

The winter is shaping up to be an extremely busy one this year. Your society has undertaken two major projects:

- the follow-up to the resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting in September, which suggested that the Society try to while there is nothing definite yet, there is some
- Heritage Canada, through its new director, Jacques Delibar, has a great compliment to the enthusiasm of the society and an invaluable promotional asset for heritage, entails a tremendous amount of work, Co-ordinator and some assistants.

Each of these projects is, of course, in addition to the usual activities of the Society, and the executive needs the full support of the members if they are to succeed. If you would like to become involved in any of these get in touch with the executive or come to the next executive meeting, which will be held at the office in Bastion Square on December 14, 1978 at 8:00 p.m.

Considerable interest has been shown in the formation of the Activities Auxiliary mentioned in the last newsletter. The Auxiliary is intended to handle projects such as the Hillside Bazaar, and will be called on to assist in the organization of the Heritage Canada Conference. If you wish more information, phone Isla Tuck at 382-7932.

Our recently elected president, Stuart Stark, has been offered a chance to study design at the University of Edinburgh. This, an opportunity too good to pass up, has meant that Stuart has had to resign his position, however we are sure he is looking forward to taking it up upon his return as well as hopefully, describing Edinburgh's conservation efforts to us. Vice-President Tom Mayne will fill in during Stuart's absence.

Society events during October were a resounding success. The meeting in Sooke was a fine tribute to the hospitality and enthusiasm of the Sooke Region Historical Society.

The Hillside Bazaar contributed to our coffers to the tune of \$270.00. Congratulations to those members who worked toward making the Bazaar such a success; our bank balance is now relatively healthy.

There are a lot of developments affecting the heritage picture in Victoria some good, some bad. Certainly one of the better ones is the CP Microwave Tower, now being completed on the corner of Langley and Fort Sts. If you are in the area, the quality of the decorative tinwork is, in particular, worth a look. Another commendable effort is the paint up scheme for the Government buildings in the Parliamentary Precinct. After all, anything that manages to improve the appearance of the Douglas and Queen's Printer Buildings must be considered a success.

Unfortunately, across the street, the Parliament Buildings themselves are being chewed apart. The fine restoration work started by the previous government has been abandoned with a vengeance, and suspended ceilings, fluorescent lighting, and so on are being stuck on or through large areas of the building which are substantially original. Another disturbing piece of news is the attempt by Abacus Cities Ltd. to obtain demolition permits for three key buildings in Chinatown, the land apparently to be used for parking. Preservation will require designation by city council. Also of concern is the proposal by the Salvation Army to build a storage building at the corner of Waddington Alley and Johnson Street, beside Wille's Bakery. This building would make restoration or renovation of the adjoining building impossible or, at best, difficult and would eliminate the potential pedestrian pathway which goes up the middle of this block. All this activity, in a time of relative quiet in the construction industry indicates that the Society must continue its role as watchdog of various aspects of heritage in Victoria.

On a more positive note, the City of Victoria has a tax rebate scheme for designated heritage residences. Rebates can generally be applied towards exterior maintenance or restoration, and are recognition of the fact that heritage residences contribute significantly to the cityscape. The following is a list of residences which have received rebates so far; keep an eye out for them:

737 Vancouver
624 Avalon
159 Cook
1195 Fort
1171 Rockland
1012 Richardson
223 Roberts

1112 Caledonia
1014 Catherine
1141 Fort
805 Linden
252 Memorial
1011 Burdett
151 Oswego

Classified.

"Owners converting large 1890 House (1029 Pakington) wish partner for architect designed strata title side by side 2 bedroom duplex. Phone 388-4046
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - due Sept. 30, 1978

Please renew your membership now if you haven't done so already. All members (except Supportive) will receive the monthly newsletter and are entitled to voting privileges at Annual and General Meetings.

Family and Group	\$7.50	Supportive	\$
1.00			
Individual	5.00	Sustaining	
75.00			
Senior Citizens & Students	2.50	Patron	150.00

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