

THE CANADIAN FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Folk Music Society is being held in Calgary this year on November 14, 15 and 16. Tim Rogers of the Rocky Mountain Folk Club (also the Society's treasurer) is organizing what promises to be an exciting event. On Friday evening Ian Robb from Ottawa, Ceard from Calgary and The Crooked Stovepipe from Newfoundland are featured at the Rocky Mountain Folk Club. On Saturday, members of the Society will be giving workshops at the University of Calgary on such diverse topics as "Folksongs in Teaching History", "Alberta Country and Folk Music", "Canadian Folk Music and Kids", "Songs of B.C.". On Saturday evening there will be a banquet and a songfest.

The Canadian Folk Music Society was founded about twenty years ago by Marius Barbeau, the well-known folklorist, and exists in order to: a) encourage the study, appreciation and enjoyment of the folk music of Canada in all its aspects; b) promote publication and performance of Canadian folk music; c) stimulate international understanding through a common interest in folk music. Among the Society's members are folklorists, educators, singers and folk club organizers from across the country as well as hundreds more interested in folk music. With the *Bulletin* ceasing publication, the Society can take over the role of acting as a link between folk music activities across the country. The structure of the Society is presently being re-examined in order to increase participation at the regional

and local level.

The Society publishes a quarterly *Newsletter* as well as an annual *Journal* containing detailed articles on various aspects of Canadian folk music. Both of these publications are free to members. Also available is a leaflet with a selected list of Canadian folk music books and records. For those who really want to go into depth, the comprehensive *Reference List on Canadian Folk Music*, a large bibliography, is also available. Membership in the Society is \$5 per year (\$10 for institutions). If you want more information about the Society, about the Annual General Meeting or about folk music resources, contact The Canadian Folk Music Society at 1314 Shelbourne St. S.W., Calgary, Alta. T3C 2K8.

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