

FEBRUARY 1979 – NEWSLETTER

THE BIG EVENT

The 5th ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY will be held on Wednesday Feb. 21, 1979 at 8 p.m. at the home of JIM LEE at 223 ROBERT ST. (off Esquimalt Road - across the E & N tracks on the left. Parking is limited!) The purpose of the gathering is three-fold: to honour those who have contributed to our heritage background, to promote fellowship among our members and to celebrate HERITAGE DAY (Feb. 19). To cover the expense of refreshments (wine, coffee, sandwiches, etc.) we will be charging \$2.50 per person (no increase since last year!!). If you're coming please send name(s) and cheque now to the Hallmark Society, P.O. Box 1204. If this is not feasible please call Candy Wyatt (388-6562) to reserve a place. We need to know how many to cater for.

TRIBUTE

Victoria recently lost one who did much to heighten interest in, and awareness of, our heritage background. We at Hallmark would like to honour the late Peter Cotton and so are reprinting the poem written by Carolyn Smyly in December 1975 when he was honoured at the Awards party.

THE BALLAD OF PETER COTTON

Whenever we're out in bus or car
In a part of town with an ancient air
And we see a house with a tower stair
And a shingled gable or bracket quaint
That is badly in need of a coat of paint
We think of Peter Cotton.
Whenever we meet at City Hall
To protest a zoning where buildings will fall
And developers have us against a wall
And our tempers are short and our yawns are great
And we still have seventeen things to debate
We think of Peter Cotton.
Whenever we sit with a letter to pen
And we've written before and we'll write again
To Editors, Ministers, 'Dear Gentlemen;'
When our fingers are weary, the hour is late
And the supper tonight was burned on the plate
We think of Peter Cotton.

Whenever the bulldozer grinds into view
And we sit there feeling sad, sick and blue
And there just isn't anything else we can do
And we'd like to scream and we'd like to yell
And we wish all developers burning in •••
And we'd like to yell and we'd like to scream
And we want to wake up from this terrible dream
We think of Peter Cotton.

For Peter has patched and painted and plead
And Peter speaks soft and keeps his head
And Peter has sat through a thousand meetings
And listened to promises~ platitudes, bleatings,
And Peter has listened to scorn and jeers
From people who think they're his architect peers,
And Peter has given them all the gears
And has fought our fights and has dried our tears
And has made us coffee and poured our beers
And Peter has shared all our sorrows and fears,
And darlings .. he's done it for twenty years
(on the occasion of the Hallmark Society Christmas
Award Presentation, December 17, 1975)

HERITAGE CANADA AGM

The new dates for the Annual General Meeting of Heritage Canada in Victoria are now October 17 to 20. Hallmark will be involved with Registration, Hospitality and Transportation. We'll need all the help we can get in the first two areas. So be prepared to assist when called. This is going to be a highlight in our Society's calendar for 1979.

ST. ANN'S

We are pleased that the Hon. Hugh Curtis has seen fit to reject the idea of a commercial development for this historic site. He wants suggestions (!) for its use so here's your chance.