nd. Tuesday in the month as our night of meeting. The explanation is readily apparent in a line borrowed from a currently popular song - "Won't there ever be a home for me?" --- Until we are able to locate permanent headquarters, or even a definitely established meeting place, our activities will continue to be restricted, and subject to change. Granted, had we funds at our disposal for the rental of adequate quarters, our problem would not hover over us like an unwelcome Wendigo---

Robert Dailey, Ph.D. candidate, University of Toronto, will be our guest speaker at this meeting, and the subject of his illustrated talk will be "An Archaeological Reconnaissance in Quetico Park".

In connection with an active conservation programme sponsored by the Quetico Foundation, which has headquarters in Toronto, Bob Dailey (an O.A.S. member) spent 10 weeks last summer on an archaeological survey of this vast wilderness area in northwestern Ontario, midway between the Lakehead and Fort Frances. The "Quetico-Superior" area is composed of Quetico Provincial Park in Canada (about 1,000,000 acres in extent), and the Superior National Forest across the border in Minnesota (also about 1,000,000 acres in size). Here is an opportunity, on Feb. 15th, to be introduced to this relatively little known section of Ontario, and to learn something of its interesting history - particularly that which preceded the visit to Fort Frances, in 1731, of the first white man in the area - Pierre de la Verendrye.

In the Hudson's Bay Company official publication "The Beaver", March 1950, is a descriptive article which deals with the beauties of the Quetico region. (Text by Florence Page Jaques, and illustrations by Francis Lee Jaques).



Attendance at the January meeting was indeed pleasing, and, better still, was composed principally of active members. May subsequent meetings prove this was no accident!

The Executive for the current year reads as follows:

President: G. Ruth Marshall

Vice-President: Hugh R. Geldart

Corresponding
Secretary: Laurette Koleff

Recording Secretary: Phyllis M. Bowland

Treasurer: George W. Cross

Past President: William E. Renison

It was decided at that meeting that the President of the O.A.S. should be the Society's official representative to the Eastern States Archeological Federation - this for a period of two years, according to the Constitution of the E.S.A.F.

Membership fees for 1956 remain unchanged:

Active - \$3.00 per annum

Associate - \$2.00 per annum

Family - \$5.00 " " (husband and wife)

There is now a fourth type of O.A.S. membership:

Institutional - \$3.00 per annum.

By the way - have you renewed your membership???

The Incorporation of the O.A.S. was passed unanimously at the January meeting, and the final sanction now rests with the Provincial Secretary. In due course we shall advise our members of the outcome.

1956 is "Incorporation Year" for The Ontario Archaeological Society, and our interpretation of "incorporation" is a much broader one than simply the banding together of the group of individuals constituting the Society into a corporate body under Provincial charter. To us it means also the incorporation and consolidation of our thoughts and ideas, aims and activities into a policy of controlled expansion of the O.A.S. in every phase of its work. By "controlled expansion" we mean we should endeavour to stimulate the growth of this organization by carefully and steadily directing our efforts towards strengthening our weaknesses, and making more firm our strong points. Needless to say, this will require teamwork by all of us, and it can be done - provided we keep our objective in the proper focus. Each can help the other to keep this focus sharp, and our sights in line.

"Controlled Expansion" includes: (a) Activity groups
(b) "Progressive" labs
(c) Membership increase
(d) Drive for funds
(e) Permanent "home".

Notice of Motion - Amendment to the Constitution

As mentioned at last month's meeting, the following amendment to the Constitution has been proposed by one of our Active members: "That Clause 17 be amended to read: Quorum - Shall comprise the total number of members who are in attendance at any meeting, provided that due notice of such meeting has been sent by mail to every voting member at least 10 days in advance of such meeting".

This motion will be voted upon at our February meeting.

An item of general interest (to "diggers", at any rate) appeared in the February 2nd. issue of the "Toronto Star", regarding radiocarbon tests on peat from the Sheguiandah Site on Manitoulin Island. Results from Washington indicate a dating of more than 10,000 years ago.

Does your archaeological reference reading include "Indians Before Columbus"? (Paul S. Martin, George I. Quimby, and Donald Collier - University of Chicago Press).

Members' friends welcome.

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Ruth Marshall.

(In the absence of Miss Koleff)