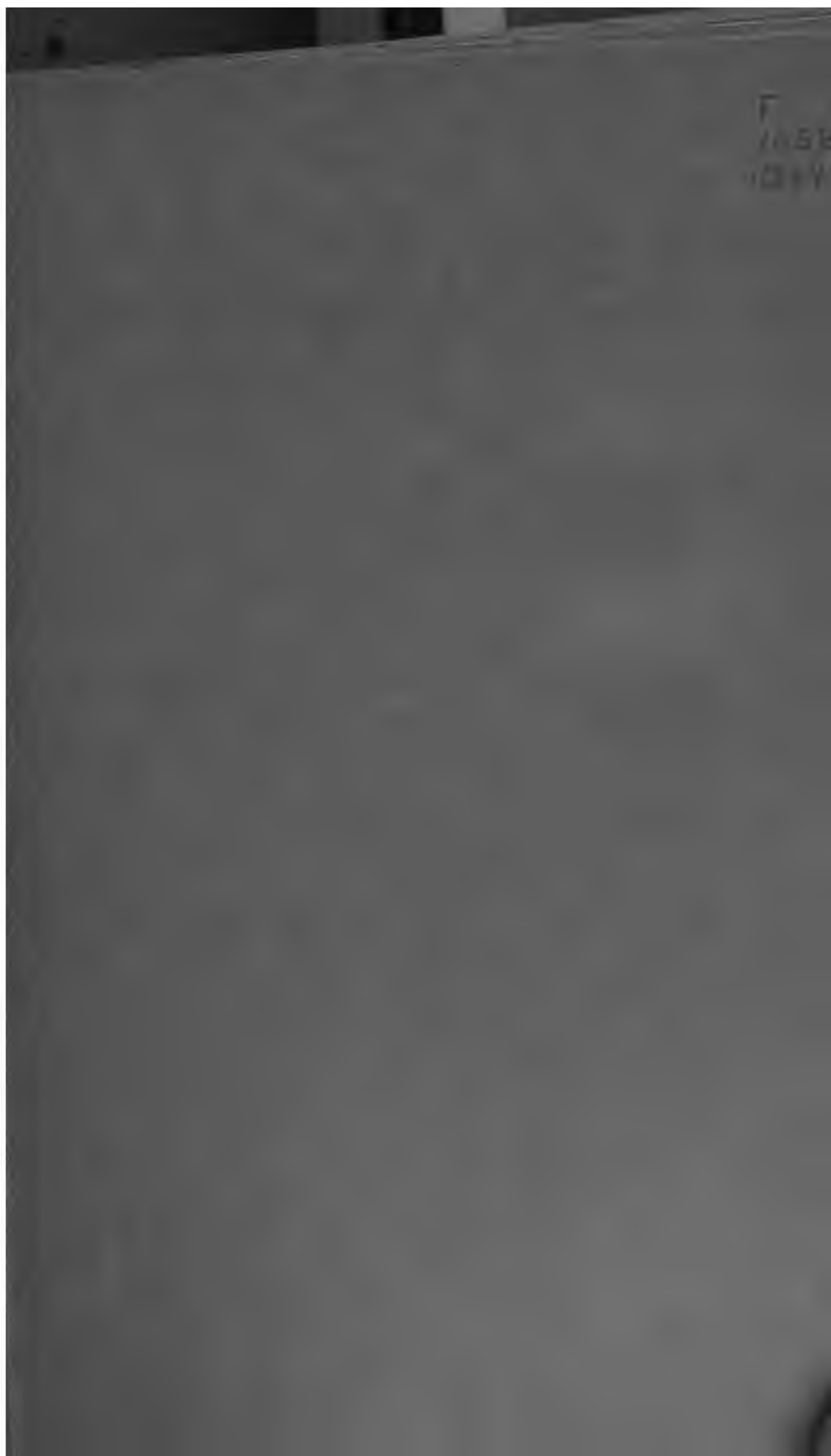


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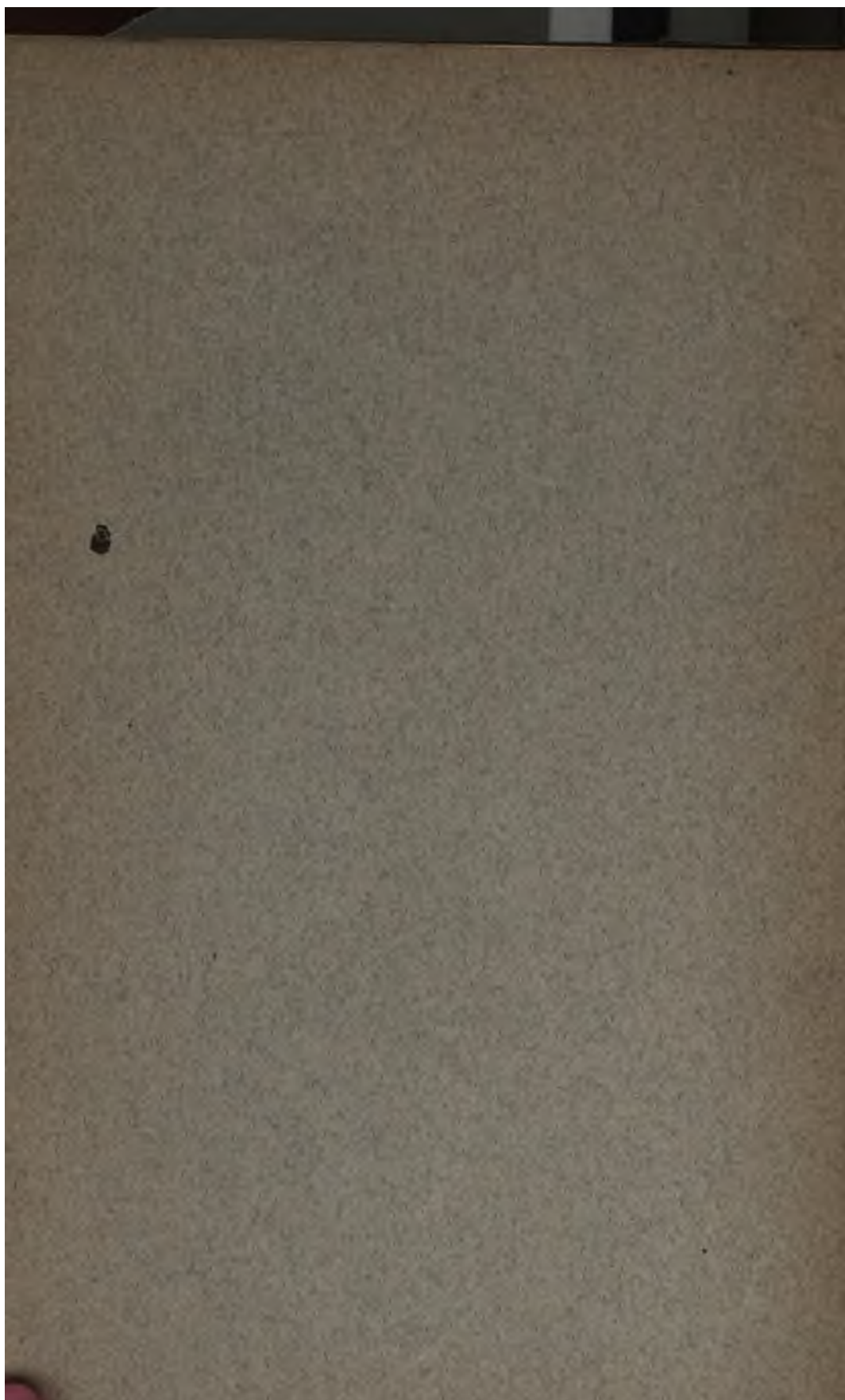


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The Society is to be congratulated upon the near completion of the Simcoe monument, which will be unveiled during 1903. The foundation (in the Queen's Park, Toronto) is now being laid. We regret to record the death of Vice-President Charles McCaffrey, who will be much missed at our gatherings.

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<i>Treasurer and Recording Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	James Wilson, C.E.

Executive Committee.

Abel Land, R. W. Geary, Fred. Sherrin, Dr. Thompson, R. L. Murphy and Marsena Nurse.

On June 23rd, 1901, the Lundy's Lane Historical Society took part in the ceremony of unveiling the monument to Laura Ingersoll Secord.

On July 25th the Society decorated the graves of British soldiers who fought and fell at Lundy's Lane in 1814. The monument on the battlefield was decorated with wreaths and flags.

On October 19th the remains of nine United States soldiers were interred near the grave of Captain Hull. The immediate direction of the re-interment was under the United States Consul at Niagara Falls, Ont., the Hon. Harlam Brush, assisted by Rev. Canon Bull, Major Fred. Hill and Surgeon (Dr.) Thompson of the 44th Welland Battalion. A company of United States soldiers from Fort Niagara, N. Y., were present, and a detachment of the 44th Welland Battalion.

The fifth volume of "Documentary History," by Col. Cruikshank, will be issued by the Society in July next. This will contain some remarkable letters by a British officer relating to the battle of Stoney Creek, 1813.

THOROLD AND BEAVER DAMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

President - - - - - J. H. Thompson.
Vice-President and Treasurer - W. F. Bald.
Secretary - - - - - Miss Amy Ball.
Historian - - - - - Mrs. S. Ball.

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Patron - - - - - William Kirby, F.R.C.S.
President - - - - - Miss Carnochan.
Vice-President - - - - - Henry Paffard.
Secretary - - - - - Alfred Ball.
Treasurer - - - - - Mrs. Manning.
Curator - - - - - Miss Carnochan.
Assistant Curator - - - - - Mrs. A. Servos.

Hon. Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. Roe and Chas. A. F. Ball.

Committee.

Rev. J. C. Garrett, Rev. N. Smith, R. A. Barron, B.A., Mrs. T. F. Best and Wm. J. McClelland.

Honorary Members.

Rev. Canon Bull, Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, Sir James Lemoine, J. Ross Robertson, Wm. Gibson, David Boyle, Major Hiscott, E. A. Lancaster, M.P., and Dr. Jessop, M.P.P.

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Seven stone markers have been placed as follows : (1) The house built by Comte de Puisaye in 1798 ; (2) Site of Government House in the time of Simcoe ; (3) *Gleaner* printing office, 1817, and Masonic Hall, 1792 ; (4) Military Hospital and Indian Council House ; (5) Brock's grave at Fort George from 1812 to 1824 ; (6) Navy Hall ; (7) Place where bodies of soldiers were found lately, killed May 27th, 1813.

We have between forty and fifty members, and exchange with twenty societies and have distributed during the year four hundred copies of our publications. Many additions have been made to our Historical Room, which now contains over fifteen hundred articles. We have had more visitors than in any previous year. An historical column still appears in the local paper. We have published during the year No. 8, "Family History": "The Servos and Whitmore Families," by Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C.; "Robert Lund," by John H. Lund; "Jarvis Letters," by Miss M. A. FitzGibbon. We now have in press No. 10, "Inscriptions and Graves in the Niagara Peninsula," containing references to fifty graveyards, and our next publication, No. 9, will be a paper by Col. Cruikshank. Small grants from the county and from the Ontario Government provided for the printing.

ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE,
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	J. W. Stewart.
<i>Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	S. Silcox, B.A.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	K. W. McKay.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	W. H. Murch.
<i>Curator</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. W. Smith.
<i>Editor</i>	-	-	-	-	J. H. Coyne, B.A.

Council, 1901.

Judge Ermatinger, W. Atkin, P.S.I., Mrs. Gustin, W. B. Waterbury, F. Hunt, Mrs. S. Burns and Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

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Editor - - - - - Judge Ermatinger.

Council, 1902.

Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Mrs. S. E. Burns, Mrs. E. W. Gustin, Mrs. F. M. Griffin, Mrs. S. Chant, W. Atkin, C. Oakes and J. H. Coyne, B.A.

A resolution was passed inviting the Ontario Historical Society to visit St. Thomas in 1903 in connection with the centennial of the Talbot Settlement. The museum collection has been increased and valuable donations made to the library.

The following lectures have been given : "The United Empire Loyalists in 1783 and 1901," by Sir John Bourinot; "The Greek, the Roman, the Englishman and the Frenchman," by Prof. Maurice Hutton, Toronto; "The Historian's Sphere of Work," by Rev. George M. Wrong, B.A., Toronto; "Impressions of Travel," by

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James H. Coyne, B.A. ; "The Link between Plant and Animal," by S. Silcox, B.A. ; "The Development of the Novel," by O. J. Stevenson, B.A. ; "The Scenic Wonders of Europe," by Frank Yeigh, Toronto.

Officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

<i>President</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. J. H. Wilson.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - - - -	" J. H. Coyne.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - - - -	" C. O. Ermatinger.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	- - - - -	" D. O'Shea.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	- - - - -	" Gustin.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	- - - - -	" S. Silcox.
<i>Assistant Recording Secretary</i>	- - - - -	Miss Claris.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. E. Conghill.
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	- - - - -	Miss F. McLachlin.
<i>Curator</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. W. St. Thomas Smith.

The Ladies' Branch have been especially active, and the following papers have been read at their meeting : "History of the Church of the Holy Angels, St. Thomas," "History of St. John's Church, St. Thomas," "Early Schools and School Teaching," "History of St. Thomas Schools," "Habits and Customs of Early Settlers," "Sketch of Early Furniture and Domestic Utensils," "Early Political Events," "Indian Picture Writing," "Roads and Modes of Transportation," "Early Surveys of Elgin," "History of the Drake Family," "Sketch of Laura Secord," "Pioneer History of John Andrews," "History of the Bannerman Family."

WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>President</i>	- - - - -	F. W. Fearman.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. Edward Martin.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - - - -	Charles Lemon.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. J. Rose-Holden.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	- - - - -	Justus A. Griffin.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. C. Fessenden.

Executive Council.

Mayor Fred. Snider, S. F. Lazier, K.C., R. T. Lancefield, Rev. E. M. Bland, J. W. Jones, J. G. Y. Burkholder, John H. Law, Mrs. S. Slater and Mrs. S. Carry.

It is with deep regret that the Society record the death of an ex-president, Mr. George H. Mills, whose long and untiring efforts on behalf of the Wentworth Historical Society are so well known. A sketch of his labors and a portrait will be found in a recent publication.

The following papers have been given : "The Constitutional Development of Canada," by Prof. Adam Shortt, Queen's University ; "Odds and Ends of Early Life in Hamilton," by Mr. Frank Kidner.

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We have secured a correct plan of the battle ground of Stoney Creek. One rough sketch was given by Mr. Isaac Lewis, of Grimsby; another by Mr. Edward Coleman, President Stoney Creek Historical Society; and still another from Mr. D. B. Galbraith, Hamilton. The Indian trails, location of houses and church, also origin of the much-disputed Lane clearing, are thus settled.

Mainly through the efforts of the Wentworth Historical Society, the Park Commissioners of the City of Hamilton have established a museum of historical and scientific articles in Dundurn Castle. Mrs. C. Fessenden, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, has been appointed curator of the museum.

Officers of Ladies' Committee.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. W. E. Sandford.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	" M. E. Rose-Holden.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	" J. H. Land.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	" R. G. Sutherland.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	" Edward Martin.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Ferris.

SIMCOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	-	Hon. J. R. Gowan.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	Judge J. A. Ardagh.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	-	-	-	-	{ Judge Boys, Dr. C. E. Jakeway, M. G. H. Hale.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	A. F. Hunter, M.A.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	George Sneath.
<i>Auditor, 1901</i>	-	-	-	-	J. Darby.
<i>Auditor, 1902</i>	-	-	-	-	James Edwards.

Executive Committee.

Alex. Smith, W. H. Hewson and S. L. Soules.

The Society have received various maps and documents relating to the early history of Simcoe County, and have on hand several manuscripts awaiting publication, which has been delayed owing to the limited funds at our disposal. We have made increased efforts to have the old unused graveyards of Barrie placed in a better state of repair. Number of members, 34.

LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>Hon. President</i>	- - - -	Hon. Alexander Vidal.
<i>President</i>	- - - -	F. A. Watson.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Henry Ingram.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Joseph Savoy.
<i>Secretary</i>	- - - -	J. Adams.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - - -	Daniel McCort.

Owing to the illness of the secretary very little progress has been made, although a great deal of valuable material has been collected for future use.

HALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>President</i>	- - - -	Dr. Robertson.
<i>Secretary</i>	- - - -	R. Coates.

Executive Committee.

T. G. Matheson, J. S. Deacon, M. Clements, Mrs. G. Bowes, Mrs. T. G. Matheson, J. W. Elliott, W. H. Young and Rev. Canon Belt.

The annual report contains reference to a number of interesting papers on the early settlement of Halton—one by Mrs. C. P. Preston, of Hornby; another by Mr. Benjamin D. Walker, jun. Much information about pioneer days has been collected on early churches, schools, pioneer ministers, first burials, etc.; also, a letter from Mrs. Wm. McCraney, of Vancouver, B.C., on the "New Punccheon" settlement.

The beginning of a museum has been made, and contributions are asked for.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TORONTO.

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 19TH, 1805.
INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 14TH, 1896.

<i>Honorary President</i>	- - -	Miss Mowat.
<i>Past Presidents</i>	- - -	{ Mrs. S. A. Curzon, Lady Edgar.
<i>President</i>	- - -	Mrs. Forsyth Grant.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - -	" James Bain.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - -	" Edward Leigh.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - -	Miss Evelyn Cox, 8 Wellesley Place.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	- -	Miss FitzGibbon, 94 Willcocks Street.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	- - -	Miss C. Boulton.

Executive Committee.

Miss Beard, Miss Mickle, Mrs. J. A. Paterson, Miss Ellerby, Miss Curzon and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings.

The following papers have been read : "The Settlement of the U. E. Loyalists," by Miss Josephine MacCallum ; "The History of St. James' Vestry," by Mrs. Forsyth Grant ; "History of St. Andrew's Church," by Miss Bessie MacMurchy ; "Hare-Spence System of Voting," by Mr. Robert Tyson ; "Relation of Literature to National Life," by Prof. A. P. Coleman ; "Madame de la Peltrie," by Mrs. Forsyth Grant ; "Letters from an Officer's Diary, 1836," by Rev. A. U. de Pencier ; "Seigniorial Tenure," by J. H. Ferguson Metis (read by Mr. Drummond) ; "Kipling, the Colonial," by Miss Jean Graham ; "Canadian Boundaries and their Determination," by Thomas Hodgins.

The Memorial Hall Fund now amounts to \$2,527, \$1,714.82 of which was the profits of the Woman's Memorial *Star*, issued May 23rd, 1901.

The Information Bureau has been a great success, and Miss Teefy has read a very clever paper on "Yonge Street," compiled from material collected in her department of the work.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

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| <i>Patroness</i> | - - - - - | The Countess of Minto. |
| <i>Hon. President</i> | - - - - - | Lady Laurier. |
| <i>President</i> | - - - - - | Mrs. S. E. Dawson. |
| <i>1st Vice-President</i> | - - - - - | Mrs. Gwynne. |
| <i>2nd Vice-President</i> | - - - - - | Lady Ritchie. |
| <i>3rd Vice-President</i> | - - - - - | Mme. Pigeon. |
| <i>4th Vice-President</i> | - - - - - | Mrs. R. Ells. |
| Lady Bourinot, Lady Davies, Lady Strong, Mme. Sulte, Mrs. Friel, Mme. Girouard, Mrs. Geo. E. King, Mrs. Chas. Goodeve, Mrs. J. L. McDougall, Mrs. H. Phinney, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Burbridge, Mrs. A. Burrirt, Mrs. Chas. O'Connor. | | |
| <i>Recording Secretary</i> | - - - - - | Miss Alice Burbridge,
237 Metcalf Street. |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | - - - - - | Mrs. Ahearn. |
| <i>Librarian</i> | - - - - - | Miss Northwood,
330 Chapel Street. |
| <i>Corresponding Secretary</i> | - - - - - | Mrs. Welbridge Howard. |

Executive Committee.

Mrs. Sedgewick, Mrs. B. Powell, Mrs. A. Burrirt, Mrs. Martin Griffin, Mrs. J. Lorn McDougall, jr., Mrs. Costigan, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, Mme. LeLievre, Mme. LaMothe, Mrs. H. Allan Bate.

Committees were appointed in 1901 to collect (1) Memoirs of the old inhabitants,

(2) To form scrap-books and collect pamphlets connected with the early history of the capital, (3) To gather sketches of the various philanthropic and charitable institutions, and have met with much success. The resignation of Mrs. George E. Foster, who has been president since the organization of the Society, is much regretted.

The following papers were read: "Account of the Settlement of part of Leeds County," by Mrs. J. L. McDougall, sen.; "Sketch of Jane Craig, a Revolutionary Heroine," by Mrs. Ahearn; "Sketch of Ursuline Convent," by Mme. La Mothe; "Ottawa in 1868" and "A Story of the Cholera in 1833," by Mrs. Kirwin; "A Reminiscence of the Visit of His Excellency the Earl of Kincardine in 1853," by Mrs. Friel; "Schools and Schoolmasters of Ottawa," by Mrs. Jamieson; "Philipsburg," by Miss Read; "The Great Fire of 1870," by Mrs. Bradish Billings; "Industrial Development of Ottawa and Hull," by Mrs. Roper.

PETERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	-	His Honor Judge Weller.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	Lt.-Col. H. C. Rogers.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	-	-	-	-	{ Richard Hall, J. B. McWilliams, Mrs. Birdsall.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	T. A. S. Hay.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Wilson.

Executive Council.

Lt.-Col. Edwards, D. Spence, F. R. Yokome, W. J. Francis, Rev. J. C. Davidson, E. Elcome, Dr. Harrison.

Museum Board.

Dr. Burnham, H. T. Strickland and T. A. S. Hay. The Mayor, T. H. G. Deane, and Aldermen Edgecomb and Corkery, for the Town Council. The Warden, Thomas Eastland, and Councillors Peake and Cusconant, for the County Council. Messrs. Hall and McGill, trustees for the Nicholl's Estate.

The Victoria Museum has received many additions during the past two years and has been visited by many hundreds of people. Our Treasurer, Mrs. MacFarlane Wilson, with the help of "Kit," of the *Mail and Empire*, has been able to erect a Celtic cross over the grave of Isabella Valency Crawford, who for many years resided here.

BRUCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

President - - - Lt.-Col. A. C. Belcher, Southampton.
Secretary - - - Norman Robertson, M.A., Walkerton.

A vice-president to represent each municipality and Indian Reserve in the county, twenty-nine in all.

Steps are being taken to have the County Council assist in the publication of the history of the county, which is being prepared by Norman Robertson, M.A. Though only organized in September, 1901, the Society has about fifty members.

WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

President - - - - - Mrs. John Calder.
1st Vice-President - - - - " John S. Hendrie.
2nd Vice-President - - - - " R. R. Waddell.
3rd Vice-President - - - - " J. M. Gibson.
4th Vice-President - - - - " John Crerar.
Recording Secretary - - - - Miss Emily Colquhoun.
Corresponding Secretary - - - - " Minnie Jean Nisbet.
Treasurer - - - - - " Annie Hendrie.
Historian - - - - - " Isabel Burrows.

OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

President - - - - - T. Hart.
1st Vice-President - - - - A. H. Wilson.
2nd Vice-President - - - - J. W. Whealy.
Secretary-Treasurer - - - - W. Munro.
Editor - - - - - G. R. Pattullo.

Council.

T. H. Park, F. R. Ball, G. R. Pattullo, W. Munro and J. Cameron.

The following papers have been read and published in the local papers: "Browsings from an Old Pasture," by R. W. Sawtell; "History of the Congregation of Old St. Paul's," by Bishop Sweatman; "The Visit of the Prince of Wales to Woodstock," by R. W. Sawtell; "Wild Fowl and Birds of Passage," by J. Cameron; "Noxious and Foul Weeds," by J. Cameron; "Life History of the late Joseph Brown" (illustrated by maps and documents nearly a century old), by T. Hart.

PEEL PIONEER SOCIETY.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Eli Crawford.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	James Jackson.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	R. Looves.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	E. J. Walsh.
<i>4th Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Geo. Corkett.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	L. Cheyne.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	R. H. Hodgson.

Executive Committee.

Thomas Morphy, K. Chisholm, Rev. G. N. Rutledge, John Smith, M.P.P.

PERTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Nelson Monteith, M.P.P.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	His Hon. Judge Woods.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	John Idington, K.C.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Robert Lizars Smith.
<i>Joint Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Wm. Buckingham.

Council.

Dr. Sparks, St. Mary's ; Wm. Johnston, Blanshard ; C. A. Mayberry, B.A. ; D. D. Way, J. D. Stewart, Russeldale, and Wm. Irvine, P.S.I.

The publication of a history of the county has been urged by many members, but owing to the difficulty of financing such an important work, and with the duties on hand it is feared that at present it is beyond the resources of the Society.

Papers have been read as follows : "Places, Names and their Origin in Perth County," by Mr. J. Idington, K.C. ; "The Work of Historical Societies," by Miss M. A. FitzGibbon ; "Early Exploration in Ontario," by J. H. Coyne, B.A., President Ontario Historical Society.

NORFOLK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	H. B. Donley.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	John J. Wadsworth.
<i>Curator</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Henry Johnston.

Councillors.

Rev. R. Hicks and Frank Reid.

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The Society has held its usual meeting and also three outings—one to Turkey Point and other points near Charlotteville, the next to Woodhouse and Port Dover, and the third to Port Rowan and vicinity. A large number of maps and documents have been given to the Society, and owing to the increase in membership we have been granted the use of the council chamber for our meetings.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	Judge Merrill.
<i>Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	Geo. O. Alcorn, K.C., M.P.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	Albert C. Bowerman.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	Charles H. Widdifield.

BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	-	Lt.-Col. Helliwell.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. G. Terrill.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	J. F. Jeffers.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. L. W. Yeomans.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. May.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	A. McGinnis.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	D. Barrager.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. W. W. Pope, Col. Ponton, Miss A. Lister and Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

Honorary Members.

A. F. Wood, Fred. Seymour, B.A., Madoc; T. W. Casey, Napanee; Judge Merrill, Picton; A. T. Petrie, F. Wallbridge, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. W. M. Ponton.

Papers dealing with the lives of the early settlers and other matters of local interest have been contributed by Mrs. J. W. Johnston, Lt.-Col. Ponton, and others.

The Society have arranged for a proper place to store their books, papers, etc., which will in time form the nucleus of a local museum. The Society regret to have to record the death of two of its most valued members—Mrs. (Rev.) M. A. McLean and Miss I. Murney.

COUNTY OF VICTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	His Honor Judge Dean, M.A., LL.D.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	W. H. Stevens, B.A.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	C. D. Barr.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	W. F. O'Boyle.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	Miss E. G. Flavelle, B.A.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	-	-	-	Miss M. L. Taylor.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	I. E. Weldon.

Executive Committee.

W. L. Herriman, M.D., V. C. Cornwall, M.D., E. A. Hardy, B.A., H. J. Lytle, R. J. McLaughlin, D. R. Anderson and M. M. Boyd.

An effort has been made to interest the municipalities in the work of historical research and to gather material for future use. Committees have been appointed in each municipality to work with the central committee.

A grant of twenty-five dollars has been received from the county council to be expended in books, which is a nucleus of what we hope will be a good library.

Conveners of Municipal Committees.—Mr. Samuel Suddaby, Burnt River, Somerville; Mr. J. C. Gilchrist, Woodville; Mr. C. E. Stewart, Bobcaygeon; Mr. Edward Butterworth, Uphill (Digby); Mr. John A. Jackson, Lorneville; Mr. George W. Taylor, Bobcaygeon (Verulam); Mr. Charles Grandby, Omemees (Emily).

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	-	Sir John Carling.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	Dr. C. T. Campbell.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. James Egan.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. H. F. English.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	Dr. W. M. English.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. Gahan.
<i>Assistant Recording Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Florence Mitchell.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	H. Macklin.
<i>Curator</i>	-	-	-	-	Dr. Wolverton.

Executive Committee.

Rev. J. G. Stuart, B.A., Col. John MacBeth, Miss Priddis, John Cameron, P.M., C. B. Edwards, M.A., John Dearness, M.A.

Papers have been read by Sir John Carling, Mr. W. J. Imlach, Judge Elliott, Judge Hughes (St. Thomas), V. Cronyn, Esq., Mrs. Gilbert Porte, Mr. Harry Gorman (Sarnia), Mr. John Dearness, Dr. Wolverton, J. H. Coyne, Sir John Bourinot, and Miss M. A. FitzGibbon.

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The annual meetings are held as nearly as possible to March 2nd—the anniversary of Governor Simcoe's visit to the present site of London. The Society has a membership of about 60.

THE WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BOWMANVILLE.

ORGANIZED JANUARY 13TH, 1902.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Miss M. L. Moffatt.
<i>Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. D. B. Simpson.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Miss Margaret A. Allen ("Drumsalla").
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Lestock H. Reed.

Executive.

Miss Reid, Miss Fairbairn, Miss Allen, Miss McLaughlin and Miss Winnifred Beith.

A small collection of curios and historical relics and maps have been gathered and a paper on "Old Bowmanville Days" was read by Mr. Fairbairn, and a talk on "Historical Societies" by Miss M. A. FitzGibbon.

U. E. LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

HEAD OF THE LAKE BRANCH.

(NOTE.—Not yet formally affiliated.)

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. E. O'Reilly.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	His Honor Judge Snider.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	-	-	-	-	-	{ S. F. Lazier, K.C. W. A. H. Duff.

Committee.

J. H. Smith, A. C. Beasley, J. M. Dingwall, W. G. Moore, Justus Griffin, Edwin Mills.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer - - H. H. Robertson.

Ladies' Committee.

Mrs. P. D. Crerar (Chairman), Mrs. Husband, Mrs. Nelson Mills, Mrs. Thomas Miller, Mrs. Strathy, Mrs. Stanley Mills, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Stuart Strathy, Miss Carpenter, Miss Smith.

HEAD OF THE LAKE BRANCH FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, 1902-1903.

Your Committee report that the progress of this Branch of the U. E. Loyalists' Association of Ontario has been gratifying, the total membership of the Branch, including families, now being fifty-nine, exclusive of associate members. Changes have been made in the Constitution of the General Association in the past year as follows: Amendment to Article II. of the Constitution, to add after the word "Members," "Provided that branches may also choose an honorary president, two vice-presidents, a secretary and an assistant secretary, an executive committee of not more than six members, and a ladies' committee of not more than twelve. The presiding officer of the Ladies' Committee may also be a member of the Executive Committee." "Also, that no person coming to Canada from the United States after the year 1796 shall be considered as a U. E. Loyalist ancestor unless it can be clearly demonstrated that he or she was entitled to be so considered."

A form of opening and closing meetings, and reception of members, has also been adopted by the Association, all of which will be set forth in the forthcoming number of the Transactions now in the press.

The officers elected at the first meeting have remained for the year.

During the year addresses have been delivered as follows:

On March 11th, 1902, by the President, "Reminiscences of the War of 1812."

On April 8th, by the Secretary, "The Narrative of John Peters."

On May 13th, by Mrs. Powell, "Extract from a Diary, descriptive of a Canoe Trip from Montreal to Detroit in 1783."

On June 13th, by the Secretary, "Burgoyne's Campaign and Loyal Americans," illustrated by lime-light views.

On December 9th Miss N. M. Clarkson, Honorary Secretary, read a paper by T. S. Arnold, entitled "The Battle of the Thames and the Death of Tecumseh."

On January 14th, 1903, by J. H. Smith, "History of Hamilton."

It is the desire of your Committee that every member of the Association should furnish a paper in furtherance of its objects, "to preserve the history and traditions of the Loyalist families before it is too late." This can be done by every member contributing the narrative of his or her U. E. Loyalist ancestor, and it is to be hoped that the ensuing year will see additional contributions in this direction.

A list of members, together with the financial statement for the year, is appended hereto.

Early in the year a complete set of the Transactions of the Association was donated to the Hamilton Public Library, and through the instrumentality of the Association copies of "The Settlement of Upper Canada," by Dr. Canniff; "The History of the County of Dundas," by Croil, and of "Lunenburg; or, The Eastern District," by the late Judge Pringle, of Cornwall, all dedicated to the descendants of the U. E. Loyalists, were obtained and placed in the Hamilton Public Library.

The importance of maintaining the historical branch of the museum begun at Dundurn is impressed upon the members of the Association; and if an amalgamation of the various small collections could be made at this central point, a really good museum would result. Steps should be taken to bring this about, and the good-will of the Parks Committee of the city obtained to that end.

Hamilton, February 10th, 1903.

H. H. ROBERTSON,
Honorary Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HAMILTON, June 6th, 1900.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society began this morning in the City Council Chambers, the attendance of delegates being fairly large. Mr. J. H. Coyne, B.A., St. Thomas, President, was in the chair; Mayor Teetzel formally welcomed the delegates to the city, and he referred pleasantly to his long acquaintance with the President. President Coyne expressed the Society's thanks for the greeting, and said that the Mayor was the first articulated clerk in his office in St. Thomas, when he began the practice of law.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which on motion were adopted, also his annual report.

During the year three new societies had been affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society, and there were one thousand two hundred members of the affiliated societies. The Ontario Historical Society had one hundred and sixty-nine members. There was a large quantity of valuable manuscript in its possession, but owing to lack of funds this matter could not be published.

Mr. James made explanation regarding the Plains of Abraham. The attention of the Society was directed to the paper prepared by Mr. A. G. Doughty, of Quebec, published by the Royal Society of Canada, in which Mr. Doughty adduces proof that the old race-course was not the site of the battle of the Plains of Abraham, but that the greater portion of the site is still in the hands of the Federal Government.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto, reported for the Laura Secord Monument Committee. She regretted not having met with better success. There had been four hundred and fifty-one dollars and seventy-one cents subscribed, of which the Historical Societies had given one hundred and sixty-two dollars and seventy cents, only half of them subscribing. The subscriptions included fifty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents from one cent collections taken in public schools. Mrs. Thompson wanted the Society to decide as to whether or not the monument should be erected with the money on hand, instead of waiting for the thousand dollars at first calculated on. It was agreed that the matter should be considered in committee this afternoon and a report presented to the Convention to-morrow morning.

Moved by Mrs. Calder, seconded by Mr. Yeigh, that the Monument Committee meet this afternoon at half-past three and prepare a report to be presented to the Society on Thursday morning. Carried.

Mrs. Fessenden, of this city, read the report of the Flag and Commemoration Committee. In response to the questions as to whether the Canadian flag should have on its field the maple leaf or the Dominion Coat of Arms, Mrs. Fessenden had received replies from many school teachers, the majority favoring the maple leaf. She regretted that the flag was not more in evidence in this country.

Moved by Mrs. Fessenden, seconded by Mr. J. Adams, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland referred to the work of Mrs. Fessenden, making special reference to the inauguration of Empire Day, in which Canada has afforded an example to Britain and her colonies.

Canon Bland, of Hamilton, in a short, appropriate speech, stated that the Muskoka Lakes Association had flown a flag made up of the green maple leaf on a white ground.

Moved by Mr. Cumberland, seconded by Mr. Adams, that the Government of Canada be requested to have the maple leaf, which is the recognized emblem of Canada, placed upon the Dominion Ensign instead of the Coat of Arms, as at present shown. Carried.

Mr. Hunter's notice of motion to amend the Constitution was then considered, remarks being made upon it by Miss FitzGibbon, Mr. James Mr. Hunter and others.

Mr. Adams, of Sarnia, pointed out that the effect of the change where small societies are concerned would be prejudicial, and moved that the word "thirty" be substituted for "fifty" in the first clause. This was seconded by Miss Carnochan and carried on the understanding that the change should not take effect till next year. The second clause was allowed to stand over for consideration the following day.

Rev. Dr. Blackstock moved, seconded by Mr. A. F. Hunter, that the President name a committee of five to nominate officers for the year.

Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden, of Hamilton, read an interesting paper on the Brant flag, and as an object lesson in patriotism she displayed the old torn banner.

At twelve o'clock the members adjourned to Dundurn Castle, whither they were conveyed from the City Hall by street cars. Here luncheon was provided for the delegates and others to the number of one hundred, by Mr. Fearman, President of the Wentworth Historical Society. After the meal, a vote of thanks was passed to the Wentworth Historical Society, for the excellent arrangements they had made, and to Mr.

Fearman for his hospitality in providing luncheon. In reply to these, a splendid speech was delivered by Adam Brown, Esq.

After luncheon the delegates were conveyed by special electric cars to the old Gage Homestead on the Stoney Creek battlefield. They were entertained by the Wentworth Women's Historical Society. Mrs. Calder, President of the Society, welcomed the guests to the grounds.

Miss Nisbet read a paper, "The Romance of a Wentworth Pioneer," which contained a number of biographical and genealogical facts. A poem, "Raise the Flag," by Edward G. Nelson, of St. John, New Brunswick, was read by Mr. Frank Yeigh.

Miss FitzGibbon explained the events in connection with the Battle of Stoney Creek (the day being an anniversary), pointing out the positions of the contending forces. Remarks were then made by Mrs. Calder.

A resolution was moved by Mr. Adams, of Sarnia, seconded by Mr. Doel, that the Canadians were to be congratulated upon the Relief of Pretoria. Mr. Coyne explained that Captain Roberts, who took Mackinaw in 1812, was the uncle of Field Marshal Roberts. Remarks were made by Miss FitzGibbon and Mr. Pattullo. Papers were read by Mrs. Munro, "Our Indian Allies;" and Mr. J. H. Thompson, "How our History was Written," it being an account of the business affairs of the Jubilee history of Thorold Town and Township.

Moved by Mr. Joshua Adams, seconded by Mr. Doel, and

Resolved, "That the Ontario Historical Society and the several other Societies affiliated therewith and represented at this meeting, convened on the historic ground of the Battle of Stoney Creek in 1813, desire to express our thankfulness and gratitude to God for the great success of the British arms under General Lord Roberts, in the results of their operations in South Africa. And we are especially proud of the foremost part our brave Canadian soldiers have taken in conjunction with the contingents from the Australian and other colonies of the British Empire." Carried with cheers.

Refreshments were served, and the ladies were formally thanked by President Coyne and Mr. Barlow Cumberland, Toronto.

The meeting then adjourned till the evening, to meet at eight o'clock, in the City Hall.

EVENING SESSION.

CITY HALL.

President Coyne opened the meeting by reading his annual address. He regretted that the Government was unable to grant the Society's request for an increased grant. Complimentary reference was made to Dr. George Hodgins' address to Canadian Historical Societies, on "School Room Decoration in Ontario," and the following resolution was passed, on motion of Rev. Canon Bull, Niagara Falls South, seconded by Rev. Dr. Blackstock :

"That the Ontario Historical Society desires highly to commend the recent address by Dr. J. Geo. Hodgins, Toronto, to Canadian Historical Societies, on 'School Room Decoration in Ontario—Historical and Patriotic.' This Society trusts that as the address has been widely circulated among Historical Societies and Public School Boards, it will receive the prompt consideration of each one of those influential bodies, which the subject demands. The Society begs to extend its best thanks to Dr. Hodgins for a copy of his able address, and requests the Secretary especially to intimate the same to him."

A resolution complimentary to Colonel Cruikshank, Fort Erie, the well-known historian, was passed on motion of Canon Bull, seconded by Miss Carnochan, Niagara, as follows :

"That the Ontario Historical Society desires to recognize the merits of Colonel Cruikshank, Fort Erie, and to esteem him very highly for his long service and labor of love in the study and cultivation of Canadian historical literature. This Society desires to emphasize the great credit that is due to Colonel Cruikshank, especially for his latest work, entitled 'Documentary History,' which very shortly will reach Volume IV., in all, comprising about one thousand two hundred pages."

Addresses were given by Messrs. Kirkwood, Martin, of the Hamilton Canadian Club, and J. H. Long.

Mr. A. B. McKenzie, Toronto, and Mrs. Rose Holden, this city, moved a resolution to the effect that the owners of the Hotel Brant should be requested to fix a tablet near the front entrance to the hotel to mark the one-time residence of Chief Joseph Brant. The resolution was left over for consideration at to-morrow morning's session.

Mr. Cumberland thought that matters of this kind should reach the Ontario Historical Society, as a matter of principle, through the local society.

Mr. Pattullo supported the Secretary's suggestion that the motion should come before the Ontario Historical Society through the Monument Committee, as well as after emanating from the local society.

HAMILTON, June 7th.

The Monuments and Tablets Committee reported through Mrs. Thompson, recommending that the monument to Laura Secord be erected with the funds on hand, about five hundred dollars, instead of trying to get the one thousand dollars at first calculated on. The committee also recommended that the City of Hamilton be requested to erect the proposed tablet at the Hotel Brant, Mrs. Calder to have charge of the negotiations on behalf of the Ontario Society. The following motion was then moved by Mr. Cumberland, seconded by Mr. Pattullo,

“That the proposition respecting the Brant Memorial be referred to the Halton Historical Society, with the request that they make due enquiry and verify the historical accuracy of the statements, and ascertain the wording and design of the tablet proposed to be erected, and report the results to the Ontario Historical Society.” Carried.

Moved by Miss Carnochan, seconded by the Secretary,

“That the reports of Mrs. Thompson, as convener of the Monuments and Tablets Committee, and Mrs. Fessenden, as convener of the Flag Committee, be sent to the daily papers of Toronto, with the request that they be printed.”

Moved by Wm. Rennie, seconded by W. H. Doel, J.P.,

“That a committee be appointed to procure a monument to the memory of Governor Simcoe, and erect the same on a suitable site at the earliest convenience, with full power to complete all arrangements.”

SIMCOE MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

John Ross Robertson, M.P., Chairman.

David Boyle, Secretary.

Frank Yeigh, Treasurer.

James L. Hughes, Public School Inspector.

D. B. Read, Q.C.

A. McLean Howard, President United Empire Loyalist Society.

Mrs. Forsyth Grant, President Women's Historical Society.

Miss M. A. FitzGibbon, Secretary Women's Historical Society.

Rev. C. E. Thomson, President York Pioneers Historical Society.

Rev. W. W. Colpitts, Secretary York Pioneers Historical Society.

Captain Jessop.

B. E. Walker.

With the mover and seconder. Carried.

Mr. Rennie presented the following statement :

Estimated cost of statue - - - - -	\$5,000 00
Estimated cost of pedestal - - - - -	1,000 00
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Total - - - - -	\$6,000 00
Funds available—Government grant - -	\$3,000 00
Funds available—Toronto Council grant	1,000 00
Ontario Historical Society grant - - -	150 00
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Total - - - - -	\$4,150 00
Balance required - - - - -	1,850 00

He also suggested that an appeal be made through the Minister of Education to every school child in Ontario, for the contribution of one cent each, which might bring in about \$2,000.

The Treasurer's report was read by C. C. James, Mr. Yeigh having returned to Toronto.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report of the names of the officers for the current year :

- James H. Coyne, B.A., St. Thomas, President.
- C. C. James, M.A., Toronto, 1st Vice-President.
- Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden, Hamilton, 2nd Vice-President.
- Frank Yeigh, Toronto, Treasurer.

Council.—G. R. Pattullo, A. F. Hunter, Miss FitzGibbon, J. J. Murphy, and Wm. Rennie.

Monuments and Tablets Committee.—Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Mrs. John Calder, Miss Kenny, B.A., W. H. Doel, J. J. Murphy, Miss M. A. FitzGibbon, Miss G. Rolph, Miss Carnochan, Chief Nelles Monture, Miss E. Y. Farmer, James Wilson.

Flag and Commemoration Committee.—Mrs. C. Fessenden, Miss FitzGibbon, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Holden, C. R. McCullough, Barlow Cumberland, Spencer Howell.

Archives and Publication Committee.—G. R. Pattullo, Judge Ermatinger, Wm. Houston, A. F. Hunter, J. H. Thompson, Miss Carnochan, Miss Sara A. Mickle, Mrs. Holden, and Chief Nelles Monture.

Moved by Mr. A. F. Hunter, seconded by Rev. Dr. Blackstock, and

Resolved, "That the Society, on this occasion of its first meeting after the withdrawal of the Hon. G. W. Ross, LL.D., from the position

of Minister of Education to become Premier of the Province, desires to place on record its appreciation of his services in the capacity of Honorary President, a position that on invitation he consented to fill, and that he occupied with satisfaction to the Society. We, therefore, desire to tender our cordial thanks for these services, he having taken part on different occasions in the exercises, and having otherwise aided and promoted the work of the Society, and that the Secretary transmit a copy of this to the Hon. G. W. Ross."

Reports from several affiliated societies were then presented.

Judge Robb, of Simcoe, read a paper written by Dr. James J. Wadsworth, Public School Inspector of Simcoe, on "The Winter Sojourn of Galinee and Dollier de Casson on Black Creek, Port Dover, in 1669-70." Miss FitzGibbon read an interesting paper written by Miss Lefroy, from recollections of Mary Warren Baldwin (afterwards Mrs. John Breckenridge), entitled "Glimpses of Lives of some Early Settlers." Mrs. Fessenden read a well-written paper on "A Morning with Historians in Boston." Miss Carnochan read portions of a paper on "Ancient Tombstones." Mr. J. G. Weldon, extended an invitation to the Ontario Historical Society to hold its next annual meeting in Lindsay.

A resolution was passed on motion of Messrs. A. B. McKenzie and A. F. Hunter, expressing the gratification of the Society that its secretary, Mr. David Boyle, had been invited to read a paper at the meeting of the British Association in Bradford, England, next September.

Moved by G. R. Pattullo, seconded by A. F. Hunter, and

Resolved, "That the Ontario Historical Society in closing their annual meeting of 1900, desire to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the Mayor and City Council of Hamilton for having placed at the disposal of the Society, for holding our several sessions, the handsome Council Chamber of the city, the cordial welcome extended by the Mayor, by Mr. Fearman and the Wentworth Historical Society for their generous entertainment at Dundurn Park; Mrs. Calder and the Wentworth Women's Historical Society for the delightful excursion to the Stoney Creek Battle Park; to the city press, for its full reports of our proceedings; and to the citizens generally for the generous hospitality extended to this Society individually and collectively."

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m., the choice of the next place for holding the annual meeting being left to the decision of the Council.

J. H. COYNE, *President*.

DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary*.

The Council met immediately after the adjournment of the general meeting, the President in the chair, when the following committees were appointed :

Finance.—The President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Publications and Resolutions.—Messrs. C. C. James, A. F. Hunter, and the Secretary.

Monuments.—Messrs. Wm. Rennie, A. F. Hunter, J. J. Murphy, Judge Robb and Mrs. Calder.

Museum.—Miss FitzGibbon, Miss Carnochan, Mrs. Rose Holden, and Mr. G. R. Pattullo.

Membership.—Mr. C. C. James, Mr. F. Yeigh, Rev. C. E. Thomson, the President and the Secretary. Meeting adjourned.

JAMES H. COYNE, *President.*

DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary.*

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

TORONTO, June 12th, 1900.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met here to-day, Mr. James L. Hughes, occupied the chair.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Hebert, Paris, offering to do the work.

It was resolved that Messrs. Robertson, Rennie, Doel, and Colpitts be appointed a committee to bring the present fund of \$4,150, up to \$5,000.

A committee, consisting of Captain Jessop, Miss FitzGibbon, Rev. C. E. Thomson, W. H. Doel, and Wm. Rennie, was appointed to confer with the provincial and city authorities respecting a site for the Simcoe statue.

TORONTO, June 16th, 1900.

The Council met here to-day, Mr. C. C. James in the chair. New members elected were as follows :

Messrs. Dilworth M. Silver, Buffalo; George Wilkie, Toronto; M. O. Scott, Ottawa; Howard L. Osgood, Rochester, N.Y.; J. J. Wadsworth, Simcoe; Alexander Pattullo Westervelt, Toronto, Rev. Nathaniel Burwash, D.D., Newton Wright Rowell, Toronto; W. H. Murch, St. Thomas, and Wm. McLennan, Montreal.

On motion, the Norfolk Historical Society's application for affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 108, 62 V.

The Editorial Committee of last year was re-appointed, viz.: the President, 1st Vice-President, Secretary, and Mr. A. F. Hunter.

It was resolved to place the Laura Secord Monument Fund in the Bank of Commerce, Spadina Avenue, to the credit of the Treasurer, and Mrs. Thompson receive the thanks of the Council for her services.

It was resolved that the Council consider the propriety of requiring an annual payment of one dollar from members of the Ontario Historical Society.

The Editorial Committee was instructed to go on at once with Volume III.

TORONTO, June 26th, 1900.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met here to-day, Mr. James L. Hughes in the chair.

The Sub-Committee having had an interview with the Premier of Ontario, stated that a suitable site may be had near the Parliament Buildings.

The Mayor and Board of Control also granted the privilege of erecting the statue to Governor Simcoe in front of the new City Hall.

TORONTO, October 10th, 1900.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met here to-day, J. Ross Robertson, M.P., in the chair, who expressed his desire not to act any longer as chairman of this committee.

It was resolved that the Secretary request all Canadian sculptors to tender for the erection of a bronze statue of Governor Simcoe.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

TORONTO, August 30th, 1900.

A meeting of the Ontario Historical Society was held here to-day, the President, Mr. James H. Coyne in the chair, and Mr. C. C. James acting as Secretary.

Among those present were Messrs. D. B. Read, Rev. Dr. Blackstock, Wm. Rennie, A. Willson, W. H. Doel, Rev. M. Hunt, S. Parker, Wm. McLean, Captain Jessop, from the York Pioneers.

From Niagara, Miss Carnochan.

- " Halton, Dr. Robertson and J. Warren.
 - " Wentworth, Mrs. C. Fessenden.
 - " Elgin, J. H. Coyne.
 - " Thorold, Rev. P. L. Spencer.
 - " Peel, E. Morphy and Eli Crawford.
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Miss Ellerby, Miss Baird, Mrs. (Dr.) G. E. Kennedy, Mrs. Wyatt, Thos. Conant, Dr. G. E. Kennedy, Miss Georgianna Rolph, Dr. Hamilton, F. Yeigh, and T. Southworth were also present, besides others.

Mr. Conant, of Oshawa, gave a short address on the circumstances connected with the taking of York in 1813.

The President gave an account of the visit paid by members of the Norfolk and Elgin Historical Societies, to investigate the site of Galinee's wintering-place, near Port Dover, in 1669-70.

Mr. R. H. Browne, Archivist of the Ontario Crown Lands Department, read part of an elaborate paper on "The History of Land Tenure in Canada," his study having been particularly directed to Upper and Lower Canada, based upon his researches among the archives of the Crown Lands Department of the Province.

It was resolved that Mr. Browne's paper be printed in full.

Miss Carnochan gave a short account of her investigations among the old burial plots of the Niagara Peninsula.

Mr. James mentioned some interesting particulars respecting what are known as the Jesuit Pear Trees in Essex County.

Mrs. Fessenden read a letter from Mr. G. H. Hale, of Orillia, respecting the desirability of increased postal facilities between Great Britain and the Colonies, for the purpose of encouraging the circulation of British rather than of United States newspapers and magazine literature.

On motion, the consideration of this subject was referred to the Council.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TORONTO, November 10th, 1900.

The Council met here to-day. Communication was received from Mr. Hale, of Orillia, advocating reduced postage on British magazines and newspapers, with a view to encouraging their circulation in preference to that of United States publications.

The Secretary was instructed by resolution to write to the Postmaster-General, expressing the desire of the Council in accordance with the terms of Mr. Hale's letter.

The distribution of the Society's publications to delegates of local societies was referred for consideration to the Membership Committee.

It was resolved to accept the offer of the Clipping Bureau, for supply of clippings on historical matters, at \$15 per annum, for one year.

Arrangements were made for the preparation of an inscription for the Laura Secord Monument, and the Chairman of the Monument Committee was instructed to ascertain whether the money collected by the U. E. Loyalist Association would be available for the monument.

It was resolved to accept the invitation of the Mayor of Belleville to hold the next annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society in that city.

The President reported that he had received the resignation of the Secretary. Matter was referred to a committee for consideration.

On motion, it was resolved to refer the recommendation respecting annual fees of one dollar from each member of the Society, to the Council's Committee on Membership for full consideration and to report at a meeting in January.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. December 8th, 1900.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met here to-day, Mr. J. Ross Robertson in the chair.

The secretary was instructed to write to all the sculptors in Europe, whom Mr. Robertson had interviewed, and to all the Canadian sculptors, asking them to send sketch models of the proposed statue.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. TORONTO, January 11th, 1901.

The Council met here to-day, the President in the chair.

In addition to the Council, Mrs. J. H. Thompson and Mr. John Ross Robertson were present, in connection with the Secord and Simcoe monuments respectively.

The Secretary read a reply from the Postmaster-General, concerning postage on British magazines, and respecting place names in Ontario. He also read a letter from the U. E. Loyalist Association, containing resolutions of that body with respect to the Laura Secord monument.

The Postmaster-General pointed out the difficulty with the arrangement of postal rates, and the U. E. Loyalist Association expressed its intention not to hand the money over to the Society's funds for the Laura Secord monument.

The President read correspondence between G. D. Emerson and himself, respecting the placing of monuments to mark historic spots along the Niagara frontier and elsewhere, in conjunction with the plan for similar monuments on the United States side of the river.

A resolution was passed affiliating the Prince Edward County Historical Society, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 108, 62 Vict. The Constitution and By-laws of the Prince Edward County Society were read and approved of.

The President introduced Mr. John Ross Robertson, who explained his reason for wishing to resign the chairmanship of the Simcoe Monument Committee. The Council regretted Mr. John Ross Robertson's decision,

thanking him very cordially for his services in connection with the monument when he was in Europe, and expressed a unanimous desire that he would withdraw his resignation.

A final draft of the inscription for the Laura Secord monument was decided upon by resolution.

On motion, it was resolved that the secretary write to Mr. Rathbun, of Deseronto, thanking him for his offer to provide steamboat accommodation for the purpose of enabling members of the Society to visit historic points along the Bay of Quinte during the time of the annual meeting.

It was resolved that the Council approve most cordially the efforts made by Dr. J. G. Hodgins, Historiographer and Librarian of the Education Department, towards providing schools with pictures of historic persons and places.

The continuation of this Society's correspondence with the Royal Society of Canada was referred to the Membership Committee.

A motion to ask the Postmaster-General for free postage of the Society's mail matter to any place in Canada was referred to the Finance Committee.

It was resolved to print two hundred extra copies of Miss Lefroy's paper, and two hundred copies of Mr. Osborne's paper, as these appear in the printed volume of "Papers and Records."

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TORONTO, April 1st, 1901.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met here to-day. The Rev. C. E. Thomson was elected chairman in place of Mr. J. Ross Robertson, who resigned.

Arrangements were made respecting the payment of freight charges on the sketch models of the Simcoe statue.

The secretary stated that he expected all the models to be on hand during the present month.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TORONTO, April 12th, 1901.

The Council met to-day. Mrs. J. H. Thompson and Mrs. C. Fessenden were also present. The former in connection with the Laura Secord monument, and the latter in connection with the Flag Committee.

The treasurer was instructed to advance to the Simcoe Monument Committee \$50 on account of the subscription of the Society towards the monument.

The secretary was instructed to write for a complete set of the Royal Society's Transactions.

Judge Ardagh was requested to act as delegate to the Ontario Historical Society at the annual meeting of the Society at Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

A resolution was passed reaffirming the protest of this Society respecting the proposed Montgomery memorial at Quebec, a copy of the protest to be sent to Dr. Borden.

A resolution of condolence was passed relating to the recent death of the Society's first treasurer, Mr. B. E. Charlton, of Hamilton, a copy of which was to be sent to his widow.

It was resolved that conveners of Standing Committees be made members of the Executive and entitled to vote at Council meetings.

It was also resolved that a fee of one dollar be hereafter imposed on all members of the Ontario Historical Society, payable on the first of June of each year, the first fee under this resolution being due on June 1st, 1901, and covering the Society's year from June 1st, 1901, to June 1st, 1902; that all who have joined the Society and paid their fee since January 1st, 1901, be considered as having paid until June 1st, 1902; that it is understood that all the present members shall be entitled to the Galinee volume when issued, and that a circular notice to this effect be sent forthwith to members.

A motion was carried respecting the desirability of the maple leaf being substituted for the Dominion Coat of Arms on the Canadian flag.

A sub-committee was appointed to consider the question of the secretaryship, and report at the annual meeting in June.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TORONTO, May 10th, 1901.

Simcoe Monument Committee met to-day at 4 p.m. Present: Rev. C. E. Thomson, chairman; D. B. Read, K.C., A. McLean Howard, Miss M. A. FitzGibbon, Frank Yeigh, and the Secretary.

The meeting was called to make a selection for the Simcoe statue from the sketch models by W. Birnie Rhind, D. W. Stevenson, and W. Grant Stevenson, all of Edinburgh, Scotland; Albert Toft, of London, England; Philippe Hebert, of Paris; W. Allward, J. L. Banks, and Thomas Mowbray, of Toronto.

No decision was arrived at, and on motion of Miss FitzGibbon, seconded by D. B. Read, it was resolved that another meeting of the committee be held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m., and that two representatives of the Provincial Government, and two representatives of the City Council be invited to assist in judging the models.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TORONTO, May 14th, 1901.

The final meeting to decide on the selection of a model for the Simcoe statue was held here to-day at 4 p.m. by the Simcoe Monument Committee. Present, the Chairman, Rev. C. E. Thomson, Mrs. Forsyth

Grant, and Messrs. D. B. Read, B. E. Walker, Rev. W. W. Colpitts, W. H. Doel, Alderman McMurrich, Frank Yeigh, James L. Hughes and the Secretary.

The sketch models in plaster were from the studios of W. G. Stevenson, D. W. Stevenson and W. B. Rhind, Edinburgh; Albert Toft, London, England; J. L. Banks, W. Allward, and Thomas Mowbray, Toronto; and Philippe Hebert, Paris, France.

It having been decided to simplify the choice by eliminating the figures which in the opinion of the committee were least desirable, the number of models was reduced to three, and on a ballot being taken the vote stood eight to one in favor of the work of Mr. Walter Allward, Toronto.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Colpitts, seconded by W. H. Doel, the choice was made unanimous.

Mr. B. E. Walker, seconded by Alderman McMurrich, who represented the city Council by invitation of the committee, moved that the Toronto Guild of Civic Art be asked to supervise the execution of the statue, with instructions not to decide upon having the statue cast without obtaining the approval of the Premier and of the Ontario Historical Society's (that is, this) committee. Carried.

It was also resolved on motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Alderman McMurrich, that Mr. Allward be requested to prepare a sketch and supply an estimate of what he considers a suitable pedestal or base for his statue, and that the chairman, Mr. D. B. Read, and the Secretary be a committee to prepare a circular for public distribution, and stating what steps have already been taken to bring the project to its present condition.

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS' QUARTERS, DRILL SHED,
BELLEVILLE, June 5th, 1901.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society was held here to-day, beginning at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mr. James H. Coyne, occupied the chair, and there were present, Mrs. Ponton, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Miss Sara Mickle, Miss Janet Carnochan, Miss M. A. FitzGibbon, Mrs. E. R. Manning, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden, Colonel H. C. Rogers, A. F. Hunter, Judge Merrill, Judge Dean, Colonel Ponton, Thomas Conant, J. D. Collins, Dr. James Dunlop, R.N., Belfast, Ireland, E. H. D. Hall, C. C. James, J. S. Barker, Prof. Adam Shortt, Geo. R. Pattullo, Rev. Canon Bull, M.A., Arthur McGinnis, and the Secretary.

The meeting having been called to order, the Secretary read a portion of the minutes, when, on motion, an adjournment was made that the members of the Society might visit the Deaf and Dumb Institution, to which they were conveyed in carriages by the committee of the Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society. Mr. Mathison, the Principal, welcomed the visitors, who were afterwards conducted through the various rooms and shown the excellent methods of instruction.

On returning to the city, business was resumed in the same room, when the reading of the minutes was concluded, and general business taken up after the holding of a Council meeting in an adjoining room.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's annual statement, which was approved and received.

Mrs. Ponton extended an invitation to the Society to spend the following day on the steamer *Armenia* during a cruise on the Bay of Quinte, the steamer having been placed at the disposal of the Society by the Messrs. Rathbun, of Deseronto.

The invitation was accepted by the President, on the part of all the members.

Mrs. J. H. Thompson read the third annual report of the Monuments and Tablets Committee which, on motion of Mr. Geo. R. Pattullo, seconded by the Rev. Canon Bull, was received.

Mrs. J. H. Thompson moved, seconded by the Rev. Canon Bull, "That section 4 of the Constitution be amended by inserting in the second line after the word *Treasurer*, the words, 'the chairmen of standing committees of the Society.'"

Mr. Pattullo moved, seconded by Miss Carnochan, that the motion be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, viz., the President, Secretary, Mr. James, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Conant, and Mrs. Ponton. Carried.

A communication was read from Miss Minnie L. Johnson, inviting the members of the Society to make use of the reading room in connection with Bridge Street Church, during their stay in the city.

The invitation was received with thanks.

In addition to the present officers, the following were appointed as a Nominating Committee: Miss S. Mickle, Miss Carnochan, Mr. Pattullo, Colonel Ponton, Colonel Rogers, Canon Bull, Thomas Conant, A. F. Hunter, and Judge Dean.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. A. F. Hunter, that when the Society adjourns, it does so to meet again at the City Hall this evening at eight o'clock, and that when the Society adjourns this evening it adjourns to meet at the call of the President on the steamer *Armenia* to-morrow. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

The evening meeting was held in the City Hall at 8 o'clock, the room being filled with an attentive audience. The President occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were Mayor Graham, the Rev. Canon Bull, and Prof. Adam Shortt, of Queen's University, Kingston.

In a few well chosen remarks the Mayor welcomed the Society to Belleville. The President replied, after which he proceeded to read his annual address.

Mr. Woolf gave a solo, which was encored.

Mrs. J. H. Thompson spoke briefly on behalf of the Laura Secord monument, to be unveiled on June 22nd.

Miss FitzGibbon gave a brief and interesting address on the proposed Queen Victoria memorial, which was well received.

Mr. J. N. Doyle sang an excellent solo.

Prof. Shortt was then called on to read his paper on the Establishment of Responsible Government in Canada, which he did to the satisfaction of nearly every one present, although he necessarily enunciated views not wholly in consonance with those of some of his hearers. The paper was a masterly as well as a scholarly one.

Unfortunately the hour was now too late for the paper of the veteran local historian, Mr. T. W. Casey, of Napanee, but printed copies of it were distributed among those present, the subject being First Missionaries and Earliest Quakers of the Bay of Quinte District.

The meeting closed at 11 p.m., with the singing of Anthem.

STEAMER "ARMENIA."

BAY OF QUINTE, June 6th, 1901.

A meeting was organized on board the steamer at 8.45 a.m., when the President called on the local societies' delegates to read their reports, with the following results :

Belleville and Bay of Quinte, by Mr. J. Frith Jeffers.

Prince Edward County, by Mr. John S. Barker.

Peterborough Town and County, by Col. H. C. Rogera.

Victoria County, by Judge Dean.

Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, by Miss M. A. Fitz-Gibbon.

Niagara, by Miss Janet Carnochan.

Lundy's Lane, by Rev. Canon Bull.

Wentworth Women's Canadian Historical Society, by Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden.

Oxford County, by Mr. Geo. R. Pattullo.

Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute, by Mr. James H. Coyne, President.

The reports of the local societies not represented by delegates, and of this Society were, on motion, taken as if read.

Mrs. Holden moved, seconded by the Rev. Canon Bull,

That, whereas it has pleased God to remove from our midst a late honorary member, and the first President of this Society, the Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D., we, therefore, at this our first meeting after his death, desire to place on record our profound appreciation of his long literary and patriotic services.

We also desire to bear testimony to the active part he took in the organization of this Society in 1888, and in the successful organization of many other historic bodies and projects ;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family.
Carried.

As the steamer was now close to Glen Island, where it was arranged to have luncheon, the meeting adjourned at 12.20, to meet again on the steamer.

On landing, the members and their friends, numbering about seventy, were served with an excellent meal provided for them by the Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society. The Rev. Canon Bull said grace, and before separating from the room all joined in singing "God Save the King."

On returning to the steamer the meeting was resumed.

The Secretary presented a verbal report relative to the Simcoe monument, and on motion of Mrs. Holden, seconded by Mr. A. F. Hunter, the report was adopted, and the Simcoe Monument Committee re-appointed with the same powers as when first appointed.

The following are the names of the committee, with the exception of Mr. J. Ross Robertson, who withdrew :

The Society's Secretary, Frank Yeigh, B. E. Walker, Jas. L. Hughes, D. B. Read, A. McLean Howard, Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Miss M. A. Fitz-Gibbon, Rev. C. E. Thomson, Rev. W. W. Colpitts, Capt. Jessop, Wm. Rennie, senior, W. H. Doel.

Moved by Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Hunter,

That the Society recognizes with pleasure the movements inaugurated by affiliated societies for the erection of memorials and of movements commemorative of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, as well as of historic events, including the following statues and other works: The Talbot Settlement Memorial Monument; to be erected by Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute. The Queen Victoria Memorial Hall at Toronto, by the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, and the Queen Victoria Monument at Hamilton, by the Women's Wentworth Historical Society, and we desire heartily to commend them and other similar monuments to the generous support of the public. Carried.

On motion of G. R. Pattullo, seconded by Col. Rogers, it was resolved that the thanks of this Society be tendered to Mrs. Thompson, the energetic Chairman of the Monuments and Tablets Committee, and to her colleagues, for their valuable services in connection with the Laura Secord monument, and that the committee be re-appointed to carry the work on to completion, with instructions to do the best possible to raise the requisite funds.

The Nominating Committee presented the following as the names of those for election as officers for the ensuing year :

Jas. H. Coyne, President.

C. C. James, 1st Vice-President.

G. R. Pattullo, 2nd Vice-President.

Frank Yeigh, Treasurer.

Mr. Coyne expressed a strong desire to be relieved from the presidency, but on the urgent representations of Mr. C. C. James, Rev. Canon Bull, Mr. A. F. Hunter, Mr. Pattullo and the Secretary, he consented to accept the position for another year.

By unanimous vote the officers named were then declared elected.

For the Council the following were the nominations, some names having been added to the committee's list: Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Mr. A. McLean Howard, Mr. Barlow Cumberland and the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Patullo, seconded by Mr. James, Messrs J. J. Murphy and A. F. Hunter were elected auditors.

Mr. James moved, seconded by Mr. Patullo.

That the members of the Ontario Historical Society hereby express to Mr. David Boyle, the Secretary of the Society, their sincere appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by him on behalf of the Society during the past three years. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Canon Bull, seconded by Mr. A. F. Hunter, that the Ontario Historical Society, in closing its annual meeting of 1901, desires to acknowledge gratefully the cordial invitation extended by the Mayor, and of the City Council for having placed at the disposal of the Society for holding its annual meeting, the handsome City Hall.

Second.—To thank the Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society for the invitation to meet in the City of Belleville, and for their generous entertainment by excursion through the Bay of Quinte.

Third.—The officers of the 47th Regiment for the use of the officers' quarters in the armory for the purposes of the Society's sessions.

Fourth.—Mr. Robert Mathison and staff of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, for their entertainment of the Society and the interesting exercises by the pupils under their charge.

Fifth.—Mr. E. W. Rathbun for generously placing at the Society's disposal the steamer *Armenia*, enabling the Society to enjoy the very pleasant excursion on the historic waters of the Bay of Quinte.

Sixth.—The city press for its full reports of our proceedings, and

Seventh.—Mrs. Ponton, Mr. A. McGinnis, and the citizens generally, for the generous hospitality extended to the members of this Society, individually and collectively. Carried.

Judge Dean extended an invitation to the Society to hold its next annual meeting in the town of Lindsay, and Col. Rogers spoke in favor of the meeting being held in Peterborough.

On motion it was resolved to leave the choice of place to the Council.

This brought the annual meeting to a close, just a short time before the steamer reached Belleville. Before parting, the members and their friends gave three cheers for Mayor Graham and the City Council; for Mrs. Ponton and the Belleville Society; for Mr. Rathbun and the Captain of the *Armenia*, and closed by singing the National Anthem.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, June 29th, 1901.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met here to-day, Rev. C. E. Thomson in the chair.

The main purpose of the meeting being to place the position of the Committee before the Council, the following report was moved by Mr. B. E. Walker, seconded by Mr. David Boyle, as embodying the views of the Committee, and to be presented to the Council at its meeting to-day :

The Simcoe Monument Committee beg to report to the Ontario Historical Society as follows :

1. That nine models were submitted to the Committee, and that from these, the model submitted by Walter S. Allward was approved.

2. That your Committee have instructed Mr. Allward to proceed with the work under the supervision of the Ontario Historical Society, and the Toronto Guild of Civic Art.

3. That the sums voted by the Ontario Government and the City of Toronto amount to \$4,000, and that as this sum is the price of the statue, there is no money in the control of your Committee to pay for the pedestal, or for other expenses.

4. That inasmuch as \$1,500 must therefore be raised by private subscription, your Committee now ask for instructions as to how to proceed.

The motion to present this report was carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

June 29th, 1901.

The Council met to-day. The following sub-committees were appointed for the current year :

Finance Committee: The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Publications and Resolutions Committee: C. C. James, Esq., M.A., the Secretary David Boyle, and Rev. C. E. Thomson, M.A.

Monument Committee: Rev. C. E. Thomson, Mr. J. H. Thompson, Miss Janet Carnochan, Mr. Fearman and Judge Robb.

Museum Committee: Geo. R. Pattullo, Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden, A. McLean Howard.

Membership Committee: Messrs. C. C. James, M.A., F. Yeigh, David Boyle, Toronto; Dr. Robertson, Milton; and Mr. J. H. Thompson, of Thorold.

It was decided by resolution to consider the Secretary's resignation and the appointment of a successor at a meeting of Council to be held in September or October, at the residence of the President.

The President handed the resignation over to Mr. A. F. [Name] of Barrie.

It was decided to hold a general meeting in the Industrial Fair Grounds during the Fair week.

Mrs. Thompson presented a verbal report respecting the inscription on the Laura Secord monument.

The Secretary reported on the Simcoe monument, with special reference to payment that should be made to the sculptor, after which it was resolved:

1. That this Society and the Committee incur no liability to the Toronto Guild of Civic Art for supervision of the work.

2. That no sum be paid to Mr. Allward, the sculptor, at any time beyond the cash actually in hand, and to the credit of the Simcoe Monument Fund.

3. That no moneys be payable until the model is completed to the satisfaction of the Committee, when \$1,000 will be payable, and that a further sum of \$2,000 be paid when the bronze statue is completed to the satisfaction of the Committee, and delivered in Toronto, and that the remaining \$1,000 be paid when the monument is unveiled.

4. That the Committee be instructed to have a written contract with Mr. Allward drawn up, subject to the above conditions and provisoes, and such other provisoes as they may deem expedient.

It was further resolved that the Treasurer of the Society apply to the Treasurer of the City of Toronto for payment of the amount voted by the City Council for the Simcoe monument, and that cheques on the fund be signed by the President and Treasurer of the Society as required, on the written order of the Chairman and Secretary of the Simcoe Monument Committee.

Also, that the expenses of returning the models received for the competition be paid out of moneys belonging to the Monument Fund.

Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Rev. C. E. Thomson,

"That the appeal of the Simcoe Monument Committee for subscriptions in aid of the fund, is heartily commended to local historical societies, our members, and the public generally." Carried.

The following new members were elected:

Mrs. Edna Caldwell, Belleville.

Col. H. C. Rogers, Peterboro'.

Ed. Harry Douglas Hall, Peterboro'.

Dr. Dunlop, Field Naturalists' Club, Belfast, Ireland.

Eslie Carter, B.A., Lucan.

The meeting then adjourned.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, July 18th, 1901.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met to-day, Rev. C. E. Thomson in the chair.

A meeting was called to complete arrangements with Mr. Allward, sculptor of the Simcoe monument, by having a legal form of contract between him and the committee properly signed and witnessed.

By resolution, terms were arranged for payment to Mr. Allward as the work proceeded.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, August 12th, 1901.

Simcoe Monument Committee met to-day, Rev. C. E. Thomson in the chair. Mr. A. M. Chadwick, who kindly consented to prepare a form of agreement, was present, with Mr. W. S. Allward, sculptor.

The terms having been read clause by clause, and in some cases modified, the Chairman and the Secretary were, on motion of Mr. A. McLean Howard, seconded by the Secretary, appointed to meet on the 12th at 3 o'clock, in the office of Mr. Chadwick, and there to sign the corrected form as representatives of the Ontario Historical Society.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION GROUNDS,

TORONTO, August 30th, 1901.

A general meeting of the Ontario Historical Society was held here to-day, beginning at 11.30 a.m., when C. C. James, Esq., M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, 1st Vice-President, took the chair. Besides him there were present: Miss Carnochan, Mrs. Terrill, Mrs. C. E. Thomson, Miss Louise Teefy, Miss M. A. FitzGibbon, Miss Ellerby, and Messrs. Alfred Willson, J. J. Murphy, Geo. R. Pattullo, J. P. Hart, Col. Rogers, D. B. Read, K.C., Mr. Griffin, sen., the Rev. C. E. Thomson, Thos. Conant, Esq. (of Oshawa), and the Secretary; also Rev. Dr. Teefy and Mr. M. Teefy, sen. (of Richmond Hill).

After some introductory remarks by the Chairman, who explained that the President was now in Europe, he called on Mrs. J. H. Thompson to make a verbal report on the Laura Secord monument.

Mrs. Thompson reported that the monument had been unveiled by Mrs. G. W. Ross (wife of the Premier of Ontario), but that the inscription had been cut in a bungling manner; that the work of cutting would have to be done again, and that a small sum of money was still necessary to pay off all liabilities.

On motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Col. Rogers, it was resolved "That the thanks of the Ontario Historical Society be presented to Mrs. J. H. Thompson for the successful efforts she has owards

organizing and completing the scheme for erecting a monument to the memory of Laura Secord."

Moved by Mr. Alfred Willson, seconded by Mr. J. P. Hart,

"That Mrs. Thompson be authorized to make a final appeal by circular to the affiliated societies for aid to complete the Secord monument."

The Rev. C. E. Thomson (President of the York Pioneers) and the Secretary made verbal reports respecting the Simcoe statue.

Mr. G. R. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. J. J. Murphy, moved

"That resolutions of condolence be prepared by the Council, respecting the deaths of the Hon. G. W. Allan, Dr. Jonathan Robinson, Mr. Alex. Kirkwood, and Mr. J. S. Barker."

The meeting then adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

After luncheon, the meeting was resumed at 2.30 p.m., Mr. G. R. Pattullo, 2nd Vice-President, in the chair.

Miss Carnochan read an extremely valuable and well-written paper on "Count de Puisay, a Lost Page in Canadian History."

Following her, Miss Louise Teefy, of Richmond Hill, read an interesting document she had prepared, entitled "Notes on Yonge Street."

Both papers were very highly commended by several members, and on motion of Mr. Thomas Conant, seconded by Mr. D. B. Read, votes of thanks were tendered to the ladies.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. John Ross Robertson, proprietor of the *Evening Telegram*, offering to publish both papers in the *Telegram*, and afterwards to make use of them in his projected "Landmarks of Canada."

It was thought that a decision on this should be left to the Council, and that meanwhile Mr. Robertson be thanked for his kind offer.

The meeting then adjourned.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, November 8th, 1901.

The Council met to-day, the President in the chair.

A committee, consisting of C. C. James, F. Yeigh, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, and the Secretary, was appointed to consider the propriety of holding a winter meeting.

On motion it was resolved "That the historical portion of the President's address delivered at Belleville, June 1901, be omitted from the annual report of the Society, and be transferred to the Editorial Committee, with instructions to print the same in the next miscellaneous collection of papers and records; that the annual report be printed forthwith, and that it contain a *resumé* of the transactions of the Society for the preceding two years.

It was arranged that letters of condolence to friends of recently deceased members be prepared as follows: To the relatives of the late Hon. G. W. Allan, by the Rev. C. E. Thomson; of the late J. S. Barker, by Mr. C. C. James; of the late Mr. Alex. Kirkwood, by Mr. President Coyne; and of the late Dr. J. Robinson, by the Secretary.

The President informed the meeting that his translation of the Galinee volume with the French text will be placed in the hands of the printer forthwith, the notes and the appendices to be afterwards issued separately.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, December 19th, 1901.

The Council met to-day, Mr. C. C. James in the chair.

On motion the Bruce County Historical Society, organized on the 16th of September, 1901, under the Presidency of Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Belcher, and having as Secretary Mr. Norman Robertson, was affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society.

Mr. Andrew Bell, of Almonte, was elected a member.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, December 19th, 1901.

Winter Meeting Committee met to-day, when it was resolved to hold a meeting during the Easter week, if arrangements can be made for holding one jointly with the Historical Section of the Ontario Educational Association.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BELLEVILLE, June 5th, 1901.

This is the first meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, under its present or its original name, held east of Toronto. We are assembled in the pleasant capital of a flourishing district, far-famed for beauty of situation, and abounding in resources, agricultural, mineral, and industrial. The mention of the Bay of Quinte, moreover, calls up historic associations. Pioneer explorers, missionaries, and warriors of France sweep across the stage in their picturesque seventeenth and eighteenth century garb. We see unfolding the great drama of the old *régime*, with its rivalries and jealousies, its heroic devotion and its sordid meanness; its plot and counterplot. Governor and Intendant, soldier and trader, licensed wood-ranger and lawless *coureur de bois*, noble and priest, Jesuit and Recollet and Sulpician, play their part and quit the scene, and weirdly mingle with the dim figures of Champlain and Frontenac, of Trouve and Fenelon and Hennepin, of La Salle and Tonti and Joliet, of Montcalm and Vaudreuil and Pouchot, and savages in their uncouth war dance holding high the tomahawk and scalping knife. There are the fur-laden fleets of birch canoes gliding down the bay to Fort Frontenac, or furtively making the traverse to Oswego, if by happy chance they can escape the watchful eye of the French commandant and garrison. Ships of war are in the offing. Here at the mast-head flies the *fleur-de-lis*, yonder the red cross flag. The old enmity has been transplanted from across the sea, and the old fight is fought over again on your lake, whose shores re-echo strangely to the roar of artillery. Ships and forts surrender—the older flag is struck, and the Red Cross flag floats alone over the St. Lawrence valley.

Nearly a generation passes and now new actors appear on the scene. Heroic figures, struggling against adversity, beaten but unconquered, sacrificing all, daring all, the Loyalists enter the Bay.

“They who loved the cause
That had been lost, and kept their faith
To England's crown, and scorned an alien name,
Passed into exile, leaving all behind,
Except their honor, and the conscious pride
Of duty done to country and to king.”

Instead of the mailed soldier with sword and pike, we see the settler with his axe hewing a home for himself out of the unbroken wilderness. The circuit-rider appears with half a continent for his parish. Parson

and priest, minister and elder, jostle each other, sometimes not without intention, each striving like the black robes of old to make the world purer and better. British law and language, institutions and religion spread over the land. The forests disappear, and with them the fur-trader and the canoe. A free, self-governing nation arises from the ashes of the old *régime*. From the heroic men and women of the Loyalist immigration the inhabitants of the Bay of Quinte district are sprung. It is a heritage to be proud of.

We meet in the pleasant month of June. The poet asks :

“What so rare as a day in June?
Then if ever come perfect days.”

But even a rare June day is enhanced by special surroundings so agreeable, associations so interesting, and a hospitality so hearty as those which have drawn us hither from the ends of Ontario to-day. Momentous events have occurred since last we met. The lamented death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria followed quickly upon the close of a century, which will be forever associated with her name. Never was there mourning so universal, for no human being was ever so universally known and loved.

King Edward the Seventh has ascended the throne of his ancestors. In words emotional with sincerity, His Majesty has pledged himself to walk in the great Queen's footsteps as a constitutional sovereign. It is a remarkable evidence of the stability of English institutions that in this year of the King's accession is to be commemorated the thousandth anniversary of the death of his royal predecessor and ancestor, King Alfred the Great. Between them lies an almost unbroken line of sovereigns of Alfred's blood. I am sure that our historical societies will with one heart and voice wish the new king long life, health and prosperity, and a happy and glorious reign over a contented and united empire.

The inauguration, in this opening year of the century, of the Commonwealth of Australia under a constitution which shows a blending of those of the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America, is an event of transcendent importance in the history of the British empire.

The Society has progressed during the year. One new Society, the Tecumseh Historical Society of Kent, has been formed at Chatham, and affiliated with the central organization. It is the twentieth so affiliated. The regular membership has been steadily increasing. Besides the annual report, a third Volume of Papers and Records has been issued.

Interesting and valuable as are its contents, they are but samples of a vast mass of important historical material which remains at our disposal ready for the printer. The publication, simultaneously by this Society and by the publishers of the Jesuit Relations, of the supposed Marquette portrait, in the authenticity of which there appears to be good ground for believing, is an event worthy of special note, no portrait of the discoverer of the Mississippi having been known to exist, until the accidental finding of the one in question in the hands of a Montreal street arab, by Mr. D. G. McNab, of Toronto.

Contracts have been given out for the monuments to Laura Secord and Lieut.-Governor Simcoe. The former, it is hoped, will be unveiled at Lundy's Lane during the present month. The opening year of the century will thus be forever associated with these marks of honor rendered by posterity to the man who laid the foundations of British institutions in Upper Canada, and the woman whose heroism helped to save it to the Empire. The demonstration of the solidarity of the race afforded by the receptions tendered to the King's eldest son in his voyage round the world will still further emphasize the significance of the first year of the twentieth century.

Those who attended the Hamilton meeting a year ago will remember the interesting paper of Dr. Wadsworth, secretary of the Norfolk Historical Society, which was read by Judge Robb. His Society claimed to have discovered the precise location of the abode of the Sulpicians, Dollier de Casson and Galinée, with their seven French soldiers, during the winter of 1669-70. It lies a short distance from Port Dover, close to Black Creek, a little way easterly from its junction with the River Lynn or Paterson's Creek. The courtesy of the local society enabled your President to examine the site in question during the month of August. A rivulet beginning not far from the lake shore flows northward and inland through a ravine to join Black Creek. Close to the little stream, and about 100 yards from its mouth, there is, at the bottom of the ravine, a tiny plateau, upon which appears a clearly defined artificial elevation of earth, presenting the outline of two small rectangles meeting diagonally, with a trench, evidently intended as a protection against rain and melted snow descending the slopes. A depression in the low embankment on the side of the rivulet, and only a few feet therefrom, indicates the position of a door. The pleasant and sheltered situation, the rivulet, the area of the embankment, the distance from the lake shore, were compared with the details given in the Galinée narrative and map. The facts that the original forest filled the ravine from the earliest settlement until twenty or thirty years ago, and that the remains in

question were well known to the first pioneers, to whom the place was known as Frenchmen's Hollow, carrying the date of the structure back to a period long ante-dating the Long Point settlement. The remains correspond in all particulars with the description given by Galinée, and there is no record or tradition that suggests any other origin. The positive and negative evidence therefore agree in establishing the accuracy of the conclusion of the Norfolk Historical Society, as to the site of the first dwelling-place of white men on Lake Erie, at once a residence, a fort, a warehouse, and a chapel. It is interesting to know that the Norfolk Society proposes to erect on the site a monument with a suitable inscription. It was on the lake shore hard by, that formal possession was taken of the territory of Lake Erie, and the land surrounding it, in the name of King Louis XIV., in March, 1670, by the priest mentioned.

This Council has heartily co-operated in the movement to secure the Plains of Abraham to the nation. It is gratifying to be able to announce that Parliament has voted the required sum, so that the spot may remain forever sacred to the memories of Wolfe and Montcalm, and the brave men of two nations, who fought and fell with their commanders in the actions that decided the fate of North America.

In consequence of the movement to erect a monument to General Montgomery at Quebec, the Council renewed the protest forwarded to the Premier of Canada some years ago, when the proposition was first mooted. It is satisfactory to learn from the Premier's public statement, that no such monument will be erected on Government land, and that all that is proposed is a simple tablet to mark the place where Montgomery fell. It is greatly to be desired that there should be erected at Quebec a memorial to the brave French-Canadians who so heroically and successfully defended their city from the invaders on that last December day of 1775. If Canada is one of the brightest jewels in King Edward's crown, we should never forget that, not once or twice, it was saved to the Empire by the loyalty and bravery of our French-Canadian fellow-subjects.

The Society has suffered in its membership. Mr. B. E. Charlton, of Hamilton, our former treasurer, passed away in March, after a prolonged illness. An enthusiastic student of Canadian history, he was always a prominent member of the Wentworth Historical Society. He contributed to local societies interesting papers on the early history and archæology of the Burlington Bay region. A good man and true, he will be long missed by many friends, not only at Hamilton, but throughout Ontario, who esteemed and loved him for his many noble qualities of head and heart.

Four weeks ago, full of years and honors, the author of "Toronto of Old" passed away tranquilly and painlessly. Dr. Scadding was the first President of the York Pioneers, and afterward the first President of the Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario. Retiring from the active charge of the latter Society, he was elected its Honorary President, an office he retained until the organization was changed, to be known thereafter as "The Ontario Historical Society. Under its new constitution the Minister of Education is *ex-officio* Honorary President. By a unanimous vote of the Council, and as one of its first acts, the Reverend Henry Scadding was elected our first honorary member. Until increasing infirmities prevented him, he was a regular attendant at the Society's meetings. In any public gathering he was always a striking figure. His venerable and scholarly appearance was accompanied by a courtesy and gentleness of manner which assured him the affectionate esteem and reverence of all who beheld him. It may be truly said of him that he had "that which should accompany old age, as honor, love, obedience, troops of friends." One of the first King's scholars at the old Royal Grammar School at York, the first head boy of Upper Canada College, and afterwards its classical master, he was the living link that connected the present generation with names prominent in Canadian public life in the early part of the last century.

Through his papers on the early history of Toronto, afterwards combined into valuable books, he was the first to enlist the interest of Upper Canadians in Canadian history. Among other reproductions of important documents, he reprinted the journal of Governor Simcoe's tour of observation to Detroit, and Smyth's "Gazetteer of Upper Canada," thus rendering additional valuable service to the community. As far as Ontario is concerned, he may well be called the father of Canadian history. It is strange to know that, although 105 years have elapsed since Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Simcoe left Upper Canada forever, our late honorary member not only was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, by her kindly generosity, but spent some of his vacations as her guest at Walford in Devon, and continued to pay her occasional visits until her death, less than half a century ago. A pioneer and the historian of the pioneers, Henry Scadding's name is worthy of special remembrance and regard.

It is with great regret that I announce the resignation of our valued Secretary, Mr. David Boyle. His duties as provincial archaeologist have a first claim upon his time, and he has found it impossible, with satisfaction to himself, to perform the work of both offices. The secretaryship of this Society is by no means a sinecure. Together with the

increasing membership and the establishment of new local societies in affiliation with our own, the exchange list to be watched and enlarged, the Society's publications to be supervised, and its library and museum to be arranged, there is a large and constantly widening correspondence to be conducted. The Society has urgent need of an increased income to enable us to secure the full services of a secretary. We could then secure a constant and systematic canvass of the Province for the formation of local societies in the counties at present unprovided with them, and the collection, cataloguing, preservation and printing of historical material in danger of loss or destruction. In the meantime the people of Ontario owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Boyle for his laborious and valuable service during the last three years—a labor of love, inasmuch as the Society's scanty resources were inadequate to pay him more than a mere nominal remuneration.

In this connection it is proper to note that the Society must continue to urge upon the provincial authorities the necessity, in the public interest, of greatly increasing the annual grant, to enable it to do its work in a more satisfactory manner.

There is undoubtedly a wider appreciation of its operations by the public. Numerous members of the Local Legislature on both sides of the House have cordially co-operated with us in our attempt to secure a larger grant. The press devotes increasing attention to the earlier history of the Province. With increasing appreciation of our efforts by the people will, in the course of time, come a fuller recognition by the Legislature. To that end all our members should use their influence in promoting a strong public opinion throughout the Province. In the meantime we have only to work on, and hope ever.

NOTE.—The remainder of the address was taken up with an account of "The Bay of Quinte in History and Cartography." This will appear as a separate paper in the next number of the Society's Papers and Records.

REPORT OF MONUMENTS AND TABLETS COMMITTEE.

The unveiling of the monument to Laura Secord will take place on June 22nd, at Niagara Falls South. In accordance with instructions received at the last annual meeting, I advertised in the *Mail and Empire* and *Globe* of July 4th and 7th, for designs for a monument, to cost \$500. Nine designs were submitted, and after careful study of the various sketches the Committee selected the one submitted by Miss Mildred Peel, a life-size bronze bust on a granite pedestal. This bust Miss Peel completed in clay some months ago, and it is now on its way from the foundry.

Laura Secord is represented as about thirty-eight years of age, which was her age at the time she performed her heroic deed. While we have no portrait of Laura Secord taken at this time, yet with the aid of a later portrait, and pictures of several members of the family, and particularly with the assistance of a granddaughter of one of Laura Secord's sisters, who bears a striking likeness to the Ingersolls, and especially to Laura Secord, Miss Peel has been able to give us a beautiful conception of the brave and noble woman who did so much for King and Country in 1813. I have completed arrangements for the removal of the headstones now over the graves of James and Laura Secord to the church at Chippawa, and have to thank the rector and churchwardens for their kindness in their approval of the scheme. Mr. Ernest Peters, of Chippawa, who now owns and lives in the house in which Mrs. Secord died, and where she lived for over fifty years, has given us permission to put a tablet on the house. Tablets, I hope, will also be placed on the houses in Queenston and at De Cew's. The inscription on the monument has received the careful attention of both the Monuments Committee and the Council of the Society.

Mrs. Ross, the wife of the Hon. G. W. Ross, has kindly consented to unveil the monument, and Mr. Ross will deliver an address. The 44th and 37th Regiments are to take part in the ceremonies, as well as the school children of the Niagara District. At this meeting it will be one of the duties of our Society to complete the arrangements for the unveiling. It is a pleasure to refer to the great interest which is being taken in historical matters, and we can congratulate the Niagara Historical Society upon the erection of seven tablets to mark places of interest at Niagara-on-the-Lake. The Canadian Club is still doing similar good work for Toronto. The Simcoe Monument Committee have selected a design for that long-talked-of statue, and we hope soon to see it completed.

It is worthy of note that the Laura Secord monument will be the first public memorial to a woman erected in Ontario, and will be the work of a Canadian woman. The design selected for the Simcoe monument is also the work of a Canadian, Mr. Walter S. Allward, of Toronto.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON LAURA SECORD MONUMENT.

Through the kindness of the Executive of the Ontario Historical Society I have been permitted to make a final report of the unveiling of the monument to Laura Secord, which took place as arranged on Saturday, June 22nd, at Niagara Falls South. An address of welcome was given by the Rev. Canon G. A. Bull, President of Lundy's Lane Historical Society, followed by an able paper by Mr. J. H. Coyne, President Ontario Historical Society, on "The Many Efforts Made to Erect a Monument to the Heroine of 1813." The Rev. George Bryce, M.A., LL.D., President Manitoba Historical Society, spoke on the debt we owed to the memory of those early settlers, particularly the women who had been the home-makers. Mrs. Ross then unveiled the monument, with a short address. Mrs. Fessenden, on behalf of the Daughters of the Empire, presented a wreath of flowers from the garden of the house in which Mrs. Secord lived in Chippawa. Miss Carnochan read a sonnet (see below) composed for the occasion, and short addresses were then given by the Hon. J. G. Currie, of St. Catharines, Mr. F. W. Fearman, President Wentworth Historical Society, Mr. J. H. Thompson, of the Thorold and Beaver Dams Historical Society, Mr. E. Morris, Warden of Welland County, Mayor Slater and Canon Mackenzie. The Hon. Peter A. Porter, of Buffalo, gave a spirited address, and was pleased to acknowledge heroism wherever found.

The following grandchildren of Mrs. Laura Secord were present at the unveiling of the monument, viz.: Mrs. C. W. Young, Cornwall; Miss Mary Carthew, Toronto; Miss Augusta Smith, Guelph; Miss Laura Clarke, Toronto; and Messrs. W. and E. K. Carthew, Waterloo. Letters were read from Mrs. Cockburn, of Winnipeg, and Mr. Morden Carthew, of Listowel.

LAURA SECORD.

Read at the unveiling of the monument, June 22nd, 1901.

Too late, too late the bards have struck the lyre
 To her, within whose breast the patriot flame
 Beat high that morn in June—a noble dame.
 Long leagues her devious way she wound through mire,
 And lonely woods, to warn of dangers dire,
 And gained, although unsought, enduring fame;
 Who knows not Laura Secord's honored name?
 To save her country was her heart's desire.
 A woman, wife, and mother, tender, true,
 We meet to place above her dust to-day
 This wreath of laurel, ever to abide
 Through all this century's lingering years, long due,
 We consecrate with happy tears, nay, nay,
 We consecrate, we consecrate with pride.

JANET C.

UNVEILING OF THE LAURA SECORD MONUMENT,
JUNE 22ND, 1901, AT LUNDY'S LANE.

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY PRESIDENT JAMES H. COYNE.

Eighty-eight years ago, Monday next, was fought the battle of the Beechwoods or Beaver Dams. It was eighty-eight years ago this evening, according to her own statement, that Laura Secord became possessed of information as to the plans of the general in command of the United States forces at Niagara. These plans affected the safety of FitzGibbon's small outpost at De Cew's Falls, and to a considerable extent, as the event proved, the conduct of the campaign of 1813. What was her duty as a patriotic Canadian, the wife and daughter of Loyalist refugees? Her action was prompt, loyal, courageous and effective. It has made her famous forever among women. It is that which has brought us here to-day.

Mrs. Secord survived the war by more than half a century, living to the great age of 93. Her mortal remains were placed in this cemetery thirty-three years ago beside those of her husband. After some years a plain stone was placed at the head of her grave. But it was thought by many that something more attractive and appropriate should take its place. The limits of the grave plot do not permit of a large monument. The dead are crowded in this little enclosure of Lundy's Lane cemetery. There was no room here for more than a simple bust and pedestal, such as we are now to unveil.

Let me congratulate all those who have taken an active part in promoting the project for the erection of the monument upon the success that to-day crowns their efforts. The Lundy's Lane Historical Society and its venerable president, the Reverend Canon Bull, are especially to be felicitated that at last, to borrow the language of Colonel Cruikshank, one of its most distinguished members, "her final resting place is marked by a fitting memorial of one of the bravest and most loyal of Canadian women."

Others will speak of her famous achievement. It is my task to speak of the men and women who have taken a prominent part in initiating and forwarding the movement for the erection of this monument. To-day the end crowns their work.

In the year 1887, at the Stamford High School, Mr. M. M. Fenwick, M.A., collected the first money for a monument to be erected over the grave of Laura Secord. On the 26th of July a letter from him appeared

in the *Toronto World*, asking subscriptions. The letter was read by the late Mrs. S. A. Curzon, whose interest was thereby aroused in the heroine and the project. With her facile and versatile pen she proceeded to make known in verse and prose the claims of Mrs. Secord upon the gratitude of the Canadian people. In that year she published her drama entitled "Laura Secord."

In February, 1889, Ernest Cruikshank delivered a lecture on "The Fight in the Beechwoods" before the Lundy's Lane Society, in which he described the famous journey from Queenston to De Cew's, and expressed the hope that a suitable memorial might be erected. The lecture was published by the Society, and the pamphlet mentions among the Society's officers James McGlashan, Esq., as Treasurer of the Memorial Fund.

In 1891 Mrs. Curzon published in prose, under the auspices of the same Society, "The Story of Laura Secord, a Heroine of 1813." Referring to the proposed memorial she stated, "We are ready to open a subscription list on the part of the men and women of Ontario." It was proposed to ask the Government to aid, but this was not pressed.

In 1894 Miss Mary A. FitzGibbon published a biography of her grandfather, Colonel FitzGibbon, under the title, "A Veteran of 1812," and described Mrs. Secord's connection with the battle of Beaver Dams.

In 1895 a second and enlarged edition of Colonel Cruikshank's pamphlet was issued. Circulars were sent out containing appeals on behalf of the fund.

In 1897 Mrs. Munro read before the same Society a paper giving her remembrance of the story as told to her by Mrs. Secord.

In 1898 second editions of Miss FitzGibbon's book and also of Mrs. Curzon's pamphlet appeared. In the latter the announcement was made that donations to the Laura Secord Monument Fund would be gladly received by any of the Society's officers. Hitherto the movement had been a sporadic one, various small sums having been collected in various quarters, but chiefly by the Lundy's Lane Society.

In September, 1898, the project is mentioned in the minutes of the Ontario Historical Society, the secretary being requested by resolution to communicate with local societies and individuals with reference to moneys collected for the purpose, and to request that these should be placed in the Society's hands. A resolution was also carried for the appointment of a committee to take charge of the matter. At the winter session in February, 1899, a Monuments and Tablets Committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. J. H. Thompson, of Toronto, Convener, Mrs. John Calder, Mrs. Kenny, W. H. Doel, J. Ojima, Frank-Sero,

and Miss M. A. FitzGibbon. This committee at once issued an appeal for subscriptions of not less than ten cents per member to the fund for a monument over "the resting place of the heroine of Upper Canada." They also gathered in the sums collected by other societies and individuals, except about \$300. This standing committee, under its efficient and active chairman, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, has had charge of the business from that time, and to its members is due the credit for the success which has attended the more organized movement. The \$300 mentioned is held by another association for the purpose of a more costly monument which it is proposed to erect at Beaver Dams or Queenston. Our fund was collected solely for a monument over the grave.

At the Society's annual meeting in June, 1900, at Hamilton, the committee reported the amount of funds collected, and recommended that the erection of the monument should be proceeded with at once, and the Society resolved to proceed accordingly.

The committee advertised for designs on the 2nd July, 1900. On the 23rd July the design submitted by Miss Mildred Peel, a sister of the famous painter, the late Paul Peel, was accepted, being a bronze bust, life size, on a square granite pedestal, the whole to be eight feet in height.

The sculptress in depicting the heroine was aided by photographs of Laura Secord, taken when somewhat advanced in years, and of relatives, who were considered to resemble her, as well as by the information, advice and criticism of relatives and other persons interested. The result is considered not merely a satisfactory likeness of Mrs. Secord, as she must have appeared in 1813, but an artistic work of great merit, placing Miss Mildred Peel among Canada's foremost sculptors. The casting of the bronze figure was successfully carried out in Philadelphia.

In 1900 appeared Mrs. Emma A. Currie's "Story of Laura Secord." It is the latest printed work upon the subject. The *Review of Historical Publications Relating to Canada* has an interesting article by Colonel Cruikshank upon her version of the story, in which he gives a bibliography of the original and secondary sources of the story.

The various literary productions mentioned have aided largely in keeping continuously before the reading public the object for which Mr. Fenwick began the collection of funds so far back as in the year 1887.*

* The moneys have been collected in small sums, the largest subscriptions being \$50 from the 49th Regiment (Royal Berkshires), and equal sums from this Society and the County of Welland. The rest has been given by other historical societies and local

So now we meet for the purpose of unveiling the memorial. The Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Dr. Ross, our first Honorary President, who desired to be present, has found himself unable to attend. We are fortunate, however, in having with us Mrs. Ross, who has graciously acceded to the request of the committee to unveil the monument. Our Honorary President, the Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Minister of Education, is absent on a political campaign, like his chief. We have on the platform several descendants and other relatives of Mrs. Secord. The militia men who took part in the fight are represented by a number of volunteers from the Welland regiment. We would have been glad to have the regiment. It was to be desired that the Six Nation companies of the Haldimand men should be here to recall to our memory the Indian participants in the battle. Under Captains Ducharme and William Johnson Kerr, and their lieutenants, one of whom was John Brant, valiant service was rendered in the conflict to the flag that has always been faithful to the Iroquois, its ever loyal defenders. Regulars and militiamen, U. E. Loyalists and natives of the old land, French-Canadians and men of the Six Nations, all shared in the dangers and the glory of the battle of the Beechwoods. Among those who have written the story of Laura Secord there are on the platform or near it Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Currie and Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg. Mrs. Curzon, alas! is no longer among the living. She would have rejoiced to be with us. Her daughter is here to share in our satisfaction over the final result of Mrs. Curzon's patriotic effort. As Mr. Fenwick, who initiated the movement in 1887, collected the first, so Mrs. Thompson, who is here, collected the last contributions to the fund. Sometimes monuments have been erected in honor of the living. To those who know its history, this memorial will in the future commemorate not only the dead heroine of 1813, but also the late Mrs. Curzon; and not these alone, but also Mr. Fenwick, Mrs. Thompson, and our venerable friend, Canon Bull, as well as the others who have lent their services to the project. The artist, Miss Mildred Peel, has come to see the effect of her work when transported from her studio to its new environment. In mentioning her it is but justice to state that, actuated by a feeling of patriotism, Miss Peel has given the Society and the committee at least double the value of the compensation she is to receive. I would not be speaking extravagantly if I said that through her generous enthusiasm

municipalities, volunteer regiments, schools, and in individual subscriptions of small amounts, the object being to collect the required sum in : like the movement a popular one. It would probably have been) to raise a much larger amount by appealing for larger sums &

she has in this way almost doubled the entire amount of the subscriptions received. In other words, her contribution is equivalent to somewhat more than five hundred dollars. Her action is, it is needless to add, gratefully appreciated by the committee. Municipal authorities have shown their interest by their presence. Representatives of affiliated historical societies and the founder and first president of the Manitoba Historical Society are here to add their congratulations, and perhaps to profit by the example of the Lundy's Lane organization. It is to be regretted that we have not with us some representatives of our brother Canadians of French origin, who contributed to the defence of the country in the war of 1812. On the other hand, it is a cause of rejoicing that time has so largely healed the old sores that caused trouble between us and our neighbors across the river. We know and understand each other better; and while loyal each to his own form of government, we feel that after all blood is thicker than water, and we are "brothers still for a' that."

It is with special pleasure, therefore, that I announce the presence on this occasion of the grandson of General Peter B. Porter, who commanded the New York troops on this frontier in the war of 1812. We all welcome our brother member, the Hon. Peter A. Porter, whose appearance on this platform symbolizes the increasingly friendly feeling between the two countries and the obliteration of the old enmities engendered by the revolution era. He is here to do honor, like the rest of us, to the memory of the heroine of Upper Canada, the U. E. Loyalist, the brave and loyal Canadian woman, who lies buried on this battlefield of Lundy's Lane beside her equally brave and loyal husband underneath yonder granite, and whose effigy will preserve, it is hoped, to the most distant posterity, not only the features, but, through art's magic, the very genius and character of Laura Secord.

NOTE.—To complete the work of the Secord Monument Fund about \$35 is required; \$25 of this is required to put the old headstones up in the church at Chippawa, as we promised when we removed them from Lundy's Lane. We also have to put tablets on the house at Chippawa where Mrs. Secord lived for over forty years, and on the house at De Cew's Falls. A contribution of \$1.15 to this fund has been received from one of the schools in Belleville, and other subscriptions will be welcomed from those societies or persons who have not already given.

E. J. THOMPSON, *Convener Monuments and Tablets Committee.*

LAURA SECORD MONUMENT FUND.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

T. L. Buckton, Phoenix, B.C.	\$5 00	A Friend	\$0 25
C. L. Biggar, Niagara Falls South ...	1 00	Judge Dean, Lindsay	1 00
Mrs. Harcourt, Toronto	1 00	H. H. Chandler, Belleville	0 25
E. W. Lamprey, "	1 00	Amy Chandler, "	0 25
Norfolk Historical Society	1 20	Thomas Conant, Oshawa	0 10
Queen's Own Rifles	2 00	Dr. James Dunlop, Belfast, Ireland..	1 00
Niagara Falls South Council	10 00	Dr. Farley, Belleville	1 00
Mrs. Ferguson, Niagara Falls South..	1 00	Judge Merrill, Picton	0 25
Miss Green, " " "	1 00	R. J. Graham, Belleville	1 00
Mrs. Butters, " " "	1 00	E. H. D. Hall, Peterboro'	1 00
H. L. Murphy, " " "	1 00	Miss Proctor	0 10
A. C. Thorburn, " " "	0 50	Mrs. Manning, Niagara	0 25
George Steele, " " "	0 50	Edna Caldwell	0 10
Rev. Canon Mackenzie, Chippawa	1 00	F. H. Yeomans, Belleville	0 25
Miss B. Baird, Chippawa	0 50	Mrs. Keith	0 25
Mrs. Kirkpatrick, "	1 00	A. F. Hunter, Barrie	1 00
J. F. Macklem, "	2 00	J. D. Aikins, Peterboro'	1 00
Village Council, "	10 00	H. C. Hudson, Belleville	1 00
Prince Edward County Hist. Society.	5 00	Mrs. Jas. Harriman, Niagara Falls S.	1 25
W. C. Deer Park	1 00	S. Macklem, Toronto	2 00
Mrs. H. C. Newburn, Stamford	0 50	Miss C. Macklem, Toronto	2 00
Dr. Newburn, Toronto	1 00	Welland County Council	50 00
Rosa M. Morrison, London	0 50	John Soule, Niagara Falls South	1 00
John P. Secord, Orillia	3 00	Dr. C. S. Stacey, Toronto	0 25
Walter Alfred, Belleville	5 00	Dr. and Mrs. Bryce, Winnipeg	2 00
Public School Board, Cobourg	7 25	Janet L. Harriman, Niagara Falls S.	1 00
44th Welland Battalion	7 00	Mrs. Robertson, " " S.	1 00
Alex. Gaviller, Hamilton	1 00	A Friend, Winnipeg	1 00
Miss Gaviller, "	1 00	Thorold Public School	2 50
Oxford Historical Society	5 00	Fessenden Chapter, Daughters of the	
Mrs. C. W. Young, Cornwall	1 00	Empire, Hamilton	5 00
Mrs. German, Welland	5 00	Mrs. Robert Robinson, Niagara	1 00
Col. A. T. Thompson, M.P.	2 00	J. H. Thompson, Thorold	1 00
Mrs. Nevitt, Toronto	0 25	W. V. Lephram, Niagara	1 00
David Boyle (second contribution) ...	0 50	D. McBride, County of Peel	1 00
C. C. James " "	0 25	W. F. Lewis, Toronto	1 00
Mr. Mathison, Belleville	1 00	Niagara Falls Town Council	25 00
Mrs. Wills, "	1 00	C. A. Case, St. Catharines	1 00
Mrs. McCarthy, "	1 00	Victoria School, Belleville	1 00

SUMMARY.

Historical Societies	\$173 90
Clubs and Societies	35 50
Municipal Councils	70 00
Regiments	53 00
Schools (one cent collections)	70 76
Collected by private individuals ...	336 53
	<u>\$742 69</u>
Expended	741 63
	<u>\$1 06</u>

EXPENSES.

Miss Peel, bust	\$500 00
" " pedestal	158 50
	<u>\$658 50</u>
Wm. Dalton, foundation	14 50
Unveiling luncheon, carriages, etc.	17 75
Postage	11 73
Travelling	23 55
Printing, stationery and advertising	24 10
	<u>\$750 13</u>

January 10th, 1902.

The committee to arrange for a meeting in conjunction with the Educational Society of Ontario during the Easter holidays met in the office of Mr. C. C. James, Parliament Buildings, at 4.30 p.m. to-day. There were present Mrs. Thompson, Messrs. C. C. James, F. Yeigh and the Secretary. The President, Mr. Coyne, being also present, was asked to occupy the chair. The Secretary reported that the committee of the Educational Society had gladly accepted the proposition for a united meeting. It was then arranged that papers would be read by the President, Mr. James and Mr. Barlow Cumberland. It was also decided to recommend the Council to procure five hundred copies of the paper by Mr. James about to be published by the Amherstburg *Echo*.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, February 6th, 1902.

Council meeting here to-day at 4 p.m. Present: Messrs. C. C. James, Barlow Cumberland, Judge Ardagh, Mrs. Thompson and the Secretary. Mr. James, as 1st Vice-President, in the chair. Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were received from the President, Rev. Canon Bull, Miss Carnochan and Mrs. Holden. The Secretary was instructed to write to Judge Dean, of Lindsay, and Colonel Rogers, of Peterboro', to learn what arrangements might be made should the Society accept the invitations of Lindsay and Peterboro' to hold the annual meeting there. Mr. Coyne and Mr. Boyle were appointed a committee to make final arrangements with the printer concerning the publication of Galinée's Journal. The size of the page to correspond with the Society's regulation size.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, April 3rd, 1902.

The Council meeting here to-day at 4.30 p.m. Present: Messrs. J. H. Coyne, G. R. Pattullo, C. C. James, Rev. C. E. Thomson, Judge Ardagh, Thomas P. Hart, F. Yeigh, Mrs. Thompson and the Secretary. The Secretary announced that arrangements had been made to hold the annual meeting in Peterboro' and Lindsay should Council so decide.

On motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Judge Ardagh, it was resolved to hold the annual meeting in both of these towns, the making of arrangements to be left in the hands of the Finance Committee and the local committees of the towns.

On motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Women's Historical Society of Bowmanville was affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society; and on motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Hart,

the London and Middlesex Historical Society was affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society.

Mr. Pattullo moved, seconded by Judge Ardagh, that the Ontario Historical Society would be glad to co-operate with the Niagara Historical Society in such a way as may be thought expedient for the preservation of Navy Hall. Carried.

On motion, the Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to draft a letter of thanks to Mr. Donald G. Macnab for his gift of a copy in oil of the Marquette portrait.

On motion of Judge Ardagh, seconded by Mr. Yeigh, the following were elected honorary members of the Ontario Historical Society: Benjamin Sulte, Ottawa; James Bain, Toronto; Dr. Canniff, Port Carling, and Rev. Dr. Withrow, Toronto; and the following were elected corresponding members: Gabriel Gravier, Rouen, France; Judge Steere, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; Rev. Dr. Bryce, Winnipeg, and Reuben G. Thwaites, Madison, Wisconsin.

Moved by Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Yeigh, that a proposal from the editor of the Brighton *Ensign*, that a series of articles appearing in that paper on Presqu'isle should be reprinted in the records of the Ontario Historical Society, be referred to the Editorial Committee. Carried.

A motion was passed thanking Mrs. Fessenden for her services in opposing the erection of a monument to General Montgomery in Quebec.

April 17th, 1902.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met at the temporary studio of Mr. Allward, sculptor, in the old Wycliffe College building to-day at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of examining the Simcoe model in clay and to make any suggestions that seemed desirable for the guidance of the artist before the final preparations are made for casting the figure in bronze. Present: Rev. C. E. Thomson, M.A., D. B. Read, K.C., W. H. Doel and the Secretary.

The Secretary read a report he had received from the Committee of the Guild of Civic Art, consisting of Messrs. B. E. Walker, Frank Darling and E. Wyly Grier, on Mr. Allward's work. This committee was acting in accordance with a resolution of the Ontario Historical Society's Simcoe Monument Committee, inviting the co-operation of the Guild in the oversight of the model. The following is the report:

"As representatives of the Guild of Civic Art to whom was entrusted as a sub-committee the passing of judgment on the work of Mr. Allward in preparing a model for the statue of Governor Simcoe,

we beg to report that the artist has in our opinion performed his task remarkably well; that the figure is dignified and imposing, the head admirable in expression, and, from all we can gather, an accurate likeness of the man. We are of opinion that the work is of a character of which not only Toronto but the whole of Canada may feel proud, and that it will reflect great credit on the artist.

(Signed) "FRANK DARLING,
"E. WYLY GRIER."

Committee adjourned to meet again on Thursday, the 24th, at 4.30 p.m., to pass final judgment on the work, to arrange about a pedestal, and, should everything prove satisfactory, to make a payment to Mr. Allward in terms of the agreement.

OLD WYCLIFFE COLLEGE, TORONTO, April 24th, 1902.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met here to-day at 4.30 p.m. Present: Rev. C. E. Thomson, M.A., D. B. Read, K.C., W. H. Doel, B. E. Walker, Frank Yeigh and the Secretary.

A careful examination of the clay model having been made by the committee, it was moved by Mr. D. B. Read, seconded by Mr. W. H. Doel, that the Simcoe Monument Committee having carefully examined the clay model for the Governor Simcoe statue as prepared by Mr. W. S. Allward, have no hesitation in expressing themselves as being thoroughly satisfied with the artist's work—the pose being dignified and commanding, the head well set and conveying the idea of power and thoughtfulness, all the details being carefully brought out. In view of this conclusion we recommend the payment of the amount due to Mr. Allward in accordance with the agreement. Carried.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, May 12th, 1902.

The Simcoe Monument Committee met here at 4 p.m. At this meeting a resolution was brought forward by Mr. Read, seconded by the Secretary, having for its object the modification of the terms on which the Government appropriation was made, and by means of which it will be possible to advance Mr. Allward, the sculptor, a larger sum than was due to him in accordance with the original understanding. This the committee feel justified in doing on account of the excellent way in which the sculptor had performed his work, and because of the advanced stage in which it was in. This resolution was carried.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson and Mr. F. Barlow Cumberland were appointed to attend the meetings of the Royal Society of Canada, held in Toronto, May, 1902, as delegates from the Ontario Historical Society. Mr. Cumberland read the report of the Society.

ANNUAL MEETING AT PETERBORO' AND LINDSAY.

PETERBORO', June 4th, 1902.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society was opened here to-day in the rooms of the Peterboro' Historical Society's museum, President Mr. J. H. Coyne, B.A., in the chair. The meeting was well attended, not only by citizens of Peterboro', but by members and delegates from various parts of the Province. The societies represented were Niagara, Elgin, Simcoe, Wentworth, Belleville, Victoria, Prince Edward and Bay of Quinte, Bowmanville, and Women's of Toronto and Peterboro'. On motion it was decided that the reading of reports of affiliated societies be limited to five minutes each, and that no discussion be allowed until after the reports have been read. It was also decided to defer the reading of local societies' reports until the following day on board the steamer.

Moved by Mr. A. F. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Alfred Willson, that the Committee on Resolutions consist of the President, Mr. James, Col. Rogers, Judge Dean, Mrs. Fessenden and Mrs. Birdsall.

The meeting adjourned to permit of the members of the Society and their friends accepting an invitation from the Peterboro' Council to see the town, carriages having been provided for the party.

The evening session was held in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, beginning at 8.35, Mr. C. C. James, 1st Vice-President, in the chair.

Mrs. Fessenden was called upon by the chairman to read her paper on "The Monument that Failed." In this paper the writer gave a full, clear and extremely interesting account of all the efforts leading up to and connected with the project of erecting a monument to the memory of the traitor Montgomery, who was killed in an attempt to take Quebec.

The President having entered, occupied the chair. Col. H. C. Rogers then read an address of welcome to the officers and members of the Ontario Historical Society. President Coyne replied in fitting terms, referring to the hospitality of the citizens, the commercial importance of Peterboro', the standing of the local society, and the extent of the work accomplished by the parent society.

Judge Dean, of Lindsay, read a brief paper on local scenery and historical associations. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, who in an inspiring speech referred to the desirability of collecting local historical material. The meeting was well attended, and great interest was manifested in all proceedings. The National Anthem having been sung the meeting adjourned.

June 5th, 1902.

The members, delegates and visitors left Peterboro' by train for Lakefield at 9 a.m., on reaching which place they embarked on the steamer *Ogemah*, which had been generously placed at the disposal of the Ontario Historical Society for the day by the owners, Messrs. Boyd Bros., to convey those attending the meeting to Lindsay.

STEAMER *Ogemah*, STONY LAKE.

Council meeting at 9.45 a.m. to appoint representatives on the Nominating Committee, when it was moved by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Stevens, of Lindsay, that the representatives be Miss Carnochan, Col. Rogers, Mr. G. R. Pattullo, Mr. F. Yeigh, Mr. Alfred Willson, Mrs. Thompson and the Secretary. Carried.

The Nominating Committee having been called together, Elgin was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Coyne, Simcoe by Mr. A. H. Hunter, Wentworth by Mrs. M. E. Rose-Holden, Belleville by Miss Cheander, Victoria by Judge Dean and Mr. I. E. Weldon, Oxford by Mr. G. R. Pattullo and Mr. T. H. Barker, Peterboro' by Colonel Rogers and Mr. T. A. S. Hay, Prince Edward County by Miss M. Merrill, Women's Society of Bowmanville by Miss Armour, Women's Society of Toronto by Mrs. Thompson and Miss Riddell, York Pioneers by Mr. Alfred Willson.

STEAMER *Ogemah*, STURGEON LAKE.

A general meeting was held at 1.50 p.m., after luncheon bountifully provided by the Peterboro' and Lindsay societies. President in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Weldon, it was resolved that reports of societies not represented be taken as if read.

Moved by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Pattullo, that the decision as to the next place of meeting be left to the Council. Carried.

Mr. Yeigh, as Treasurer, read his report for the year, which on motion was received and adopted.

Mrs. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Alfred Willson, that the members of the Ontario Historical Society hereby place on record an expression of their pleasure at learning that the request for permission to erect a monument to the memory of one Richard Montgomery in Quebec has been withdrawn, and also to express ~~the~~ Mrs. Fessenden the thanks of the Society for her efforts in connection therewith. Carried. that end.

A very hearty resolution was passed conveying

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Ontario Historical Society to the Peterboro' local organization, as well as to the municipality, for the generous and hospitable manner in which the members and delegates attending this annual meeting had been received.

The Nominating Committee then presented its report, recommending as officers of the Ontario Historical Society for the year, C. C. James, M.A., as President; George R. Pattullo as Vice-President; Frank Yeigh as Treasurer; Councillors: A. F. Hunter, M.A., Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Mr. I. E. Weldon, Col. E. B. Edwards, K.C., and Alfred Willson.

On motion of Col. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Boyle, the report of the Nominating Committee on officers was declared approved, and the officers therein named elected.

It was then moved by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Pattullo, that this Society in session at its annual meeting on the beautiful Kawatha Lakes, hereby express to the retiring President, Mr. James H. Coyne, their sincere appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by him as president during the last five years. "We recognize Mr. Coyne as one of the originators of this Society, and the work that he has accomplished has been largely due to his generous, faithful and enthusiastic services. Mr. Coyne has served the Society well, and we earnestly desire that he continue in active association with us in the work of the Society. To him, in his public as well as in his private life, the Society earnestly wish the most abundant success." This motion was carried with great applause. Mr. Coyne responded in fitting and feeling terms.

During the afternoon those attending the meeting were transferred from the *Ogemah* to the *Esturion*, and on this steamer interesting papers were read after leaving Bobcaygeon by Miss Farmer on "A Scene in History; or, The Fall of Acadia," and by Mrs. Holden on the subject entitled "In the Heart of the Battle."

Council meeting was held at 5.30 p.m., immediately after the election of officers. Present: Messrs. Coyne, James, Willson, Pattullo, Edwards and Rogers, and Mrs. Thompson, Miss Carnochan and the Secretary.

Mr. James suggested that the Society should prepare another publication as soon as possible.

Miss Carnochan moved, seconded by Mr. Willson, that another volume of papers and records be made ready for the public as soon as possible after the appearance of the *Galinée Journal*. Carried.

A large number of new members were elected.

On motion of Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Weldon, the Secretary was instructed to supply the forthcoming volume of *Galinée* only to

those who are now members, but that Vol. V. be not supplied to any but current members. Carried.

The following committees were appointed :

Finance Committee.—President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Monument Committee.—Mrs. Thompson, Miss Carnochan, Mr. Willson and Col. Rogers.

Museum and Library Committee.—Mr. Yeigh, Col. Edwards and Mr. Weldon.

Flag and Commemoration Committee.—Mrs. C. Fessenden, Mrs. M. E. Rose-Holden, Miss M. A. FitzGibbon, Mrs. George E. Foster, Mr. F. Barlow Cumberland and Mr. Spencer Howell.

On motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Col. Edwards, the Simcoe Monument Committee was re-appointed with former powers, Rev. C. E. Thomson being chairman.

LINDSAY, June 5th, 1902.

The steamer *Esturion* arrived with the Ontario Historical Society party at Lindsay about 5.45 p.m., all having enjoyed the sail through the chain of lakes and on the river between Peterboro' and this town. A public meeting was held in the Academy of Music at 8 p.m., the room being well filled. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mr. W. H. Stevens and the Mayor of the town. Mr. Coyne gave a brief introductory address, after which Mr. Hampden Burnham, M.A., read an unusually thoughtful and original paper on "The Feud of the Huron-Iroquois," and Mr. Yeigh delivered his lecture on "Historical Landmarks of Ontario." Mr. James, the new President, occupied a short time in presenting to the audience some remarks on the development of municipal institutions in Ontario.

Before the meeting came to a close the following resolution was moved by Mr. Yeigh, seconded by Mr. Hunter: "That the members of the Ontario Historical Society express their most sincere thanks to the officers and members of the Peterboro' and Lindsay societies for the hearty reception, for the admirable arrangements made for the comfort and enjoyment of our members, and among the many who have contributed to the success of our meeting, to Messrs. Boyd Bros., of Bobcaygeon, as well as for the excellent arrangements whereby we have seen the Kawatha Lakes under such favorable and delightful conditions."

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, Toronto, August 13th.

A meeting of the Simcoe Monument Committee was held here to-day at 4 p.m. Present: Rev. C. E. Thomson, M.A., Chairman, Messrs. B. E. Walker, A. Maclean Howard, D. B. Read, W. H. Doel, F. Yeigh and the Secretary. Mr. Allward, sculptor, was also present. There was some discussion respecting the proposed pedestal, most of those present being in favor of a plain design.

On motion of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Doel, Mr. Allward was requested to prepare sketches for a pedestal to be submitted to the committee, with an estimate of cost. The design selected by the committee to be thereafter modelled in plaster, and an actual tender for its erection to be submitted to the committee at a later meeting. Carried.

MR. COYNE'S ADDRESS

ON RETIRING FROM THE PRESIDENCY.

It is five years since the Society, then known as "The Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario," paid me the high honor of electing me president. It is four years since the present name, "The Ontario Historical Society," was adopted, and three years since the passage of the Act of incorporation.

Before laying aside the duties of office it may not be out of place to give a brief *résumé* of the operations of the Society since June, 1897.

By our constitution our annual meeting is intended to be peripatetic. In 1897 the old Association met in the old court house of historic Niagara. Delegates from the Council of the Six Nations were formally received as members, and the evening was devoted to a special meeting of the Iroquois Council held in due form, at which business relating to the Six Nations was regularly transacted.

The meeting of 1898 was held, by special invitation of the Superintendent and Council, in the Council House of the Six Nations at Ohsweken, on the Grand River Reserve. The members were the guests of the chiefs and warriors, and the gathering was one of exceptional interest.

In 1899 the annual meeting took place during the very successful and memorable Historical Exhibition held at Victoria College, Toronto, under the Society's auspices.

In June, 1900, we met successively in the City Hall, Hamilton, at Dundurn Castle, and at the old Gage House, Stoney Creek, on the anniversary of the battle fought around the last mentioned spot.

Last year our annual gathering was held at the City Hall, Belleville, and on the steamer *Armenia*, kindly placed at our disposal by Mr. E. W. Rathbun. Several points of interest on the Bay of Quinté were visited.

During the last five years special meetings were held on the Industrial Fair grounds at Toronto in connection with each annual Exposition. Additional sessions have been held at the Educational Department, Toronto—a winter session in February, 1899, and (in connection with the Historical Section of the Education Department) an ~~an~~ ~~session~~ in April, 1902.

At each of the meetings, besides the transaction of

business, the programme included valuable and interesting papers on historical subjects, and many matters connected with the Society's objects were considered. Effective representations were made to the Government of the Dominion for the preservation of historic sites from apprehended spoliation or sacrilege, and for the distribution among our members of departmental publications of historical value.*

And now we are met on the banks of the Otonabee, in the capital of the old Colborne District, the pleasant town of Peterboro'. The competition of hospitality between this municipality and Lindsay was so kindly and so keen that it was found difficult if not impossible to decide between them. A happy solution of the problem was found in a resort to the judgment of Solomon. The subject of dispute was divided in two, each litigant received her equal moiety, and all parties appeared to be pleased. Nature, uniting the two county towns by a river and lake system of marvellous beauty and picturesqueness, aided in the decision; and thanks to the friendly rivalry, the members present will have an opportunity of enjoying a voyage on the crystal waters of Stony, Lovesick, Buckhorn, Pigeon and Sturgeon lakes, as well as up the Otonabee and Scugog rivers. The cool air blowing over these northern waters will, it is hoped, have a tranquilizing influence upon brows overheated in the exciting atmosphere of the last few weeks. Even elections and recounts may be forgotten amidst the charms of Stony Lake and the picturesque beauties of Bobcaygeon.

I may be pardoned for referring to the fact that the Peterboro' region has been peculiarly fortunate in having had its merits brought before the world in its early days perhaps more extensively and favorably than any other part of the then "Backwoods of Canada." The names of Mrs. Trail and Mrs. Moodie may be almost said to be household words throughout the British world. Who has not read, with delight and admiration, those interesting books of Mrs. Moodie, "Roughing it in the Bush" and "The Backwoods of Canada," and in later years that valuable collection of Mrs. Stuart's letters published under the title, "Our Forest Home"? And who is there that does not consider a historical society fortunate that commences its existence with Mrs. C. P. Trail as honorary president, a Rogers as president, and a Strickland as honorary vice-president, to say nothing of the other men and women of prominence associated with its beginnings? What an

* The Council has called the attention of the Imperial Post-office in favour of the discrimination by the Imperial Post-office in favour of magazines, but so far it has been found impossible to remedy this objectionable condition of affairs

as to the extraordinary discrimination against British magazines in the postage rates to

interesting field for research is opened out by the mere mention of these historic names!

Five years ago the Pioneer and Historical Association was, as the name implied, merely an association of the pioneer and historical societies. Its total membership, according to the constitution, was eleven, being one for each affiliated society. At the September meeting this representation was increased to three from each local society. In May, 1898, the Society was reorganized under its present name, "The Ontario Historical Society," radical changes being effected in its basis and objects.

Provision was made for various classes of members in addition to the delegates from local societies. The new membership has grown at a satisfactory rate. There were on the Society's rolls on the 22nd of last month forty *ex-officio* members, beginning with the distinguished names of His Excellency the Governor-General and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor; six honorary, six corresponding and 216 annual members—268 in all—in addition to the delegates from local societies, who, if the societies were fully represented by persons not already members, would make the total membership 337, as compared with eleven five years ago.

The number of local historical societies is steadily increasing. Instead of eleven we have now twenty-three in affiliation with this Society: the York Pioneers, the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, the Niagara Historical Society, the Peel Historical Society, the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute, the Thorold and Beaver Dams Historical Society, the Simcoe Historical Society, the Wentworth Historical Society, the Perth Historical Society, the Norfolk Historical Society, the Bruce Historical Society, the Lambton Historical Society, the Halton Historical Society, the Women's Wentworth Historical Society, the Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society, the County of Victoria Historical Society, the Oxford Historical Society, the Peterboro' Historical Society, the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, the Prince Edward County Historical Society, the London and Middlesex Historical Society, and the Women's Historical Society of Bowmanville.

In the reorganization the Society undertook original work, the following paragraph being added to the statement of its objects as set forth in the constitution:

"(2) Also to engage in the collection, preservation, exhibition and publication of materials for the study of history, especially the history of Ontario and Canada; to this end studying the archæology of the

Province, acquiring documents and manuscripts, obtaining narratives and records of pioneers, conducting a library of historical reference, maintaining a gallery of historical portraiture and an ethnological and historical museum, publishing and otherwise diffusing information relative to the history of the Province and of the Dominion, and in general encouraging and developing within this Province the study of history."

Besides forming a centre of intercourse and co-operation for the local societies, and promoting the establishment of new organizations, the Society has from the beginning moved steadily and continuously along the lines laid down.

Our Act of incorporation includes a simple and expeditious mode of incorporation of local societies. A simple resolution of our Council affiliating a local society incorporates the latter *ipso facto* without any expense.

The Society, besides publishing its annual transactions, has issued already three valuable volumes of "Papers and Records," and has a fourth now in the press, with a fifth ready to follow almost immediately. Moreover, as I have already stated, it has made arrangements from time to time with departments of the Dominion and Provincial Governments whereby official reports and publications of historical interest have been distributed among its members.

Formerly we had no abiding home. Under the reorganization the Society fixed its headquarters, with the consent of the Minister of Education, at the Educational Department, Toronto, where already we have the nucleus of what will ultimately become a valuable museum and historical library.

With the same consent we secured the services of the provincial archæologist, Mr. David Boyle, as our secretary. The constitution provides that the Minister of Education for the time being shall be honorary president of the Society. Last April we held a joint meeting with the Historical Section of the Ontario Educational Association. In these ways and to this extent we have connected the Society with the educational system of the Province.

The Society has taken an active part in promoting the preservation of historic sites and the erection of monuments to commemorate important historic events.

Since our last meeting the monument to Laura Secord, for which funds were collected in small amounts under the capable and energetic direction of Mrs. J. H. Thompson, as chairman of the Monuments Committee, was unveiled in the old cemetery at Lundy's Lane by the late

Mrs. George W. Ross, whose sudden death caused so much sorrow throughout the Province. The bust is a work of artistic excellence which will add to the high reputation of the sculptress, Miss Mildred Peel.

The contract has been given for the monument of General Simcoe, the first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada. Mr. Allward, the sculptor, lost no time setting about his task. The model has already been completed and approved. It is hoped that before many months the finished work will grace the Queen's Park at Toronto.

In these and other ways we have been trying to promote a spirit of true patriotism and a more intimate knowledge of the historic past, from which the present has been evolved, and of which the future weal or woe of our country will be but the development.

You will observe that whilst the scope of the provincial Society's operations is defined, the local organizations are not so limited. Any historical or pioneer society may apply for affiliation, and may thereafter, as before, pursue its own objects in its own way. The Ontario Historical Society has mapped out a path for itself, which local societies may adopt or not, as they may deem expedient.

Shall we devote a little time on this occasion to a discussion of the value of history. A man's experience is an important part of his working capital. It is the same with a nation and with mankind as a whole. Consider how largely our civilization is based on recorded experience. That is history. It has been called the memory of the human race, and as one of the wisest of men even went so far as to say: "Histories make men wise."

History widens the outlook. It is the grand generalization; the ledger that shows at a glance the balance of the account; the log-book that shows whence we came and whither we tend. With adequate knowledge of the past, we comprehend the present more thoroughly, and face the problems of the future with greater confidence. It is not without reason that the prophets are always depicted as old men, for their hoarded experience it is that enables them to see into the future. But when the memory is gone what is left? History is a people's memory. Conceive, if you can, a nation with its past obliterated. Its civilization is yet to begin. To imagine the human race without a history we must revert to primitive man, "probably arboreal." Character, national or individual, depends upon history. "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." Evolution reasserts the doctrine. Given the past history of a race or a family, and one may with some degree of accuracy apprehend its present characteristics and forecast its future.

An acquaintance with history is a large part of what we call culture, for it teaches wideness of sympathy, truth in word and act, the habit of hearing both sides, an equal standard of national and individual aim and achievement, just judgment, true perspective and right proportion, whilst familiarizing us with the best that has been accomplished in the world. It teaches humility and simple faith. With the achievement and triumph we hear the acknowledgment of man's littleness in presence of the infinite forces that environ. The Breton fisherman's prayer is universal through the ages :

“ The sea is so great
And our boat is so small,”

With pride of accomplishment comes the feeling of responsibility, of failure to reach the ideal aimed at, and thus comes the incentive to more strenuous struggle and effort. Basal elements of human character, self-reliance, self-respect, patriotism, veracity, wonder, reverence, faith in an everlasting purpose and the infinite goodness, are profoundly affected by the study of history. It is the searchlight we throw upon the future. Our ideals, our hopes and fears, are consciously or unconsciously moulded by our estimate of the past experience of the race, as we contemplate “the last of life, for which the first was made,” or as another has expressed it,

“ That far off divine event
To which the whole creation moves.”

It is the phonograph that retains and repeats to us the voices of the ages that are gone. It is the Marconi coherer that catches, faintly though it be, the message of the coming centuries. The religion of mankind is inseparably bound up with its history, and the historians also are among the evangelists and prophets.

Few who have devoted attention to history will dispute that it is interesting. There is all the triumph of a discoverer in following the streams of tendency back to their tributaries and primal sources, and then from the fountain head retracing them ; observing how they originated, by what internal forces they were impelled, by what external influences modified ; how they stagnated in morasses, were narrowed and deepened in chasms, tumbled tumultuously down the torrent bed, spread tranquilly over the bottom lands, fertilizing and irrigating, or were dammed back by obstructing masses until, gathering strength, they broke down all barriers and swept everything away in their headlong and resistless course. At last we see them combine into the majestic river, “strong without rage, without o'erflowing full,” bearing navies

upon its bosom, exchanging their rich argosies with products of every clime across the vast oceans of the universe.

Let me illustrate. A year ago a brilliant orator, biographer and statesman of Britain referred to the prime minister of Canada as "a Canadian by birth, and therefore an Imperialist by birth." In epigrammatic phrase he summarized four centuries of Canadian history, beginning with Cabot's landfall in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1497 and ending with the final charge at Paardeberg and the review of the Colonials by the late Queen in 1900. For in tracing the history of Canada who can help observing that the forces at work throughout its picturesque and strangely varied phases combined all through the centuries to produce, we might say necessarily and inevitably, the result which is so much in evidence to-day—a people more British in sentiment than the British themselves, keeping alive, as a sacred fire, the once almost extinguished spark, cherishing the ideal of a united empire through good and evil report, until it has become the watchword of the race throughout the world. The stars in their courses fought for Sisera, and they also fought for the predominance of the British race in North America and of British nationality in Canada, and for the expansion and permanence of a United British Empire throughout the Seven Seas. That is one of the interesting aspects in which the history of the Dominion presents itself to the student.

Reading the history of Canada one asks instinctively, Why did the French explore only and not colonize? Why did Canada, except a short, narrow strip of river front on the St. Lawrence, remain a wilderness for three centuries after its discovery until the Loyalist refugees fled from the Thirteen Colonies and sought homes beneath the North Star? Why did it not revolt with its sister dependencies after the conquest? We find that the causes have operated from the very beginning, and the conditions, governmental, racial, religious, commercial and military, were such that the best part of Canada remained a special reserve, a virgin soil, for the growth of a British nation under the British flag, to be a missionary of Imperialism in its best sense to the Mother Land and to the civilized world.

It is the difference between the French and British race and between the French and British systems; between autocracy with governmental initiative and control on the one side, and democracy and individualism on the other; between restriction and freedom of commerce; between a deliberate policy of Imperialism limiting itself to the military occupation of isolated posts, and discouraging settlement in order to promote the interests of a particular traffic, on the French side, and a natural and

spontaneous expansion of settlement independent of and frequently in opposition to the desires of the authorities, on the side of the English colonists. Thus it came about that at the conquest, whilst a few score thousands represented the entire population of New France, Ontario, and to a large extent the Maritime Provinces, were unknown except in their outlines. On the other hand the English colonists were already numbered by millions. France had pre-empted the St. Lawrence and Mississippi basins, but was powerless to hold them. France discovered and explored; England occupied and exploited. France sowed; England reaped. France surrendered the territory with indifference as a few acres of snow; Britain seized it and made it the brightest jewel in the Imperial crown.

Our places of meeting, and the route to be followed to-morrow, by a natural association of ideas, carry the mind back to the first recorded exploration of the chain of lakes and rivers known as the Trent valley system, and the beginnings of French dominion in what is now Ontario. And at once the great figure of Champlain rises before the imagination. His comprehensive mind grasped the future greatness of Canada. For nearly a third of a century he devoted his life to New France, sacrificing on its altar his means, his prospect of advancement in the Old World, and his domestic happiness. To the end of his life he entertained the hope of finding by way of the St. Lawrence the path to China and the South Sea. To this end he trained and sent out interpreters and explorers, the precursors of the famous *coureurs de bois*. They paddled up mighty rivers to their sources, visited remote tribes in the recesses of the interminable forest, and reported upon the character of the country, the native tribes, and the communications by land and water. Earnestly desiring the systematic colonization of the new territory, he found himself engaged in a life struggle with apathy at Court, the opposition of the fur company, religious bickerings, commercial selfishness and political shortsightedness. Checked and foiled at every point, he fought on to the last with a sublime optimism, and dying on Christmas Day, 1635, left an undying name as the first great Canadian.

Champlain was the first white man, of whom history speaks, who saw and followed in his canoe the Kawatha Lakes. It was in the year 1615 that he led the Hurons and Algonkins in their unsuccessful foray against the Iroquois. Leaving the village of Cahiague (not far from Orillia) on the 1st September, he arrived on the shore of Lake Couchiching, three leagues distant. The Narrows was already a famous fishing spot, where fish were taken in nets and winter-cured. From the palisades employed by the fishermen to close up the strait, Lake Simcoe

was known to the French as Lac aux Claies, or Lake of the Fish-weirs. In the slight openings that were left the nets were placed.

Brulé and twelve stalwart savages in two canoes were dispatched from the Narrows, doubtless by way of the Toronto portage and the west end of Lake Ontario, to notify the allied Eries, or Carantouanans, who had promised to join the invaders with five hundred men before the Iroquois town.

Champlain continues: "They set out on the 8th of the said month, and on the 10th following there was a hard white frost. We continued on our course toward the enemy, and made some five to six leagues [twelve and a half to fifteen miles] in these lakes. Thence the Indians portaged their canoes about ten leagues [say twenty-four miles] overland, and we came to another lake, extending six to seven leagues in length and three in width [no doubt Balsam Lake], from which issues a river which empties into the great Lake of the Entonhonorons [the Senecas, on Lake Ontario]. Having crossed this lake we passed a rapid [or waterfall]. Continuing on the course of said river, always downstream, about sixty-four leagues, which is the entrance of the said Lake of the Entouhonorons (*sic*), and going, we passed five falls [or rapids] by land, some of them four to five leagues in length, and passed through several lakes of considerable extent, as also the said river, which is very abundant in good fish. Certainly this whole country is very beautiful and agreeable. Along the bank it seems that the trees were planted for pleasure in most places, also that all these countries were inhabited in past time by Indians, who were afterwards forced to abandon it through fear of their enemies. Vines and walnut trees are there in great abundance. Grapes come to maturity, but there remains always a sharp acidity, which is felt in the throat when eaten in quantity. This is the result of lack of cultivation; what grows in cleared land is pleasant enough. Deer and bears are plentiful; for proof of the fact we hunted them and took a considerable number while descending the river. To do this four or five hundred Indians formed a line in the woods until they reached certain points extending into the river; then stepping in order with bow and arrow in hand, shouting and making a great noise to startle the beasts, they keep moving until they reach the end of the point. Now, every animal that finds itself between the point and the hunters is forced to take to the water, otherwise they are at the mercy of the arrows shot by the hunters. Meanwhile the Indians in the canoes stationed on purpose along the bank easily approach the deer and other animals, hunted and harassed and greatly bewildered as they are. Then the huntsmen kill them easily

with sword blades stuck in wooden handles like half pikes, and thus carry on their hunting, as also in like manner in the islands, where there is plenty. I took a singular pleasure in seeing them hunt in this manner, observing their dexterity. Many were shot with the arquebus, at which they were greatly astonished. It happened unfortunately, however, that in shooting a deer, an Indian by mistake came between and was wounded by an arquebus shot, unintentionally, as it is to be presumed. A great uproar follows amongst them, but it was appeased by giving a few presents to the wounded man, which is the regular mode of appeasing and terminating quarrels; and if the wounded person should die, presents are made to the relatives of the slain. Game is very plentiful in the season. There are many cranes, white like swans, and other kinds of birds like those in France."

From the indications given by Champlain it seems probable that he proceeded along the east shore of Lake Simcoe to the mouth of Talbot Creek, and followed the long portage to West Bay on Balsam Lake. Laverdière, however, supposes that he crossed to Sturgeon Lake. The distance estimated by Champlain, twenty-four miles, would carry him to Cameron's or even to Sturgeon Lake. But the early explorers frequently and very naturally overestimated the length of portages, and the more probable inference is that he followed the trail, which is now the Portage Road, to its terminus at the fort on Balsam Lake. In this view of his description, the rapid he mentions would be that near the mouth of Burnt River.

Mr. George E. Laidlaw, in his interesting papers contributed to the provincial archæological reports, considers it probable that the early inhabitants, who had disappeared before Champlain's time, were Hoche-lagans of the Cartier epoch. Mr. Laidlaw has, in his careful and systematic contributions, preserved for future generations a valuable record of the prehistoric population of the upper end of the Trent valley. The reports of our secretary, Mr. Boyle, on the same subject are too well known to call for special mention.

In his notes to the large map of 1632 Champlain again gives the following concise description of the Trent river system: "This river is very beautiful, and passes through a number of beautiful lakes and meadows with which it is bordered, many islands of various dimensions abounding in deer and other wild animals, very good fishing spots of excellent fish, and a great deal of very good cleared land, which has been abandoned by the Indians on account of their wars. The river empties into Lake St. Louis [Ontario], and many tribes go to these regions to hunt for their winter supply."

From Champlain's description it is clear that the Trent valley was then uninhabited, through fear of the Iroquois, but that there were traces of recent occupation by a peaceable and sedentary savage community. The investigations of Mr. Boyle and Mr. Laidlaw have confirmed the explorer's statement. They have discovered unmistakable proofs of occupation by numerous and populous villages of Iroquoian type, antedating European contact.

The heroic and far-seeing explorer sleeps in the ancient capital he founded. His dream of a great western empire under the French crown was not realized. The descendants of his king are in exile. The power of the old *noblesse* is long extinct. The parliament of Paris no longer registers the royal decrees. The reign of the common people prevails in the France of the Bourbons. The great and venerable Church, to which king and courtier rendered a willing and devoted allegiance, is treated with scant respect by the authorities of the republic. The Jesuits are banished. The religious orders that remain in the land of the Médicis and Richelieu are there on sufferance. With other times have come other manners. It is another France, and the spirit of the great explorer would doubtless be appalled at the transformation could he revisit it in the twentieth century.

But not less amazed would he be at the changes effected on the borders of the St. Lawrence. He would see his small "habitation" of Quebec grown to a mighty Dominion extending from sea to sea. Instead of the mere handful of traders and settlers that he knew, he would find a million Frenchmen established in comfort, and in peaceful enjoyment of their language, religion, institutions and laws. His tiny capital has become a stately city, with a cathedral and churches and institutions venerable with age. Its great university, its hospitals and other institutions of charity and mercy, would gladden his eye and heart. The quaint familiar figures of monk and priest and nun would remind him of Rouen and St. Malo rather than of the Quebec he knew. When he quitted the stage the black-robed Jesuit was the only religious person to be seen on its streets. Huguenot and Recollet were impartially excluded from the St. Lawrence. The picturesque birch canoe has given way to the electric launch, the sailing vessel to the colossal steel steamboat, the Indian trail to the steam railway and the trolley, the portage to the canal-lock and power-house, the forest to rich farms and flourishing cities and prosperous villages. All would be strange and marvellous to the old explorer.

But stranger than all would be the new flag floating from the citadel and government house and legislative and judicial palace. Pike and

arquebus and culverin are of course gone forever, but where are the golden lilies of the old *régime*? And what of the old *régime* itself? Can those red-coated militiamen, marching under the red-cross banner of St. George, be the descendants of the Frenchmen he knew? And he would learn with a strange surprise that more than once his New France had battled bravely and successfully under the flag of her ancient enemy. He would hear of the prolonged struggle on far-off African fields, in which the existence of the empire of Britain was at stake, and how French-Canadian and British-Canadian had fought, side by side with Australian and New Zealander and men from Aberdeen and Devonshire and Enniskillen, to maintain the honor of the Greater Britain, of which New France was part. He would find men of his blood and faith on the bench, at the bar, in the legislative halls, in the government of the Province and of the nation, or directly representing the King's authority and majesty in the ancient capital, and one dominating the councils of the whole nation, chosen by the free voice of a majority of the people of both races and of all creeds,

" To mould a mighty state's decrees,
And shape the whispers of a throne."

A zealous partisan of his faith, Champlain would regard with something akin to horror the numerical preponderance of the heretic in his New France, for had he not excluded the Huguenot and made Canada the special preserve of the Church of his devotion?

But patriot as he was, and loyal to his land and ancestral faith, he might easily console himself with the thought that under the new allegiance his people enjoyed more liberty, prosperity and happiness than under the old *régime* of tyranny and repression, and as much freedom in the exercise of their religion as in the most Catholic country in the world, and in some respects more than in the land of their origin.

Champlain had some faults of his age and environment, but he was a great man, of noble impulses, great courage, determined purpose, indomitable perseverance, wise diplomacy; a sincere patriot, a devout Christian, a good man. As Charlevoix says, he may well be called the Father of New France. In the book of gold of Canadian heroes his name is properly the first to be enrolled.

A word of personal reference before I close. With many duties, official and otherwise, claiming my attention, I have endeavored during the last five years to devote as large a share of my time as was consistent with other claims upon it to promoting the interests of this Society. Of my shortcomings I am only too conscious. I have failed

to accomplish much that I desired, but I can at least say that I have striven with what power and opportunity I possessed to keep before the public the Society's objects and aims, to utilize our scanty means efficiently and at the same time economically, to impress upon the Government and Legislature its financial needs, to urge the formation of new societies, to make the machinery of the organization run effectively with as little friction as possible.

So far as success has attended my administration of its affairs it is largely due to the harmonious and efficient co-operation of the Council. I may be permitted to refer particularly to the services of our secretary, Mr. Boyle, and our vice-president, Mr. James, upon whom the large burden of the general work has fallen. Mr. Yeigh has rendered valuable service as treasurer, in keeping the accounts methodically and accurately, as might be expected from him. Mrs. J. H. Thompson, chairman of the Monuments Committee, has shown extraordinary zeal and energy. Her services have been valuable in other lines of the Society's work outside of her special duties. The Rev. Mr. Thomson has also devoted much valuable time to the Simcoe Monument Committee, the results of which will appear when the work is completed. In handing over my duties to my successor I feel confident that he will be powerfully aided by a Council of able men and women; and that the Society's interests will be guarded faithfully and well.

REPORT OF CONVENER OF FLAG COMMITTEE.

Your Committee report that in compliance with a resolution passed by your Society that the Minister of Education be respectfully asked to have entered in the Educational Report of the Province some questions about the flag, that a courteous reply was given promising to give effect to this resolution.

At a meeting of the Dominion Teachers' Association, April 2nd, Historical Section, Mr. Barlow Cumberland, one of our Committee, gave a paper on "The Flag," and this resolution was heartily endorsed: "That in the proposed enrichment of our national flag the single maple leaf be our distinctive emblem thereon."

MRS. C. FESSENDEN.

June 5th, 1902.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S STATEMENT ONTARIO
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, JUNE 1st TO
MAY 31st, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June 1st, 1901	\$337 65
Government grants.....	700 00
Membership fees.....	120 27
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	\$1,157 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Secretary's salary.....	100 00
Printing annual report.....	87 05
Payment on account of printing Galinée volume.....	211 30
Other printing and stationery.....	24 25
Postage.....	24 27
Press-clipping Bureau.....	15 00
President's and Secretary's disbursements.....	67 18
Half of expenses of delegate to Royal Society, Ottawa.....	12 00
Paid balance in final settlement of Laura Secord Monument account	3 50
Cash on hand.....	613 37
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	\$1,157 92

FRANK YEIGH, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

J. J. MURPHY,
W. A. McLEAN.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM FUND.

Balance on hand, June 1st, 1901	\$287 10
Interest.....	13 05
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Balance on hand June 1st, 1902	\$300 15

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8. From Markland to Washburn.
- 9 and 10. From C. Biggar to Washburn.
11. Copy of letter from Ed. McMahon to Washburn.
12. Ed. McMahon, letter to Washburn, requiring a return for road work and money of 1830.
13. Agreement with David Clark, cutting and clearing road, 26th November, 1831.
14. Papers concerning money laid out as Commissioner with Jos. Crydermans on Road from Hallowell to C. Place, 1831.
15. Payment from Washburn to Biggar on roads.
16. Divisions of the money, Chas. Biggar to Washburn.
17. Memorandum of the division of money.
18. Memorandum of the alterations in the road from Hill's Place to Stone Mill, 8th April, 1830.
19. Road from Alstine's Ferry to Carrying Place, with J. Washburn as one of the Committee.

Washburn's Correspondence, Etc.—*Continued* :

20. A report is sent by E. McMahon, Esq., Act. Sec'y. to Sir John Colborne, March, 1832, of which this is a true copy. L. W.
21. Copy of advertisement to expend the sum of two hundred pounds on the road.
22. C. Biggar's letters, with an account of money expended by him on the road.
23. E. Leaven's certificate for crossway from Washburn.
24. Specifications for road work, E. Leaven's agreement.

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JANET CARNOCHAN, *President.*

In presenting the report of the Niagara Historical Society, we have to record a year of steady progress. Each year seems to be marked by some special feature of growth. While our last report chronicled the placing of seven markers for historic spots, this year has been marked by the greater number of papers read at our meetings, and the publication of two historical pamphlets, instead of the one usually published. Nos. 9 and 10 have been issued since our last report, and when it is remembered that we are in the eighth year of our existence, it may be said that the issue of ten publications is no mean record.

Seven meetings were held from October to May, at which the following papers were read: (1) "A Wife's Devotion, or a Niagara Heroine of 1837," by the President; (2) "Value of an Historical Room," by Rev. J. C. Garrett; (3) "The Vicissitudes of the Niagara Public Library for Fifty Years," by the President; (4) "Two Days in Quebec in 1838, and a Day at the Falls on the Occasion of the King's Visit in 1860," by Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C. (all original papers), and (5) A reading was given by Miss Manning from the Archives, the Trip of Mr. Hannington in helping to lay out a section of the C.P.R. railway.

The number of members has slightly increased, being now over fifty, more than half of whom are non-resident.

We have published during the year No. 9, by Col. E. Cruikshank, "Campaigns of 1812-14," containing part of the diary of Capt. W. H. Merritt, Col. Wm. Mans-

Col. Elliot, and Capt. Norton; and No. 10, by the President, "Inscriptions and Graves in the Niagara Peninsula."

During the summer an important event occurred. By permission of the Minister of Education a visit of inspection was paid to our historical room by Mr. David Boyle, Supt. of the Provincial Museum, who gave many valuable hints and much help in classification. His report speaks of the great value of our collection, and the impossibility, were it destroyed, of duplicating many of the articles, emphasizing strongly the necessity of a good building, fireproof and easily accessible, for a collection which is now of provincial value. If the Ontario Historical Society, or any individual, can help us to obtain this desirable building we shall be duly grateful.

On the 17th of September a number of us visited the graveyards of the town, as well as Butler's, for the purpose of decorating the graves, as has been our yearly custom since our organization.

An historical item has appeared at intervals in our local paper always acknowledging additions to our collection. The room is open weekly, and during the time of summer visitors, sometimes daily. Several interesting photographs of groups of articles in our room were taken by Mr. Walker, accompanied by his friend Mr. Sherk, of Toronto.

Many letters are received asking for information which has often been given from our papers, documents, etc.

While last year seven markers were placed, a tablet this year was placed on the Court House built for the united Counties of Lincoln, Welland and Haldimand in 1847. Many articles have been added to our room, so that it is now so crowded that any proper arrangement is impossible.

We have distributed about six hundred of our publications during the year. We exchange with twenty Societies, etc., although we must say that very few of them are in Ontario. A map has been copied from the Archives of Ottawa, showing the military reserves here of 1818 and 1835, and a book with twenty-six maps of military reserves from Fort Erie to Niagara has been presented. General Brock's cocked hat has again been placed in our charge, and though our collection mostly relates to Niagara, contributions have been received from places as distant as Great Britain, Savannah, Manitoba, British Columbia and South Africa. While we should like to be able to record the accomplishment of much more, we still feel that the seven years of our existence have not been lived in vain.

In closing we would ask the attention of the Ontario Historical Society to the condition of part of the military reserves in Niagara. While Queenston Heights, Brock's Monument, and Fort Erie have been placed in the hands of the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners for beautifying and preservation, we feel that something of the same plan is necessary with regard to Fort George, Navy Hall and Fort Mississagua, where soldiers of the King lie buried, where the first Parliament was held, and the slave made free—all lie neglected and falling to decay. Other buildings have been burned down, notably the Military Hospital and Commandant's house, Navy Hall Inn destroyed, powder magazine in ruins, log buildings of Fort Mississagua removed, Navy Hall falling to pieces. It is earnestly hoped that all will unite to preserve what we have left of historic interest in ground drenched with the blood of the heroes of the past, who so nobly stood for King and country.

THE ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE,
ST. THOMAS, ONT.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	C. O. Ermatinger, Esq.
<i>Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	S. Silcox, D. Pæd.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	W. H. Murch, Esq.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Charlotte S. Wegg.
<i>Curator</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. St. Thomas Smith.
<i>Editor</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Frank Hunt, Esq.

Council.

Mrs. Gustin, Mrs. Cormack, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Wilson,
Mr. Oakes, Mr. Coyne, Mr. McKay, Mr. Stewart.

This being the centennial year of the Talbot Settlement, the members have been chiefly engaged in preparing for the celebration, which has just been held in St. Thomas, May 21st to 25th inclusive.

The chief event of the 21st of May, the day Colonel Talbot, the founder of the settlement, landed at Port Talbot was a banquet held at the Grand Central Hotel, under the auspices of the Institute to which all members of the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments, who represent any part of the original settlement, wardens of counties and Mayors of cities and towns within the same area were invited, as well as the Councils of the County of Elgin and City of St. Thomas, and other guests. It was voted by all present one of the most enjoyable social functions ever given in the city.

Subsequent days were devoted to the opening of the new Collegiate Institute, and the armoury, pioneer and military processions, old boys' gathering, band concerts, illuminations, etc., and the erection of a cairn, composed of stones representing each of the twenty-eight townships embraced in the original settlement, which was placed in position by the Reeves and engraved with the names of the townships. This cairn is intended to form a permanent historical feature in the recently acquired Municipal Park of this city. On the intervening Sunday, sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached in all the churches. About 1,000 militia from Toronto, Chatham and St. Thomas took part in the celebration.

The Women's Branch has been active as ever, and planned a celebration in connection with the Centennial Demonstration. They will present their own report.

W. H. MURCH, *Secretary.*

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE ELGIN AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE, ST. THOMAS.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. H. Wilson.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. H. Coyne.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. C. O. Ermatinger.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. D. O'Shea.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. E. H. Caughell.
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Miss F. McLachlin.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. S. Silcox.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. E. W. Gustin.
<i>Reporting Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Miss L. Wegg.
<i>Curator</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. St. Thomas Smith.

The first effort of our organization was to obtain suitable rooms in which to hold our meetings. The first meeting held in them was a business meeting, at which due acknowledgment was given for the assistance rendered in the work.

Beginning the 31st of October meetings were held the last Friday of each month, upon which occasions readings and recitations on Canadian subjects were rendered, and during the course of the year the following original papers were read: "Paper on Nova Scotia," by Mrs. Quance; "The King's Visit to Canada in 1860," by Miss Paul; "The Coronation Parade," by Mrs. M. A. Gilbert; "Governor Simcoe," by Mrs. J. H. Wilson; "Coming of the U. E. Loyalists," by Mrs. Warner; "James Thomas Curtiss, a Pioneer Sketch," by Miss Wegg; "Madeleine Verchères," by Miss Claris; "Life of Sir Isaac Brock," by Mrs. J. P. Finlay; "Presbyterian Church of St. Thomas," by Miss McAdam; Presentation Address with gift of statuette, by Mrs. St. Thomas Smith; "The Township of Yarmouth," by Mrs. Griffin; "The Old Abbot Place," by Mrs. Gerrard; "Raids of the War of 1812," by Mrs. Coyne; "The Old Town Hall," by Mrs. Gustin; "The History of the Methodist Church in St. Thomas," by Miss Murch, whose recent death abroad we so deeply deplore.

At the Annual Meeting in April, 1903, it was decided to postpone the election of officers until after the Centennial celebration, and in future to hold it in June.

We cannot close without special reference to the part we took in connection with the Centennial Celebration. Our Committees had charge of the Log Cabin, a reproduction of pioneer life which was visited by over 700 people—also of the May Pole Dance, the Spinning and Weaving, and the Tea for all ladies of the settlement over eighty years of age, which afforded much pleasure to the 35 participants. The increase from 67 to 107 members in good standing shows a gratifying interest on the part of the public in our work, which is due in a very great measure to the untiring efforts of our energetic President.

The Treasurer's report as read at our last meeting indicates that our finances are in a satisfactory condition.

A. SILCOX, Secretary.

THE WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON.

<i>Hon. President</i>	- - - -	F. W. Fearman.
<i>President</i>	- - - -	Chas. Lemon.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - - -	H. H. Robertson.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Rev. Canon E. M. Bland.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	- - - -	Justus A. Griffin.
<i>Corresponding-Secretary</i>	- - - -	Mrs. C. Fessenden.

Executive Council.

S. F. Lazier, K.C., J. W. Jones, LL.B., C. R. McCullough, T. W. Lester, Dr. A. Dickson, Mrs. Edward Martin, J. G. Y. Burkholder, H. C. Baker, E. C. Murton, Mrs. M. E. Rose-Holden and Mrs. R. G. Sutherland.

The Society has endeavored during the past year to arouse in the public a greater interest in historical subjects; has succeeded in finding some valuable documents; and has had papers read regarding the discoveries made. It intends in the near future to publish the more interesting of the papers that have come into its possession. One of the letters was written at Niagara, July 2, 1812, by a militia sergeant from the head of the lake.

On November 11, 1902, Rev. Canon Bull gave an address and exhibited the Orderly Book of Col. Gourlay when he was in command of a regiment of Gore Militia in 1837-38; this book was kept by the adjutant, Capt. Lewis, whose home was in the old "Lewis Home" on the battlefield of Stoney Creek. Canon Bull also showed the Letter Book of Commander Lucas, of H. M. S. "Arrogant," covering a number of years ending with 1796, and containing many interesting facts.

On March 25 Justus A. Griffin read a paper relating to the preservation and showing the authenticity of two militia rolls of 1812, and other papers and letters of that period which recently came into the possession of the Society.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TORONTO.

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 19TH, 1895.
INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 14TH, 1896.

<i>Honorary President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Mortimer Clark.
<i>Past Presidents</i>	- - - -	{ Mrs. S. A. Curzon (deceased). Lady Edgar.
<i>President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Forsyth Grant.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. J. A. Paterson.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	- - - -	Mrs. Willoughby Cummings.
<i>Treasurer</i>	- - - -	Mrs. C. D. Cory, 21 Prince Arthur Ave.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	- - - -	Miss Jean Graham. 22 St. Mary Street.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	- - - -	Miss Mabel Cory.

Executive Committee.

Mesdames Leigh and Bain, Misses Beard, Mickle, Curzon and Ellerby.

The following papers have been read : "Indian Summer," by Miss Sara Mickle ; "The Fall of Acadie," by Miss E. Yates Farmer ; "Scenes of Coronation Week," by Miss M. A. Fitz-Gibbon ; "Laying the Foundation of Ontario," by Mr. C. C. James ; "Lachine," by Miss Blanche Macdonell ; "The Canadian Teachers at Winchester," by Mrs. S. G. Wood.

The Memorial Hall Fund now amounts to \$2,876, and it is hoped to add materially to it during the coming year.

Miss M. A. FitzGibbon, who found it impossible to take the office of Secretary, was greatly missed, as her enthusiastic and efficient support has been a great benefit to the Society, of which, indeed, she was one of the founders.

Fifteen members have been added to our list during the year.

WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. John Calder.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. John S. Hendrie.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. R. R. Waddell.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. M. Gibson.
<i>4th Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. John Crerar.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Miss Emily Colquhoun
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Wm. F. Montague.

We have pleasure in reporting a pleasant and prosperous year. We have had a large increase in our membership, and close the year with a balance of money on hand and no liabilities, except the mortgage on the Battlefield, which we expect to reduce during the summer.

It was necessary to appoint two new trustees for the Battlefield property at Stony Creek to succeed Senator A. T. Wood and Mr. John Calder, who died during the past year.

Hon. J. M. Gibson and Mr. Thos. W. Watkins were selected by the Society, and approved by Mr. William Hendrie, the sole surviving trustee, and they have accepted the office.

We had the honor of entertaining the Governor-General, Lady Minto, Lady Eileen Eliot, and the other members of the vice-regal party at the Battlefield on May 15th.

PETERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	His Honor Judge Weller.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	-	-	-	Richard Hall, J. B. McWilliams, and Mrs. Birdsall.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	T. A. S. Hay.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	Mrs. Wilson.

Executive Committee.

Lieut.-Col. Edwards, D. Spence, E. J. Tokes, Rev. J. C. Davidson, E. Elcome, J. Coyle Brown and F. J. Jamison.

Museum Board.

Dr. Burnham, H. T. Strickland and T. A. S. Hay.

I beg to report as follows concerning the Peterborough Historical Society, whose annual meeting was held on October 23rd, 1902 :

At that meeting the annual address of the President, and report of the Secretary, and financial statement of the Treasurer were presented.

In the President's address he gave an outline of the meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, which had been held in June, jointly between Peterborough and Lindsay, and hoped that the interest then shown by local members and others, in the work of the Society would be continued, it had given the officers and members much pleasure to have an opportunity of meeting and entertaining the delegates of that body.

During the past season the local society had held three meetings, at which papers were read.

The Society has fifty members on the roll at present, of which about twenty-five might be considered active members.

Although few meetings were held during the season, the interests of the Society have been well looked after by the Executive Committee and the Museum Board. Many valuable additions have been made to the Museum, consisting of documents, pictures, and photographs, etc., and the Executive have procured the stories of some of the oldest settlers in the county and town, which will be compiled into a history.

The delegates to represent the Society at the annual meeting in June, 1903, at St. Thomas, are Lieut.-Col. Edwards and Hampden Burnham, Esq.

T. A. S. HAY, *Secretary.*

OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T. Hart.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A. H. Wilson.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. W. Whealy.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W. Munro.
<i>Editor</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G. R. Pattullo.

Council.

T. H. Park, F. R. Ball, G. R. Pattullo, W. Munro and J. Cameron.

Owing to our Society being precluded from meeting in the Court House very few meetings were held in 1902, so no report was made. The officers, however, remain the same as last year, and as you have that list I need not send it again.

NORFOLK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Judge Robb.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dr. J. J. Wadsworth.
<i>Curator</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	Henry Johnson.

Councillors.

H. B. Donly and Rev. R. Hicks.

During the year 1902-03 only four well-attended meetings were held, the others being failures, owing largely to the active participation of many of the members in the Provincial elections and meetings in connection therewith. As was remarked by one of three who met at the Council Chamber in April, "the members of our Society seem more bent this year on making history than on recording it."

During the year five new members were elected, and four members removed from the county. One aged and respected member died, Mr. George Jackson, of Simcoe. Our roll at present includes 78 members.

A number of valuable records have come into the possession of the Society, and have been filed with the Curator in the Registry Office. They include—"On the East End Lighthouse," from Mr. Clarence Beaupre; "Long Point Reformer," Dec. 17, 1854, from Mr. H. B. Donly; "Militia Documents," 1839, from Dr. McInnes; "Life and Career of Hugh P. McCall," by the late F. L. Walsh.

Members contributed the following original papers, all of which were read at the

meetings of the Society during 1902. "Character Sketches," by Dr. Annie Backus ; "Turkey Point and Ryerson Island," once Townships, by H. Johnson ; "Traces of the Indian Occupation of Charlotteville," by T. Sinclair ; "The Grand River Reservation," by H. Johnson ; "The First Survey of Townsend," by H. Johnson ; "History of the Baptist Church in Simcoe," by W. W. Pegg ; "Recollections of John Carrow," by H. F. Cook ; "History of Port Ryerse," by G. J. Ryerse.

Mr. Robert Osborne exhibited relics from Turkey Point and other parts of Norfolk.

During the year the Curator, Mr. H. Johnson, has continued the very important work of arranging and cataloguing the documents now accumulated in large numbers in the custody of the Society, and the Royal Society of Canada has expressed a desire to obtain a copy of the catalogue and of the papers published by our Society. We hope to be able to comply with their request in some measure.

The County Council granted to the Society the sum of \$25 for the furtherance of its work.

A number of books and maps were donated to the Society by the Dominion Government through Hon. Col. Tisdale.

In conclusion, we should feel grateful to the *Simcoe Reformer* and the *British Canadian* for the liberal manner in which they have published the papers and proceedings of our body.

J. J. WADSWORTH, *Secretary.*

THE BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. J. G. Terrill.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. F. Jeffers.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Miss Chandler.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. May.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. L. W. Yeomans.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	-	A. McGinnis.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. W. W. Pope, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Col. W. N. Ponton, and Major S. Stewart.

We have had but three meetings during the past year, and business of only a routine nature was transacted.

LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	Hon. Alexander Vidal.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	Frederic C. Watson.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	-	-	-	Henry Ingram and Joseph Savoy.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	Joshua Adams.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	Daniel McCart.

I regret to report that, by reason of circumstances beyond our control, no work was done by this Society worthy of report during the past year, but we expect to accomplish some of the objects of the Society during the current year.

At the annual meeting the Secretary was appointed Delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, to be held at St. Thomas.

We have a membership of 45, and hope to increase the number during the year.

JOSHUA ADAMS, *Secretary.*

COUNTY OF VICTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	His Honor Judge Dean, M.A., LL.D.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	W. H. Stevens, B.A.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	C. D. Barr.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	-	W. F. O'Boyle.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	Miss E. G. Flavelle, B.A.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	-	-	-	Miss M. L. Taylor.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	I. E. Weldon.

Executive Committee.

W. L. Herriman, M.D. ; V. C. Cornwall, M.D ; E. A. Hardy, B.A. ;
H. J. Lytle, R. J. McLaughlin, D. R. Anderson, M. M. Boyd.

Our work this year has been very discouraging. Our only progress has been in gathering pamphlets and old documents. Our library, too, has grown, but with these exceptions we have nothing to show for our year's work.

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>Hon. President</i>	-	-	-	-	Sir John Carling.
<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	Dr. Campbell.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Priddis, James Egan.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	Dr. English.
<i>Curator</i>	-	-	-	-	Dr. Wolverton.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	Henry Macklin.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Gahan.

At every meeting interesting papers have been read, dealing chiefly with the early days of London, or events of historical interest. The audiences, while not large, have been most appreciative, and a growing interest in the work of the Society can be noticed. Very few young people, however, seem attracted, a state of things which we would gladly see changed, if any other Society could suggest means whereby the co-operation of our future citizens can be secured. Vocal and instrumental music, contributed chiefly by the ladies of the city, has enlivened the programmes.

Among the papers which have been read were those by the Hon. Freeman Talbot, of Assiniboia, formerly of London, Mr. Thos. Kent, and Mrs. Root, and Dr. Stevenson vividly described the old way of fighting fires by means of the bucket brigade, exhibiting one of the buckets. Dr. Wolverton contributed two papers, one on the Battle of Kent, showing various relics connected with it, and the other on the Indians of the United States and their struggles with the colonists, referring particularly to Tecumseh and his brother, the Prophet. Our President also gave us two papers, one on "Early London," and the other on "Robert Fleming Gourlay, the first Ontario politician." We had also the pleasure of hearing the most interesting lecture on "Early Explorations in Western Ontario," by Mr. Jas. H. Coyne, of St. Thomas, whose patient research, enthusiastic patriotism, and pleasing delivery are familiar to all, and honored by all. Mr. Poole, of Comber, gave a graphic and minute account of the Battle of Longwood (near Delaware), and of the circumstances leading to it, basing his account on authentic documentary evidence which he had taken great pains to collect. The only paper of a literary character was furnished by Dr. Tamblyn, of the Western University, who spoke on the poems of Dr. Drummond, of Montreal, illustrating his remarks by readings from the poems, which were much appreciated.

The Curator, Dr. Wolverton, has been empowered to have the various papers type-written and preserved.

Our finances are in a satisfactory condition, the paid-up members this year numbering 36—21 ladies, 15 gentlemen.

WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BOWMANVILLE.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Moffatt.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Fairbairn and Miss Hillier.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Margaret Allen.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Lestock Reid.

Executive.

Miss Reid, Miss Allen, Miss McLaughlin, Miss Winifred Beith, Miss Bleakley.

Membership, 29 ; average attendance, 18.

The close of the second year of the Women's Historical Society of Bowmanville leaves us greatly encouraged for the future. Though early in this session we sustained an irreparable loss in the death of our late Vice-President, Mrs. D. B. Simpson, and while some eight of our members were absent the entire winter, yet we may record regular attendance for those who were in town, greater interest in the work, deeper study in the preparation of the papers, and a better understanding of the aims of the Society.

The following papers were read at the different meetings : "Cardinal Richelieu," Miss M. Reid ; "Hundred Associates," Miss W. Beith ; "Indian Customs and Beliefs," Mrs. Lestock Reid ; "The Mohawks," Miss Allen ; "Life of Loyola," Miss Hillier ; "Jesuits in France," Miss Fairbairn ; "Founding of the Jesuit Order in New France," Miss Beatrice Tamblyn ; "De La Salle," Miss M. Bogue ; "Royal Government," Miss Hilda Reid ; "Louis XIV.," Miss Muriel Reid ; "Frontenac's First Administration," Miss Bleakley ; "Madame de Frontenac," Mrs. Turnbull ; "Frontenac's Second Administration," Miss Armour ; "Acadian Struggle," Miss Bertha Tamblyn ; "Queen Anne," Miss Margaret Allen ; "Social Condition of the Colony during De Beauharnois' Administration," Miss Welch ; "Capture of Louisburg, 1745," Mrs. McLaughlin ; "Wolfe," Miss McLaughlin ; "Montcalm and the Fall of Quebec," Miss Moffatt.

In addition to the regular meetings, a special meeting was held, devoted to early local history. Papers were read : (1st) "Early Settlement of Darlington and Bowmanville," Miss Andrew ; (2nd) "Establishment of Church of Scotland," Miss Fairbairn ; (3rd) "The Hagarty and Cubitt Family and Associates," Miss Hilda Reid ; (4th) "Establishment of Church of England," Miss Armour. A number of items were also given, and these, with the papers, have been preserved by the Secretary as the nucleus of a history of Darlington to be compiled by us at some future date.

At our annual meeting, which was held on March 30th, a number of visitors were present. While our membership is small, it has not been our desire to greatly extend it, as we believe the interest to be more concentrated in house-to-house meetings.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY. 25
 CANADIAN METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Rev. Chancellor Burwash.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	-	-	-	-	-	{ C. C. James. Rev. S. Carman. Rev. Geo. Webber. Rev. Dr. Withrow. James Lawson.
<i>Ex-Officio</i>	-	-	-	-	-	{ The President of the Con- ferences having branches.
<i>Curator</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Rev. Prof. McLaughlin.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Rev. E. A. Chown, B.D.

[The officers of this society feel that much good has resulted from the organization of this Church Society. They are exceedingly pleased to be affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society, and respectfully suggest that the formation of similar societies by other Churches would be productive of benefit—not only to the Churches themselves, but also to the general cause of historical research.]

This Society was organized in 1900, and was affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society, April, 1903.

Its object is to encourage the study of the history of the Methodist Church in Canada, the rise and progress of religious and educational movements in this country, to preserve the official records of the various conferences, and to gather as complete a set as possible of books, pamphlets, and documents that may be of service to writers on the history of the various churches of Canada. An annual meeting is held every fall, in October or November, at Victoria College, Toronto, when a lecture, specially prepared for the occasion, is delivered. On November 20th, 1902, Chancellor Burwash read a very interesting paper on "Egerton Ryerson"—a subject that is to form one of the series now in preparation to be published in the near future by Morang & Co.

Branches have so far been established in connection with two conferences—viz.: "The Bay of Quinte" and "The Hamilton," and arrangements have been completed for historical meetings at the sessions about to be held. Branches will be formed in connection with the other conferences.

The Executive Committee is assisted by twenty Corresponding Members, who are located in all parts of British North America, from St. John's, Newfoundland, to New Westminster, B.C.

Several active members of the Ontario Historical Society are members of this Society also.

Perhaps the most successful work undertaken is the collection of books and pamphlets, which are deposited in the Library of Victoria College, the librarian of the College, Professor McLaughlin, being the Curator of the Society. During the past year 310 volumes came to the Society by donation, and 40 by purchase—350 in all. Among the most valuable may be mentioned a bound set of *The Christian Guardian* for the years 1840-70, returned to this country by a minister now resident in Illinois.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church, in 1902, directed that all Journals and other official records no longer in continuous use be committed to this Society for permanent keeping.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. THOMAS.

ST. THOMAS, June 3rd, 1903.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was opened in the Court House of this city to-day at 2 p.m., President C. C. James in the chair. Besides representatives from Toronto there were present Mrs. C. Fessenden, Hamilton; Miss Margaret F. Allen, Bowmanville; Mrs. E. F. Chandler, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, Miss Priddis, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. St. Thomas Smith, Mrs. J. J. C. Findlay, Miss Traverse, Miss Silcox, Miss C. F. Wegg, Mrs. S. Burns, and His Honor C. O. Ermatinger, of St. Thomas; His Honor Judge R. S. Woods, and His Honor Judge James Robb, Simcoe; Mr. George R. Pattullo, Woodstock; Mr. Justus Griffin, Hamilton; Dr. Campbell and Mr. James Egan, London; Mr. H. H. Robertson, Hamilton; Mr. Thomas Conant, Oshawa; Mr. C. W. Werner, Mr. Robert I. Werner, St. Thomas; and Col. E. B. Edwards, Peterboro'.

After the reading and the adoption of the minutes of the last annual meeting the Secretary read a communication from Miss M. A. FitzGibbon, asking that the sum of \$300, being a surplus from the Historical Exhibition, and now in the custody of the Ontario Historical Society, be handed over to a committee of ladies to be placed in the fund for a Queen Victoria memorial. On motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Judge Turnbull, the matter was referred to the Council of the Ontario Historical Society.

The desirability of preserving intact the sites of Forts George and Mississauga and the Military Reserve at Niagara having been introduced by Miss Carnochan, it was moved by His Honor C. O. Ermatinger, seconded by Mr. Pattullo, that the consideration of the question be referred to a committee consisting of Miss Carnochan, Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, Mr. James Wilson, Superintendent Niagara Falls Park, the President and the Secretary, with power to petition the Government, or take such other action as they see fit. Carried.

The Secretary read the reports of the various affiliated societies, a few of which did not intimate that the local organizations were in as flourishing a condition as could be wished. On the whole, however, the tone was a hopeful one, and manifested considerable interest in historical matters.

The President having reported the completion of the Simcoe Monument, and the Secretary having read a copy of the address presented to the Hon. Richard Harcourt at the unveiling, it was moved by Mr. James H. Coyne, seconded by His Honor Judge Robb, that the report of the

Simcoe Monument be received and adopted, that this Society desires to express its satisfaction with the work of the committee, and that the hearty thanks of the Society are hereby tendered to the chairman and members of the committee for their valuable services, also that the Secretary be requested to convey the thanks of the Society to the Rev. C. E. Thomson and Mr. B. E. Walker for special assistance in connection with the work of the committee. Carried.

The Secretary then read his Annual Report, and in the absence of Mr. Yeigh, Treasurer, also read his report, and that of the Simcoe Monument Fund. The Treasurer's report showed that the receipts amounted to \$1,284, and that there was a balance on hand of \$564.20, exclusive of the Historical Museum Fund of \$300. The accounts were audited and found correct by Messrs. J. J. Murphy and W. A. MacLean. The Simcoe Monument Fund showed that \$6,120.43 had been raised for the erection of a bronze statue.

It is worthy of notice that the only responses to a circular sent out by the committee to the schools of the province through the inspectors came from the Frontenac County Schools with \$11.14, and two public schools in the town of Galt which contributed \$4.57.

At this point the President appointed a Nominating Committee, consisting of Mr. James H. Coyne, Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, Miss Carnochan, His Honor Judge, Robb and Mr. H. H. Robertson, to name the officers for the following year, and to report on Friday morning.

The Report of the Flag Committee, by Mrs. Fessenden, was then read and referred to the Council.

Mr. Justus Griffin spoke of a letter he had recently read. This letter was written by Lord Selkirk respecting a colony his lordship intended to form on the shore of Lake Huron. Mr. Griffin wanted some particulars as to how this project had succeeded. Replies to this query were received from Mr. President James, Judge Ermatinger, Mr. Coyne, and the Secretary. Mr. James thought that about the only relic that was left of the colony, survived in the name of Selkirk Post Office in the county of Norfolk, Ontario. Judge Ermatinger referred to certain statements respecting this colony in the Michigan State papers.

Mr. Thomas Conant intimated that he had recently seen a map on which the Indian cessions of land between the County of York and the eastern portion of the province were marked. The President and Secretary both explained that no treaties or records relating to purchases are known to exist with regard to the territory east of what is known as "The Toronto Purchase."

In accordance with notice given at a former meeting Mrs. E. J.

Thompson, seconded by Miss Carnochan, moved that all retiring presidents be *ex-officio* members of the Council. Carried.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Mr. G. R. Pattullo were appointed a Finance Committee. It being nearly five o'clock the meeting adjourned to accept an invitation by the City Council to take a ride through the streets of St. Thomas, special cars being provided for the purpose.

The general public meeting was held in the Court House, beginning at eight p.m. President in the chair. The President's address was well received,* and after this an excellent paper* was read by His Honor Judge Ermatinger, in which, while welcoming the Provincial Society to St. Thomas, His Honor gave a concise *résumé* of many circumstances connected with the Talbot settlement, among other things directing attention to Dr. John Rolph, slavery, and land grabbing. At the close of the meeting it was announced that carriages would be ready to leave the city at 9.30 the following morning to convey members and friends to the old fort in Southwold and thence to Port Talbot.

ST. THOMAS, June 4th, 1903.

Shortly after the appointed hour about thirty vehicles left the Court House ground in St. Thomas for the old fort and Port Talbot. After examining the celebrated earthwork for an hour or so, lunch was served by the lady members of the Elgin Historical Society and Scientific Institute. The repast was extremely bountiful and was enjoyed by all present.

On resuming business Mr. H. F. Gardiner delivered an extremely valuable address on "The Origin of Canadian Place Names," showing the possibility of tracing the history of the country to some extent by the name-groups in various parts of the province.†

The President gave a brief address and the Secretary was requested to state what was known historically and archeologically in connection with the extensive double embankment within which the party was assembled. Photographs of the group were then taken.

On motion of Judge Ermatinger, it was resolved that the Council of the Ontario Historical Society be authorized to represent to the County of Elgin the desirability of taking some steps to preserve the Southwold earthwork, unique as it is in the Province of Ontario.

*Printed elsewhere in full in this Report.

†It is intended to print this Paper in Vol. 6, Papers and Records.

About two o'clock the party set out for Port Talbot, a distance of some four miles to the south-west, in the Township of Dunwich. Here the meeting having been called to order by the President on the lawn in front of the old Talbot residence, Mr. Joseph Smith was called upon to read the first paper on "Some Odd Characters in Wentworth County." His account of some of the idiosyncrasies of those personages was characteristic of the simplicity of life in the early days of Wentworth settlement. Mr. Coyne read a paper on "The Celebrated Persons Who Visited the Estate of Port Talbot and Mansion During the Life of Colonel Talbot." The readers of both papers were heartily thanked, by motion, in the usual way.

The Nominating Committee then presented the following list of names as those of the officers for 1903-4: President, C. C. James, M.A.; 1st Vice-President, George R. Pattullo; 2nd Vice-President, Talbot Macbeth, K.C.; Treasurer, Frank Yeigh; Councillors, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Lieut.-Col. E. B. Edwards, Alfred Willson, C.E., H. B. Donly, and H. H. Robertson, B.A.

Resolutions of thanks were tendered to the City Council of St. Thomas, the Council of the County of Elgin, the Women's Auxiliary of the Elgin Historical Society and Scientific Institute, the Institute itself, and the press of the City of St. Thomas for the various courtesies extended by them to the Ontario Historical Society in connection with the meeting.

MEETING OF COUNCIL

PORT TALBOT, June 4th, 1903.

At the close of the Annual Meeting a meeting of the Council was held, when there were present the President, C. C. James, the Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Mr. Talbot Macbeth, Mr. J. H. Coyne, Mr. Alfred Willson, and Lieut.-Col. E. B. Edwards.

On motion of Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Coyne, Rev. A. E. Jones was elected a corresponding member of the Society.

It was moved by the Secretary, seconded by Dr. Campbell, of London, that copies of all the Society's publications be supplied to the local societies (one to each society) from the date of affiliation with this Society. Carried.

MEETING OF ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT TORONTO.

Joint meetings of the Society and the Educational Association of Ontario were held on April 5th and 7th in the main building of the University of Toronto.

On the latter date all the papers read were by members of this Society, viz.: "The Scope of the Ontario Archives Office," by Alexander Fraser, M.A., Provincial Archivist; "Upper Canada Academy, 1836-41," by C. C. James, M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture; and "Our First Novelist—Major Richardson," by A. C. Casselman, Esq.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1903.

Since last annual gathering of the Ontario Historical Society, a meeting of the Council was held on April 15th.

On this occasion there were present, besides the President and Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Thompson; Judge Ardagh, and Messrs. Alfred Willson, I. E. Weldon, and Rev. C. E. Thomson.

Ten new members were accepted.

Rev. Dr. Withrow was authorized to represent the Ontario Historical Society at the next meeting of the Royal Society of Canada.

A committee was appointed to revise the membership list with a view to removing the names of those two or more years in arrears.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late T. W. Casey respecting his death.

Miss M. A. FitzGibbon was present to explain her project for uniting the various Women's Historical Societies.

The County of Northumberland Historical Society, the Canadian Methodist Historical Society of Toronto, and the Head of the Lake Branch of the U.E.L. Association in Hamilton, were affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society.

At this meeting also the invitation of the people of St. Thomas to hold our annual meeting in their city was accepted. Five regular meetings of the Simcoe Monument Committee and several emergency conferences were held during the year, and the committee's labors came to an end when the Allward bronze statue of Upper Canada's first Governor was unveiled in Queen's Park on Wednesday, May 27th, and handed over to the Government.

Our membership amounts to two hundred and fifty-one, of whom ladies number thirty. There are resident in Toronto eighty-four; elsewhere in the Province one hundred and sixty-seven. Those who have paid for 1902-3 number one hundred and forty-eight, and those paid for 1903-4 number twelve.

Our exchange list is quite an extensive one, and our library, which is mainly formed from exchanges, grows steadily. It now contains many valuable books, as well as society publications in paper. If the latter were in bound form they would number into the hundreds of volumes.

More case room is necessary.

DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE FLAG COMMITTEE.

As noticed in the last annual report, we had the promise of the Minister of Education that some suggested inquiries be made in the Journal of Education relating to flags, such as: What schools possessed these flags? When hoisted? What preference was given to the present denotative emblem? Noting that these questions had not been asked, we, on enquiry, found that the matter had been entirely overlooked, owing to the illness and absence from duty of the Deputy Minister. A strong assurance was, however, given that this matter would be attended to before another report was issued. The tendency to the further disfigurement of our Canadian flag by the addition of the "arms" of additional provinces to the original and only authorized device on the ensign, is greatly to be deplored. We would also call attention to British vessels entering foreign or Canadian ports, that they obey the law as to displaying the flag when entering therein.

CLEMENTINA FESSENDEN.

TREASURER'S REPORT, JUNE 1st, 1902, TO MAY 31st, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, June 1st, 1902.....	\$613 37
Government grant for 1903	600 00
Membership fees and sale of books.....	69 50
Laura Secord Tablet Fund	1 15
	\$1284 02

EXPENDITURES.

Secretary's Salary.....	\$100 00
Annual Report, two years, (1901 and 1902)	131 00
Balance of Galinée volume (making its total cost \$447.24)	235 94
Other printing and stationery.....	42 33
Postage and express.....	62 75
Extra copies of <i>Queen's Quarterly</i> containing historical papers..	30 00
Press-clipping Bureau.....	7 50
Disbursements of officers.....	32 15
Book case for Society's Library and Records.....	45 00
Extra office assistance.....	19 50
Expenses of April, 1903, meeting in Normal School.....	13 65
Balance on hand.....	564 20
	\$1284 02

FRANK YEIGH, *Treasurer, O. H. S.*

Audited and found correct.

J. J. MURPHY,
W. A. McLEAN.

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HISTORICAL MUSEUM FUND.

Balance on hand, June 1st, 1902	\$300 15
Interest	9 06
	\$309 21

STATEMENT OF SIMCOE MONUMENT FUND OF THE O. H. S.

RECEIPTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Ontario Government paid	\$3000 00
Additional vote, Session of 1903.....	500 00
City of Toronto	1000 00
Fourteen subscriptions of \$100.00 each, per Mr. B. E. Walker..	1400 00
Ontario Historical Society	50 00
Frontenac County Public Schols.....	11 14
Two Galt Public Schools.....	4 57
Mr. J. E. Klotz, Mayor of Preston (1902).....	6 00
Interest.....	48 72
	\$6,020 43

EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS.

Walter S. Allward, sculptor, contract for statue.....	\$4,000 00
The McIntosh Marble and Granite Company contract for pedestal	1,400 00
Walter S. Allward, designing pedestal and superintending erection of same, with incidental expenses such as insurance, freight, etc.....	508 83
Express and freight for models submitted.....	93 10
Postage and printing.....	8 50
Legal agreement with sculptor.....	10 00
	\$6,120 43

On May 27th, 1903, the Simcoe Monument was unveiled in Queen's Park in the presence of His Excellency the Earl of Minto, His Honor Wm. Mortimer Clark, The Mayor of the City of Toronto, and fully one thousand others.

The final meeting of the Simcoe Monument Committee was held in the room of Mr. B. E. Walker, at the head office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at 4.45 p.m. Present: the Chairman, Rev. C. E. Thomson, Rev. W. W. Colpitts, Mr. Wm. Rennie, Mr. B. E. Walker and the Secretary. Mr. W. S. Allward, the sculptor, was also present. In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary read the statement of receipts and expenditure as above.

MEETING OF COUNCIL

April 7th, 1904.

The Council met in the Secretary's Office, Education Department, at 11 a.m. to-day. Present—C. C. James, M.A., Lady Edgar, Miss Carnochan, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Messrs. J. H. Coyne, G. R. Pattullo, and Frank Yeigh, Secretary.

It was decided to hold the next Annual Meeting in Windsor, as per invitation from Mr. F. Cleary, President of the Essex and Windsor Historical Society.

Messrs. W. G. MacFarlane and the Rev. Frank Leigh, of Burford, were elected members for the year in recognition of gifts of books made by them to the Society.

Lady Edgar requested the consideration of the Society with respect to the handing over to the Women's Historical Society of the sum of \$300, now held in trust by the Ontario Historical Society as a balance from the holding of the Historical Exhibition. Lady Edgar, as President of the Women's Historical Society of Toronto was assured that the money was in the bank as a special account drawing interest, and that when something definite was known with respect to the contemplated building to be erected by the Women's Canadian Historical Society, due consideration would be given to the payment of the money in question.

In connection with a matter brought up by Miss Carnochan it was moved by Mr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pattullo, that the sum of \$50 be granted to the Niagara Historical Society towards its Memorial Hall in Niagara, upon the understanding that this covers all obligations of the Ontario Historical Society in respect to a vote said to have been made in or about the year 1897 by the Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario, but of which no record appears on the minutes. (This was previous to the reorganization of the Ontario Historical Society.)

Miss Carnochan also pointed out to the Council that she received no reply from the Ottawa authorities respecting the memorial to the Militia Department regarding the preservation of Navy Hall.

There being some doubt regarding the status of the Niagara Historical Society it was moved by Mr. Coyne, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that in the opinion of this Council, the Niagara Historical Society was in 1896 affiliated with the Historical Association of the Province of Ontario and under the statute in that behalf has been, and is, affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society; but for the avoidance of doubts, and in accordance with its application, the Niagara Historical Society be and is now affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY JUDGE C. O. ERMATINGER.

Mr. President and the Members of the Ontario Historical Society—

Your Society meets for the first time in the centre of what was long known as the Talbot Country—a country not wanting in interest to the antiquarian and the historian.

To-morrow, if the weather be propitious, you will have an opportunity of visiting and inspecting the spot where the remains of an ancient entrenchment or fortified village of the aboriginal inhabitants still exist, after the lapse of centuries, in a form, it is said, as well if not better preserved than any found elsewhere on this Dominion.

You will then, at a distance of only some three miles thence, be able to visit and personally inspect the spot where the founder of this prosperous settlement began his work of introducing what we call civilization, in this region, by felling the first tree and establishing his home at Port Talbot.

Just four years ago I had the honour of calling the attention of the members of our Institute and the public to the then approaching centennial anniversary of that event, and without further trespassing on your time by detailing what is already set forth, I believe in our formal report to your Society, I may say the inhabitants of the district have recently participated, with many brothers and sisters from abroad, in a five-day celebration, commencing on the anniversary day, 21st May, with a unanimity, a liberality, and a success extremely gratifying to all our people, and especially so to the members of our Institute who suggested it, and to which it is hoped your meeting here will form a fitting climax.

I may say that the 21st May was, from 1817 to 1838, or thereabouts, marked by a festival held here, except for the last two years, when it was held in London, under the name of the Talbot Anniversary, as a personal tribute to Colonel Talbot by the settlers, while our recent Centennial Celebration was held in honor of all the Pioneers—the Colonel included—who not only laid the foundation but built up the fabric of this prosperous and happy settlement.

And it is a somewhat interesting historical fact that he to whom the inception of the Talbot Anniversary festivals was due, was Dr. John Rolph, at the time living within a mile of St. Thomas. He was a friend and professedly ardent admirer of Colonel Talbot, and at the time the last of the festivals was held, was an exile through his advanced political course, on account of which he and the Colonel were, politically, as wide as the poles asunder. The one prominent man who, on the other hand, opposed the inauguration of the Talbot Anniversary at that time (1817)

was Colonel Burwell, who, nevertheless, continued to enjoy Colonel Talbot's friendship and political support, I believe, to the last; showing, as it seems to me, that Colonel Talbot was capable of magnanimity of feeling and judgment, uninfluenced by petty considerations.

Colonel Talbot's life-work and the anniversary festivals practically closed about the same time, for he informed Mrs. Jameson in 1838, that he had accomplished what he had set out to do. Though he lived until 1853, the intervening years were the period of his decline. He was a product of the Georgian era, and his power as the uncrowned king of these regions may be said to have expired with the last of those kings whose confidence he enjoyed and under whom he flourished.

The reign of the young Queen, who then ascended the throne, was almost co-terminous with our settlement's century. In it, material, political and educational advancement, not possible under former conditions, has been made, and nowhere is Victoria the Good held in deeper reverence than in the Talbot settlement.

I may add that it was the hope of our Institute to have unveiled, on the 21st of May last, on the Court House Square in this city, a fitting memorial of Her Gracious Majesty, which would, by appropriate embellishments and inscriptions, have also suitably commemorated the settlement and its pioneers and history. Owing to circumstances beyond the Institute's control, which I need not detail, this was impossible of accomplishment, though I hope that some suitable memorial of Her Majesty may yet adorn this city. Meantime a local historical memorial, intended to be as permanent, if in ruder form, has been erected at Pinafore Park, in the shape of a cairn of stones, each representing and having engraved upon it the name of one of the original twenty-nine townships comprised within the Talbot settlement—within which, when put in permanent condition, will be deposited documents relating to the present Centenary.

At the risk of being considered heterodox, I venture the opinion that the historian should not stop short at the collection of dry facts, the preservation of musty documents, and the planting of memorials of the past. It seems to me that he misses the higher part of his vocation if he fail to place the facts in their true setting of surrounding details and conditions, at least so as to insure that the lamp of knowledge he lights may enable those who may go forward into the future, to pursue a right path and avoid the obstructions and pitfalls of the past.

Judging Colonel Talbot, for instance, by present day standards, it is easy to depict him as a monster of cruelty, oppression, rapacity and intemperance—as indeed it seems rather the fashion now to paint him

Placed in the light and shade, and amid the environments of the days in which he lived, probably he would present a different figure and moral aspect to his critics.

Slavery was made illegal by the first Parliament of the province, which he attended in the suite of the first Governor, yet was not immediately completely abolished. Duelling continued to be regarded as a necessary mode of settling certain classes of disputes for many years after, while gambling and intemperance were almost necessary social accomplishments. Land grabbing was general, and whole townships were granted to individuals who made no sacrifice either of money or effort to promote settlement to the extent that Colonel Talbot did. Indeed, colonization schemes for the enrichment of speculators rather than the benefit of the colonists, have not been unknown even in our own day. Responsible government was imperfectly understood in the mother land, and much less in the colonies.

I mention these things, not as an apologist for Colonel Talbot, or defender of his methods or habits, but simply to show the necessity for surrounding historical characters with the atmosphere and environments in which they lived.

We may boast of our material advancement, of our progress in education, art and science, but are we more loyal, true, moral and God-fearing than were the early pioneers, with their fine large families of, for the most part, dutiful sons and daughters? Are we better men and women than they—individually, socially and politically purer and less corrupt?

It may be the historian has no business to suggest, much less to attempt to answer, such questions; yet, if he does his duty in presenting the Past to the gaze of the Future, the questions will suggest themselves; and upon the answer we are able to truthfully give to them depends the verdict whether we have made use of our superior advantages and opportunities to fulfil what it was intended we should be and do, when we were placed in this favored region of the world. And, if we find we have failed as yet, then let us make resolve to put the new century to better use.

Lest I should be accused of preaching when I should speak words of compliment, let me close by complimenting you upon the good work being done by the Ontario Society, and the valuable collection and publications being made, in which your efficient Secretary is especially interested, I believe. The recent published work of our and your past President, Mr. Coyne, we are glad to know, forms a valuable addition to the literature of the Society.

I hope, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, the present meeting may prove a pleasant as well as profitable one to us all.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY MRS. A. A. WILSON, PRESIDENT
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen—

The Women's Auxiliary of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute desires me to welcome the guests on their behalf. I must first impress upon you the fact that we are *very young*. There may be nothing in our name or our appearance to indicate such extreme youth, but we are really only about twenty-seven months old, so that little more should be expected of us in the way of greeting than the glad hand of welcome.

During the first year of our existence we crept from house to house, or up two flights of stairs to the museum, to meet and read and talk of the days of our forefathers. But in our second year we succeeded in getting three suitable and conveniently-located rooms, in which to hold meetings and do a little entertaining.

On entering our third year we have toddled along with our seniors through a centennial celebration, and it may be assumed that our part was successfully performed, for we handed over a small surplus, and have been graciously referred to as "the better half." Numerically speaking I think our 107 members takes us near the three-quarter mark. We do not, however, find it necessary to remind the ancient society of our strength, for our leading strings are light and (as in all well constituted domestic establishments) both parties think they have their own way, and are ready to unite in the common aim, the rousing of an interest in the history and welfare of our country. We hope to gain knowledge and encouragement from your honoring us with your presence, and I feel assured I am voicing the sentiment of every member of the Auxiliary in expressing our heartiest welcome on your advent to our historic county.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS.

BY C. C. JAMES.

It has become the established practice of the Ontario Historical Society to hold two meetings every year, one in Toronto, and the other in some other town or city. During the past two years we have held our Toronto meeting in conjunction with the Historical Section of the Ontario Educational Association: the other meeting, our annual meeting and the more important of the two, we hold in the first week of June, as determined by our Statute of Incorporation. In fixing the place of our annual meeting we are guided by three considerations: first, the desire to go where we may help to quicken interest in Canadian, but especially Ontario, historical study and research; secondly, the desire to visit such places as may add to our own historical knowledge; thirdly, in response to invitations. We are here in St. Thomas because you have most cordially invited us, because we desire to participate in the historical reminiscences and pilgrimages you are so appropriately indulging in, and we venture to hope that our coming here will assist in making your centennial year productive of real lasting value from the standpoint of sound historical study.

As a Society we congratulate the people of the County of Elgin on their enterprise and the thorough manner in which they have honored the memory of their forefathers who, amid privations and difficulties, began the settlement of this prosperous community. At the same time it is only fair to state that we have come largely as a compliment to the worthy citizen of St. Thomas, Mr. James H. Coyne, who was instrumental in putting our Society on its present working basis, and who for five years was our honored President. It is a pleasure to us to know that the man who holds so high a reputation among our members and among all Canadian historical workers, is honored and respected at home—that he is a prophet with honor in his own country.

Having told you why we have come to St. Thomas, it is proper that as President of this Society I should tell you what our Society has done during the past year. Our Society is dependent for its support largely upon the Provincial Government grant of \$600 per year. Supplementing this we have our annual membership fees of \$1.00 each. You will see, therefore, that our work is not based upon a wealthy foundation, but that we are working mainly through the good-will and generous interest of our members and supporters.

We prepared and printed a report of our business procedure, which contained a full list of the local Societies that are in affiliation with us. It is our custom every year to put forth in addition to our Report at least one volume which we call "Papers and Records." The volume last year was No. IV. of the series, and it is of especial interest to you to know that the author was an ex-president, Mr. J. H. Coyne. The subject of the publication was the English translation of the Journal of Galinée, the first authentic account of exploration in south-western Ontario. It was fitting and appropriate that the Ontario Historical Society should be the publisher of this very valuable and very interesting Journal dealing with our own Province. This Journal may be said to be the beginning of the history of this part of Canada. I do not propose to give you a *résumé* of that record—every student of Canadian history should begin his or her course of historical study with a reading of this work—and I simply suggest to you that you may have the opportunity of doing so by associating yourself with this Ontario Historical Society.

Our Society aims to publish only original material, and we desire to put into permanent form, available for students, historical sketches dealing with all parts of Ontario. In our publications, so far, we have given our members papers dealing with the Bay of Quinte, the Niagara district, the Longue Pointe section, Penetanguishene, and we hope some day to see published, either through our Provincial Association or through your vigorous Elgin County Historical Society, a collection of papers and records dealing with the early days of the Talbot settlement. There has been an opinion among our people that the history of Ontario is uninteresting, unromantic, devoid of those stirring events that make the histories of European countries attractive. Far away fields look green, and foreign countries seem to be more interesting than our own. Had we a Sir Walter Scott I venture to believe that he would have revelled in the stories of Thomas Talbot, Tiger Dunlop, John Galt, The Laird of McNab, Bishop Macdonell, John Johnson of the "Soo," Joseph Brant, Tecumseh, and a score of others. Have we no romance in the making of this Province? Why, the early settlements of old Upper Canada were saturated with romance, and it is the duty and the privilege of our local Societies to gather together and carefully preserve the records of the early days. What to-day seems trivial or commonplace will, in a half century, be cherished as of intrinsic value. Here and there, week by week, the veterans are dropping out of the ranks, and if we do not carefully collect these records now, they will be gone forever. Despise not the narrator or recorder of small affairs; they seem small to us because they are so close to us. Paradoxical as it may appear, these

things will grow in size and importance as we go further from them. There is nothing to be ashamed of in the early settlement of this Province.

The other important undertaking of this Society reached its happy completion when, on the 27th of May, just one week ago, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario unveiled, at our request, the statue of the first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada. The magnificent bronze figure of Col. John Graves Simcoe stands in Queen's Park, Toronto, a fitting memorial to the man, the soldier, the loyal Britisher and the father of our Provincial Government. Before referring to the work of Simcoe, permit me to narrate one little event. Empire Day followed the unveiling by only two days. The children of the schools of Toronto brought their wreaths and garlands of flowers to deck the monuments of the Queen, the soldiers who fell at Ridgeway and in the North-West. The Simcoe monument brought a new hero into their lives, and so three schools laid their floral tributes about the new statue. The Louisa Street School of Toronto is the cosmopolitan school. It is the school of "The Ward," and there were no more interested children than those who brought a magnificent wreath of roses, bought with their own money, to do honor to our first Governor. Their teacher informed us that she had told them the story of Simcoe and his work. Such gifts and their attendant ceremonies play no inconspicuous part in making good Canadian citizens of the young foreigners who have found a home in our midst.

The monument to Simcoe was erected 107 years after he had sailed away from the little group of buildings at York. The lifelike inspiring figure that stands upon the massive granite pedestal is the work of Mr. Walter H. Allward, a Canadian citizen, and the successful carrying out of the undertaking was due to a committee of the Ontario Historical Society appointed three years ago.

I have thought that it would be appropriate on an occasion of this kind to make some reference to Simcoe and his work for Upper Canada. Born in Northamptonshire in 1752, he had acquired a good education at Exeter, Eton and Merton College, Oxford, and immediately entered the army. Our acquaintance with him begins in the Revolutionary War, when he was Colonel of a noted company known as The Queen's Rangers. He had come out from England as a junior officer in the 35th Regiment, and after a most interesting and honorable career, having risen step by step till he was Colonel of a regiment, he returned to England with many of his disbanded followers. In 1790 we find him a member of the British House of Commons, just before The Constitutional Act of 1791 came up for discussion and enactment. At the close of the

war Sir John Johnston's Regiment had settled in Upper Canada, the first Battalion on the St. Lawrence, and the second on the Bay of Quinte. Jessup's Loyal Rangers had settled beside them. Major Rogers' King's Rangers had been allotted land on the Bay of Quinte. Butler's Rangers and some of the Queen's Rangers had settled around Niagara and on the north shore of Lake Erie. With the officers of these bodies Simcoe had undoubtedly come in contact during the war, and his name was an appropriate one to suggest for that of the new Lieutenant-Governor. He knew America, he had passed through the same hardships as the majority of the settlers, he was in good standing with the leading officers now in Upper Canada, he took an active part in the framing of the Constitutional Act, and so, when, on the 26th of December, 1791, Upper Canada, by proclamation, became a separate Province, he seemed to be the man for the place.* Gathering about him a few of his old comrades, and calling on a few chosen men to assist him in his work, he reached Quebec in the fall of 1791. There he was compelled to wait for some months till the other members of his Executive Council should arrive. His first Proclamation was issued from Quebec in February, 1792. It referred to the method of settling the new lands of Upper Canada, and it is of peculiar interest to the people of Elgin County from the fact that it bore the signature of Thomas Talbot as Secretary.

By the middle of summer he saw the prospect of beginning his work, and with the nucleus of the first Government of Upper Canada he came up the St. Lawrence. The Scottish settlements of Glengarry and the Germans of Dundas gave him welcome as he passed by, here and there he stopped to renew friendships with such men as Captain Fraser and Major Jessup. At last old Fort Frontenac was reached, and in the old wooden church near the market place the Royal Commission was read on the 8th of July, 1792. William Osgoode, James Baby, Alexander Grant, and Peter Russell were sworn in as Executive Councillors. For eight days this little group looked over the maps of the province, studied the records of settlement and examined the military rolls, and on the 16th of July the Proclamation was ready, dividing the Province into nineteen counties and arranging the same into districts for the election of sixteen members of the first Legislative Assembly. It may be interesting just here to make a brief statement of the somewhat complex Government provided in 1792.

*Another tie connected him with Canada. His father, Capt. Simcoe, Commander of His Majesty's ship *Pembroke*, had lost his life at Quebec when Wolfe dealt the fatal blow at French domination in 1759.

First, there was the Governor-General of Canada, *i.e.*, of the two Canadas, Upper and Lower—Lord Dorchester, residing at Quebec.

Secondly, there was the Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, appointed by the Crown—Col. John Graves Simcoe.

Thirdly, there were the Executive Councillors, also appointed at first by the Crown. These were the Cabinet Ministers, who under the Lieutenant-Governor supervised the different departments, such as the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General, the Provincial Secretary, the Inspector-General, etc. These officials formed the general Court of Appeal of the Province.

Fourthly, there was the Legislative Council, composed of a small body of men chosen by the Governor and corresponding to our Senate, the little House of Lords, who held office for life by the will of the Crown's representative.

Fifthly, the Legislative Assembly, composed at first of sixteen persons chosen by the people

You will see by this statement that Representative Government began in this Province in a very limited form. Compare that, or rather, contrast that, with the present state of affairs, and you will see how the little power has become a great power, how gradually, through a hundred and eleven years, the prerogative of the Sovereign Ruler has passed over into the privilege of the Sovereign People.

In August the elections took place, and the little band of pioneer legislators met at the call of Simcoe in the little town of Newark, opposite old Fort Niagara, that still remained in British keeping.

It is worth noting here that Upper Canada started with equal rights. Among the Councillors was the Hon. James Baby, and among the Legislators was Francis Baby, two brothers, members of the old French-Canadian Roman Catholic family, then probably the most influential family at Detroit and Sandwich. From far East Glengarry came two brothers, John Macdonell and Hugh Macdonell, two Scottish Roman Catholics, who both achieved military fame. The former was selected as the first Speaker of the first Legislature of Upper Canada, and the latter became the first Adjutant-General of Militia for Upper Canada.

You will ask, where was Elgin County in those early days? I am compelled to say there was no such county. Beginning at the west, there were the counties Kent, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Lincoln. Suffolk has since disappeared, and Middlesex, Elgin, Brant, Perth, Haldimand, Welland and Wentworth have been formed as settlements increased. In the first division, what is now Elgin County formed part

of Suffolk and part of Norfolk ; but I venture to remark that not a person then lived within what is now Elgin County who had the privilege of participating in the selection of a representative. This was 111 years ago, and you have just celebrated the centennial of the beginning of your settlement. It may be some consolation, however, to know that though you had no part in this beginning of things, your old friend Col. Talbot was thinking out schemes for your future discovery.

What do we owe to Simcoe ? We have taken a hundred years to realize that he deserves a statue. That statue does not signify that we venerate him as a saint or as a legislative hero—it simply means that, with whatever human faults he may have had, we believe he did this country enough lasting good to make his name worthy of lasting remembrance. He had his faults, of course—he made mistakes because he was human—but he was shrewd enough to call to his counsels the best men of the time, and if he granted some of them patrimony enough to cause a stirring of the people in later days, we must not attribute all the ills resulting to his generosity. The people proved themselves later well able to right what they considered were abnormal privileges, and out of that struggle came the full share of representative government that we have to-day.

Simcoe made mistakes, as we now see them, in trying to start a moderate aristocracy in this province, and he was, perhaps, too autocratic in trying to fix the union of Church and State, but it is questionable whether any other Governor whom the King might have sent to this country at the time would not have followed the same line of action. He had big ideas along educational lines far in advance of his colleagues and the immediate needs of the country. He had great faith in the country's future, and laid his plans with the eye of a soldier. Kingston in the east, Chatham at the west, York in the centre, and Penetanguishene in the north, were to be naval and military headquarters. A new city, to become the capital of the country, was to spring up at the forks of the Thames, and it was to be called Georgina. Then he perfected the roads, Dundas Street running through the entire length from east to west, and Yonge Street to be the highway to the north. He more than projected them—he set his soldiers, the new Queen's Rangers, to cut out portions of these highways.

And what of the laws that were enacted ? Time and space forbid a full discussion of this question, and we are met with this difficulty: we have such scanty records that it is impossible to state what part the Governor, the Councillors and the Legislators played in these enact-

ments—but those were the days when our judicial system was inaugurated, when municipal government was first recognized, when trial by jury was granted, and the citizens were made to realize that they had the rights of British citizenship. Perhaps it is fitting to state that through all his Canadian career Simcoe carried himself as a true Briton; all his acts and all his plans had in view the strengthening of British rule in this country, and had he had his way he would have made a bold and defiant stand for the reasserting of British supremacy beyond the lakes and down the Mississippi Valley.

In 1796 he prepared to move the Legislative headquarters to York, and then he sailed away to take up his new command at San Domingo. He returned to England and was appointed to the command in India, but before leaving he was ordered to Portugal. In 1806 sickness overtook him, and he returned to England, where he died on the 26th of October, and was buried in Exeter Cathedral. One word more about the man—he had been fortunate in his choice of wife. Mrs. Simcoe proved herself a fitting companion to him when in Upper Canada, and among the choice reminders of those early days are many interesting sketches of the early settlements and her journals, of which only fragments have so far been given to the public.

We do well to honor the men who have served this country; but we must not forget the humble pioneers. The common people are the salvation of any country—the common people of this country are worthy of remembrance, and it is the duty of the local Historical Societies of this Province to preserve with infinite care every detail of record that is available, for this will be the material out of which the true history of Ontario must some day be written.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1904-05.

The Secretary has nothing of a startling kind to report at this meeting. Our growth if not rapid has been healthy. It may safely be said that very few, perhaps none, join the Ontario Historical Society for other than the love of the subjects that come within the Society's scope. Our present membership roll shows two hundred and forty-seven, not including eighteen ex-officio, seven honorary, and seven corresponding members, or two hundred and seventy-nine in all. The elected members include twenty-four ladies. Eleven new members were added during the year, and I understand that payments of membership fees have been better than during any other previous period of the Society's existence. This, of itself, may be regarded as a proof of a feeling on the part of those connected with the Society that membership is desirable. I am sorry to say that reports from the local Societies are not all of as healthy a character as we could wish. Two or three of these organisations are dormant, to put it mildly, and two or three are quite dead. The Secretary of one accounts for its do-nothing condition with the astounding statement that a Local History having been issued under the auspices of the Society there is really nothing further to be done in the county, and the reasons assigned by some other Secretaries for the backward conditions of their Societies are equally frivolous, if not ridiculous, but with infinitely more foundation in fact. Should it be found impossible to make personal visits for the purpose of reviving these organisations, I think that at least a committee should be appointed to examine the reports of the local Secretaries, and try to devise some means of arousing energy. It is also in accordance with our constitution that the central organisation should claim as custodian, the property of such societies as are confessedly out of existence, and I should regard the fact that no meeting had been held for twelve months as a proof to this effect. I have, therefore, written to the Secretaries of the defunct Societies asking that the property of the former organisations they represent be placed in our keeping, but have either received no reply, or an unsatisfactory one. There is really no machinery by means of which the parent Society can make its claim as custodian good in such cases.

As will be seen from the report for the past year, the accessions to our library have been very considerable, the titles requiring several pages merely to name them. Some of the surplus funds, if any, in the hands of the Society might well be employed in binding the more valuable of our exchanges.

I have very much gratification in being able to hand over the books and papers of the Society to my successor, as those of a growing concern, and I trust that in the near future the Ontario Historical Society will prove even more successful than it has proved to be since its organization.

DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary.*

WINDSOR, June 5th, 1904.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S STATEMENT O.H.S., 1903-04.

RECEIPTS.

June 1, 1903—Balance on hand.....	\$ 564 20
Government grant.....	600 00
Membership fees.....	181 50
Sale of books.....	15 00
Interest.....	8 53
	\$1,369 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Secretary's salary.....	\$ 100 00
Office help.....	37 50
Printing and stationery.....	39 55
Postage and express.....	68 00
Niagara Historical Society for Niagara Memorial Hall.....	50 00
Paid on account of Vol. 5 "Paper and Records".....	400 00
Expenses of Secretary and Treasurer.....	21 05
Copying records, etc.....	16 20
Printing of Report, 1902-03.....	136 50
Cash on hand.....	500 43
	\$1,369 23

FRANK YEIGH, *Treasurer.*

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1903-04.

June 1, 1903. Amount on deposit in savings bank.....	\$309 21
Interest, 1903-04.....	9 31
	\$318 52

FRANK YEIGH, *Treasurer.*

NOTE RE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Increased receipt from fees due to Treasurer's letters.
 There will be fees due after this meeting amounting to \$150 to \$200.
 When ALL accounts are paid there will be over \$400 on hand. With
 the \$200 fees there will be, say, \$600 to complete the year. We can pub-
 lish Vol. VI. during this year.

C. C. JAMES.

REPORT OF THE FLAG COMMITTEE, O.H.S., MAY 27th, 1904.

Your Committee reports an uneventful year, a variety of circumstances tending to lessen opportunities for executive action.

Letters were written to the Mayors of our chief towns, reminding them of their obligation to see the Flag duly honored on the arrival of foreign troops in the parades of foreign travelling organizations addressed to the Manager of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Ontario calling attention to the unauthorized flags flying from Government buildings at the late Exhibition, also to the prominence given foreign flags, notably in the Woman's exhibit. To this letter a courteous reply was received and due attention promised. Considerable interest and press correspondence have been evolved out of the questioning of the official authorization of our Canadian ensign. The Wentworth Historical Society at its regular meeting passed a resolution expressive of its satisfaction at the course events had taken and which had established the correctness of its position and display.

It would be well to mention that some arrangement should be adopted whereby the details of the ensign in representing the whole of Canada should be made most clearly distinguishable. The story of the flag being the story of the nation is it too much to hope that its history may be found in every school and receive as much attention from its readers as is given to the recital of Alfred's culinary failures or the schemes of Perkin Warbeck? Already the signs point out that no student would perpetuate the mistakes made in a fresco in the House of Lords where the present Union flag is introduced in a representation of the landing of Charles II., or that other equally mistaken work of art by Lentz (now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York), where a flag bearing the stars and stripes is prominently shown in a picture of Washington crossing the Delaware, December 25, 1776, and consequently at a time when no such flag was in existence.

All of which is respectfully submitted. In moving the adoption of this report I would respectfully ask for the reappointment of this Committee.

CLEMENTINE FESSENDEN, *Convenor.*

MONUMENTS AND TABLETS COMMITTEE.

I regret that I am unable to report the completion of the work in connection with the Secord headstones. Owing to a misunderstanding with the church authorities at Chippawa the work has been delayed, but I think that I will shortly be able to report to the Society that the stone and a small brass tablet have been placed in the church at Chippawa as we originally intended.

ELIZABETH J. THOMPSON, *Convenor of Committee.*
TORONTO, May 29th, 1904.

COUNCIL MEETING.

September 3rd, 1904.

The Council met in the office of the Secretary to-day at 10.30 a.m., the President, Mr. G. R. Pattullo in the chair. The attendance was very small. Letters expressing inability to be present were read from Miss Carnochan, Chancellor Burwash, and Mr. C. C. James.

Little business was done with the exception of appointing the Monument, Museum, Library, Flag, Finance and Editorial Committees.

Mrs. Thompson, Mr. James, and the Secretary were appointed to correspond with the Rev. Mr. Morrison respecting his proposal to have household pottery made bearing Canadian historical pictures.

Arrangements for the Easter meeting were placed in the hands of the President, Secretary and Mr. James.

The President reported that his correspondence with the Ottawa authorities respecting the Amherstburg Park grounds had been quite satisfactory, and the plans in Amherstburg are now being considered.

The Secretary was instructed to procure additional accommodation for books, and to have a thousand copies of the Constitution and By-laws printed.

It was resolved to increase the remuneration of the Secretary by \$100.

GEO. R. PATTULLO, *President*.
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Number of members, 70; increase during year, 16; balance from last year, \$20.07; income, \$172.27; expenditure, \$193.34; number of business and committee meetings, 12; lectures, one; historical excursions, one; additions to library, 41; additions to museum, 154; publications, 2.

JANET CARNOCHAN, *President.*
ALFRED BALL, *Secretary.*

May 11th, 1904.

In presenting our report we are happy to be able to chronicle considerable work done since last year. Our membership has increased, as we have now seventy members, but as more than half of them are non-resident the chief work of the Society is still done by a few. Regular monthly meetings were held in the winter months, and the following papers read: "An Historic House," "Extracts from Early Works of Travel, relating to Niagara," by the President; "The Influence of the United Empire Loyalists on the Growth of the Country," by Rev. A. Sherk. One pamphlet was published, "Reminiscences of Niagara," number eleven. The historical collection is steadily increasing and many visitors in summer have recorded their names, and our exchange list is growing. During the year we have distributed over four hundred of our publications.

Last year at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society a resolution was passed appointing a committee to write to the Dominion Government asking that the historic spots here, be put into better condition. A letter was sent signed by the five members of the Committee, C. C. James, Pres. Ont. His. So.; David Boyle, secretary; Col. Cruikshank,

Jas. Wilson, Supt. of Victoria Park, and the President of Niagara His. So., but so far no steps have been taken. The condition of the old building, the only remnant of Navy Hall, was so bad that we spent a few dollars in trying to save it from utter destruction.

But the principal work has been done in the direction of providing a more suitable building for our collection. A public meeting was held on the 17th Sept., our anniversary, to which a number of prominent historians, and those interested in historical research were invited. The visitors were driven to points of interest, but as the day was rainy the usual placing of flowers on the graves was deferred till next day. The speakers were entertained at lunch, and in the afternoon addresses were given by C. C. James, the President of the Ont. His. So.; D. Boyle, the Secretary; Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C.; Rev. A. Sherk, A. W. Wright, the Mayor, and Mrs. Thompson. It had been intended to petition the municipalities and Provincial Government first for aid, but we were strongly advised to see what sum we could raise ourselves before doing so. This advice was followed, and a committee was appointed, a circular printed, five hundred of them have been sent out, hundreds of letters have been written to old Niagarians and others likely to help, and as a result over \$1,000 has been subscribed. An appeal was then made to the Provincial Government and a special grant of \$500 was given. We have not yet decided whether to use this sum in fitting up a room in the Court House or, as we have been so successful already, to go on and collect till we have a sum sufficient for a separate building. We feel very much encouraged with the result of our canvass. Many have nobly responded to our appeal, and we hope that many more may yet do so and that our valuable collection may soon be placed in a building worthy of such a collection, and having thus climbed part of the hill Difficulty we trust ere long to gain its summit. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JANET CARNOCHAN, *President.*
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Number of members, 81; income, balance forwarded, \$111.51, received \$136.00, total, \$247.51; expenditure, \$68.35; number of business and committee meetings, 5; historical excursions, 1; additions to library, 22 vols.; publications, book in preparation.

JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, *Secretary*.
CHAS. LEMON, *President*.

HAMILTON, May 28, 1904.

We have a volume of our transactions in the hands of the printer and we believe its contents will be found of much value to historians. There will be militia lists of the early part of last century, with biographical sketches and authentic portraits of many of the officers, beside much other valuable information.

Yours truly,
JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, *Sec.-Treas.*

HURON INSTITUTE, COLLINGWOOD.

- President*..... D. W. Bruce.
- Secretary*..... David Williams.
- Curator*..... E. Freer.

THE ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION,
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

<i>President</i>	Sydney Silcox, Ph. D.
<i>Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Senator) Wilson.
<i>Sec.-Treasurer</i>	W. H. Murch.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Miss Christine Coyne.
<i>Curator</i>	Mrs. H. St. Thos. Smith.
<i>Editor</i>	Judge Ermatinger.

Number of members, 180; income, \$314.48; expenditure, \$287.05; number of business and committee meetings, 10; historical excursions, 1.

The year just closed was an eventful one in the annals of our Society, for in it we celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the Talbot Settlement.

At the invitation of our Society the City Council and citizens cheerfully co-operated and made it the grandest holiday event in the history of the county and settlement—the weather, the decorations, and the entertainments were all that could be desired.

The first tree felled by Col. Talbot to inaugurate the settlement was on May 21st, 1803. The Centennial Day was celebrated and honored by a splendid banquet under the auspices of the Elgin Historical Society, at which sat down the representative Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers—it was a brilliant function.

The three following days were given up to parades, sports, illuminations and displays, worthy of the time and of those taking part.

A permanent memorial was erected in the public park in the form of a "Cairn of Stones," each stone representing a township with its name cut on. Enclosed in the centre of the cairn are copies of daily papers, coins of the Empire and such records as will be matters of history in the next hundred years.

The celebration culminated in a grand military demonstration by the Grenadier Guards of Toronto and the battalions from Windsor and Chatham, together with local corps and Collegiate Institute Cadets.

Following this was the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, which you know all about. After such intense excitement there came the usual re-action, and no meetings were held for some time, save and except those necessary to wind up the business of the Centennial.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, however, kept up their meetings and prepared a number of valuable papers, which will be embodied in their own report.

W. H. MURCH, *Secretary.*

ST. THOMAS, May 9th, 1904.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE, ST. THOMAS, ONT.

- President*..... Mrs. A. A. Wilson.
- Vice-Presidents*..... Mrs. Coyne, Mrs. Jackson
Mrs. Gustin.
- Recording Secretary*..... Mrs. K. W. Anderson.
- Assistant Secretary*..... Mrs. Stevenson.
- Corresponding Secretary*..... Mrs. R. H. McConnell.
- Treasurer*..... Mrs. E. H. Caughell.
- Assistant Treasurer*..... Miss McLachlin.
- Curator*..... Mrs. T. Smith.
- Assistant Curator*..... Mrs. F. H. Griffin.

Executive Committee.

Mesdames Silcox, O'Shea, Robertson, Reynolds, Rich, Gilbert, Hutchinson, McLachlin, Doherty, Moore, Cameron, Miss Fitzgibbon, with the Officers of the Society.

Number of members, 108; increased during year, 2; discontinued, 14; joined, 16; income, \$67.43, balance from last year, \$25.39, total, \$92.82; expenditure, \$38.95, on hand, \$53.87; number of business and committee meetings, 6 regular, 3 committee; historical excursions, 1; additions to museum, given to Senior Society; publications, local papers have published papers read at meetings.

AMELIA A. WILSON, *President.*
KATE W. ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

May 13, 1904.

Our Society continues in a flourishing condition. There has been quite a change in the membership, which shows an increase of two, for although 14 have dropped out 16 have joined. Death has claimed two of our members, a life member, Mrs. Oaks, and Miss Murch, one of our most active members. Five have left the city, and several have suffered from domestic afflictions which have caused their temporary withdrawal from our Society.

We have had an increased attendance at our meetings, and the papers read have had added interest.

We had addresses from two of the Senior Society, and hope next year to be able to secure more.

The \$53.87 at our credit in the Loan Co. shows our satisfactory financial condition. We have held six regular meetings besides committee meetings, with one still due this month.

One only social meeting was a whist party, held in December,

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attended by the members and their husbands. It was in every way a decided success.

The Annual Meeting is held in June.

The literary programme for the year comprised poetic readings by Mrs. O'Shea, Mrs. Griffin and Miss Mickleborough, and papers as follows:

October—

“History of Talbotville,” Mrs. St. Thos. Smith.

“The Loyalists of Long Point,” Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

Address by Mr. Coyne, including letters to and from Col. Talbot.

November—

“History of the Valley at the Foot of Farley's Hill,” Mrs. Dawson Kerr.

January—

Address by Dr. Warner, “Customs and Events in the Early Days in the Niagara District.”

February—

“Life of Lady La Tour,” Miss Gilbert.

“The Canada Company,” Miss Maggie Christie.

“Pioneer Life in Elgin,” Miss McCausland.

March—

“Early Days in St. Thomas, in Rhyme,” written by an old lady, read by Miss Wilson.

Reading from Dr. Ryerson's “Loyalists,” Mrs. Spohn.

Paper, “Life at Vancouver,” Mrs. J. P. Finlay.

April—

Paper, “Chief Brant,” Mrs. McConnell.

“Jacques Cartier,” Mrs. Silcox.

“Central Methodist Church,” Mrs. Warner.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

<i>Patroness</i>	Countess of Minto.
<i>Hon. President</i>	Lady Laurier.
<i>President</i>	Mrs. S. E. Dawson.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Mrs. Gwynne.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Lady Ritchie.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mme. Pigeon.
<i>4th Vice-Presidents</i>	Mrs. R. Ells. Lady Bourinot. Lady Davies. Lady Strong. Mme. Sulte. Mrs. Friel. Mme. Girouard. Mrs. Geo. E. King. Mrs. Chas. Goodeve.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mme. Pigeon.
<i>Librarian</i>	Miss Northwood.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. Sedgewick, Mrs. B. Powell, Mrs. A. Burritt, Mrs. Martin Griffin, Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall, Jr., Mrs. Costigan, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, Mme. Le Lievre, Mme. La Motte, Mrs. H. Allan Bate.

Number of members, 144; increase during year, 10; decrease during year, 2; income, \$115.19; expenditure, \$97.58; number of business and committee meetings, 18; lectures, 3; additions to library, numerous volumes of transactions and books.

MRS. THOS. AHEARN, *President.*

MRS. MCDUGALL, *Cor. Secretary.*

May 31st, 1905.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Recording Secretary begs to submit the following report of the work of Ottawa Historical Society for the year 1903-1904.

During the past year there have been eight Executive and six General Meetings.

At the opening meeting in October last, as the writer of the historical paper for that month was prevented from preparing her paper Mrs. Ahearn, our Treasurer, very kindly consented to give the Society her impression of Egypt gathered during a recent visit to that land.

In November last, as the memories of the Coronation were still fresh in our minds, our President wished the Society to have the pleasure of hearing an account of it from one who had actually witnessed the great procession to Westminster Abbey. Mrs. J. Lyons Biggar very kindly gave a bright and graceful account of what she has seen, touching on many most interesting incidents the result of her own personal observation.

The subject for December last was "Aylmer." A paper read by Miss Read showing much careful preparation and full of historical interest.

At the January meeting a very clever and scholarly paper was read by Miss Whiteaves on "The Women Workers of Ottawa," acquainting us with many interesting facts.

It was with intense interest that we listened in February last to Madame Pigeon's careful study of the "Indians of the Ottawa Valley," a paper full of poetic description of the Ottawa River scenery, aboriginal Indian customs, characteristics, legends, and history, the fruit of many months of careful study and preparation.

In March Mrs. D. H. McLean prepared and read the first of a series of articles on Canadian men of note. The subject of her sketch was "The Life of Sir James Macpherson Le Moine, D.C.L.," a paper which gave us a very clear insight into the life, character and work of this truly remarkable figure in Canadian life and history.

At the February and March meetings Miss McDougall read two most interesting newspaper clippings, sketches of Champlain and his girl wife.

Ere long the Society intends to have these papers printed so that the members as well as those interested in the Society and its aims may have the pleasure of reading them.

A most enjoyable Drawing Room meeting was held in January last at the residence of Mrs. Ahearn. To the delight of all present Dr. Drummond read a few selections from his book of poems "The Habitant," affording great pleasure to all who had the good fortune to be present.

Our President, Mrs. Dawson, has during the past year kept the diary of "Current Events," which will prove a record of the greatest interest but a few years hence. In January last Mrs. Kirby undertook this work for the present year.

One of the Society's treasures are the copies of the South African letters of Mr. Edward Holland, V.C., which he kindly presented to this Branch of the Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted.

ALICE BURBIDGE, *Recording Secretary.*

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The Corresponding Secretary begs to submit the following report.

During the past year 45 notes and letters have been written, a list of which is hereto affixed.

A most interesting pamphlet containing Mrs. Morden's paper on "The U.E. Loyalist Women," read before the General Brock Lodge (Daughters of the Empire), at Brockville, was received with pleasure by our Ottawa Branch.

The Librarian of the National Museum Stockholm, Sweden, wrote in November last that the Royal Academy of Belle Letters, History and Antiquaries of Stockholm, a Society formed in 1763 and already connected with 12 Societies in Canada and 673 in other parts of the world, wished to enlarge its connection with other Societies and proposed to exchange publications with the Ottawa Branch of the W. C. Historical Society.

"The Antiquarian Journal" was afterwards sent from Stockholm neatly and attractively bound, but the extent of the research it contained had to be taken for granted, as it was printed in the Swedish language and has not yet been translated.

"The Antiquarian Journal" was afterwards sent from Stockholm early in the present year.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANCES L. HOWARD, *Cor. Secretary.*

SCRAP BOOK COMMITTEE.

The work on the Scrap Books has been progressing slowly during the year. The three books of the Committee are the "Local Events," in Miss Masson's charge; "The Canadian Events," in Miss Eva Read's care, and the one devoted to "Ottawa," that is the growth and improvement of the city itself, is kept by Miss Horsey. The members of the Society all had an opportunity of seeing these books for themselves at the Drawing Room meeting held at Mrs. Ahearn's house in January last.

Clippings are all dated, the name of the paper from which they are taken inserted above, and they are kept safely in large envelopes until pasted in the books. Naturally this work is slow but steady, and the Committee hope that others will benefit by what will be "history" in the future.

AMEY HORSEY, *Convenor.*

THE LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LONDON, ONTARIO.

<i>Hon. President</i>	Sir John Carling
<i>President</i>	Dr. Cl. T. Campbell.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Mr. James Egan.
	Dr. W. M. English
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	Mrs. H. F. English
<i>Secretary</i>	Mrs. M. J. Gehan.
<i>Asst. Rec. Secretary</i>	Miss Florence Mitchell.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr. Henry Macklin.
<i>Curator</i>	S. Woolverton, D.D.S.
<i>Directors</i>	Rev. J. G. Stuart, B.A.
	Col. John Macbeth.
	Miss Priddis.
	John Cameron, P.M.
	C. B. Edwards, M.A.
	John Dearness, M.A.

Number of members, 53; increase during year, 21; income \$142,00, which includes Government grant of \$100; expenditure, \$36,75; number of business and committee meetings, 10; historical excursions, 2.

JOHN DEARNESS, *President*.
FRANK LAWSON, *Cor. Secretary*.

Nov. 18, 1904.

ANNUAL MEETING, LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Secretary's Report.

Since the last annual meeting of the London and Middlesex Historical Society held on March 11, 1903, seven regular monthly meetings have been held, in April, May, October, November, December, January and February. On every occasion except one the President has been in the chair.

We have not had so many papers by the pioneers of the county as we had last year, for obvious reasons, but it is a matter of congratulation that those reminiscences are now carefully preserved in convenient form by our curator. The programmes have been quite diversified and most interesting, showing careful research into history by those living now, instead of the recollections of the old residents.

At the April meeting Dr. Tamblyn of the West

a most enjoyable talk on Dr. Drummond, the poet of the French-Canadian habitant, illustrating his remarks by selections from the poems. In May Mr. J. I. Poole of Comber, read a paper on the Battle of the Longwoods, fought near Delaware, in the war of 1812, which proved him a most painstaking and enthusiastic historian, and interested the audience greatly. During the same month a number of our readers attended the Annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society held in St. Thomas, visiting points of interest about the Talbot Settlement and having their interest in things historical deepened. Miss Priddis also represented our Society at the meeting of the National Council of Women in Toronto, at which a proposal was made to form a National Historical Society. The majority of our members did not think the time was ripe for it, and action was deferred.

After the interval of the summer months we had in October an excellent paper by Mr. G. R. Patullo, Registrar of Oxford, on Municipal Government and Civic Improvement. The paper contained so many excellent suggestions that the Society brought it to the notice of the Minister of Education, and obtained his promise to secure the circulation of those ideas amongst the schools of the country. In November our subject was "The Verse Writers of the County" with special reference to Mr. Robert Elliot, and it was most delightfully treated by Mr. Dearness and Mr. Frank Lawson. Dr. Woolverton also gave an interesting report of the proceedings at St. Thomas, and as a result of his suggestion, a committee was appointed to try to secure a base for the monument that the Daughters of the Empire propose erecting in Victoria Park. In December, we had our only pioneer paper, the recollections of Mr. Arthur Sydere who resided in London in the early fifties and gave a very graphic account of many of the people and incidents of that period. A letter was received from Mr. Guy Carleton Lee, of Johns Hopkins University asking for any information that might assist him in writing an exhaustive History of North America. He was referred to the President, Dr. Campbell, and Mr. Coyne of St. Thomas for information. In January Ven Archdeacon Richardson dealt with Early Anglican Missions throughout Canada, down to the formation of the Diocese of Huron, 1857. In February Mr. James, President of the Ontario Historical Society gave us an address on the "Making of Ontario," which was full of good history and patriotism.

The audiences at those various meetings have been far smaller than the merits of the subjects presented deserved, and it is a matter of regret that more interest is not taken in them, especially amongst our young people.

The meetings have frequently been enlivened by music, vocal and instrumental, always of a high order, contributed by the Misses Rowntree, Matheson, Blackburn, and others.

Several meetings of the Executive Committee have been held, the

business being chiefly the providing of materials for the programmes of the monthly meetings. In this work the President has been most indefatigable, the ladies have secured the music.

Our thanks are due to the *Free Press* and *Advertiser* for the reports of our meetings, in some cases the papers have been published almost in full.

The thanks of the Society have in every case been given to those who contributed to the interest and profit of our meetings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. GEHAN, *Secretary.*

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
TORONTO, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

- Hon. President*.....Mrs. Mortimer Clark.
- President*.....Lady Edgar.
- 1st. Vice-President*..... Mrs. Forsyth Grant.
- 2nd. Vice-President*..... Mrs. Edward Leigh.
- Treasurer*.....Miss MacCallum.
13 Bloor Street, West.
- Cor. Secretary*..... Miss FitzGibbon.
- Recording Secretary*..... Mrs. Seymour Coiley.

Number of members, 245; increase during year, 45; decrease during year, 3 by death, 16 by absence; income grant of \$50,00 only from 50c. fees not all paid; number of business and committee meetings, 9 executive, 6 regular, 21 special; historical exhibition of Paul Kane's pictures of Indian life and character; additions to library donations, 10; additions to museum exchanges, 13; publications, transactions No. IV.

LADY EDGAR, *President.*

M. Agnes FitzGibbon, *Secretary.*
86 Glen Road, Rosedale.

This Society had by the kindness of Mr. E. B. Osler, M.P., who had purchased the collection of Paul Kane's pictures from the Hon. George Allan estate, the privilege of exhibiting them in Scot's Gallery. The exhibition was opened by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, on March 5th, and remained opened until the 26th. Large numbers visited it, and a considerable sum was added to the Memorial Hall fund through receipts from entrance fee. Having obtained the loan of a copy of the now rare volume "The Wanderings of an Artist among the North A

Indians'' by Paul Kane, the Secretary was able to add much to the interest of the pictures by quoting extracts giving the history of the originals and the scenes depicted.

A very largely attended evening meeting was held in the Hall of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, on February 23rd, when a valuable paper on the life and work of the Hon. Joseph Howe was given by Mr. George Morang.

The Memorial Hall fund now amounts to \$3,313, and it is the intention of the Society to continue to augment it until a suitable hall in memoriam to the late Empress Queen Victoria and the Canadian soldiers who have fallen in the service of the Empire can be erected.

Transaction No. IV, has been published during the year.

THE THOROLD AND BEAVERDAMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
THOROLD, ONTARIO.

- President*..... J. H. Thompson.
- Hon. Vice-President*..... Mrs. Munro.
- Secretary*..... Miss Amy Ball.
- Historian*..... Mrs. Sophia Ball.
- Vice-President and Treasurer*..... W. Bald.

After the publication of our "History of Thorold, Town and Township," we had gone over the ground so thoroughly we could not find anything more to do.

We have not held any meetings for three years, because there was nothing to meet about. However we are not disbanded.

On the 2nd February, 1903, my house having taken fire from the adjoining one was burned, my own private library and the T. and B.H.S. documents destroyed. By chance the minute book was saved.

If any of our members can attend the Annual Meeting, June 1st and 2nd, 1905, I will notify you. The Vice-President and I, being teachers, shall not be able to leave so near examinations.

Number of members, 30; income, 25c. fee from each member; expenditure, 24c. postage; number of business and committee meetings, 1904, 2; additions to library, Ontario Historical Society Vol. V. book of altitudes.

J. H. THOMPSON, *President*.
AMY BALL, *Secretary*.

Nov. 7, 1904.

THE LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SARNIA, ONTARIO.

Hon. President..... Hon. Alexander Vidal.
President..... Frederic C. Watson.
Secretary-Treasurer..... Joshua Adams.

Number of members, 49; increase during year, 4; income, \$2.00; expenditure, \$1.50; number of business and committee meetings, 1 annual.

FREDERIC C. WATSON, *President*.
JOSHUA ADAMS, *Secretary*.

I am very sorry my report for our Society for 1903-4 is practically formal. For various reasons we were able to do nothing during the year by way of meetings, lectures, etc., but our way appears to be much brighter for the coming year, and arrangements are being made for practical work in the coming fall and winter, and especially as we are hoping to have the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society held here next year.

On the 27th inst. our Annual Meeting was held. It was the earliest date in May we could get. The Hon. Alexander Vidal was appointed Hon. President; Frederic C. Watson, Esq., President, and myself as Secretary-Treasurer, and I am appointed as the only delegate of our Society to the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society to be held at Windsor on 1st and 2nd June.

Yours truly,
JOSHUA ADAMS, *Sec.-Treasurer*.

THE BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.

Hon. President Lieut.-Col. Helliwell.
President..... Mrs. J. G. Terrill.
1st Vice-President..... J. F. Jeffers.
2nd Vice-President..... Mrs. L. W. Yeomans.
Treasurer..... Mrs. May.
Corresponding Secretary..... A. McGinnis.
Recording Secretary..... A. Barragar.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. W. W. Pope, Colonel Ponton, Miss A. Lister and Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

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Number of members, 32; increase during year, 2; income, \$8.50; expenditure, \$10.40; lectures, 4; historical excursions, several personal excursions; additions to library, 1; additions to museum, 1; publications, 4.

EUPHEMIA TERRILL, *President*.
F. H. YEOMANS, *Secretary*.

May 21st, 1904.

No meetings held since February, 1903.

THE PETERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
PETERBOROUGH, ONT.

Hon. President..... His Honor Judge Weller.
President..... Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers.
Vice-Presidents..... Richard Hall, J. B. McWilliams,
and Mrs. Birdsall.
Secretary..... T. A. S. Hay.
Treasurer..... Mrs. Wilson.

Executive Council.

Lieut.-Col. Edwards, D. Spence, F.R. Yokom, W. J. Francis, Rev. J. C. Davidson, E. Elcome, Dr. Harrison.

Museum Board.

Dr. Burnham, H. T. Strickland, and T. A. S. Hay.

Number of members, 62; increase during year, 4; income, our year ends in September, we are therefore unable to give "income" and "expenditure" until then; number of business and committee meetings, 3; additions to library, 55 vols.; additions to museum, numerous and varied articles; publications, none issued.

H. C. ROGERS, *President*.
T. A. S. HAY, *Secretary*.

May 4th, 1904.

During the past year there has been no marked change in our numbers or income. It has been, in fact, an uneventful year. From the fact of our having in our midst a literary society, known as the Fortnightly Club, which has a course of lectures throughout the winter, on historic as well as other subjects, to which most of our members belong, we found it advisable not to attempt anything in that line, but to confine our efforts to the collection of relics and curios for our Museum and the recording of stories from the old settlers (so fast passing away), in which lines we have been fairly successful, gradually adding to our store of material for the historian of the future, who may come to write the history of our county.

Allow me here, Sir, to congratulate the Ontario Historical Society on

its successful meetings in the past, and its selection of place for the present year, feeling that here on this frontier we are indeed on historic ground where so many stirring events in the infancy of our beloved Canada were enacted, and I anticipate that this meeting will impress on our memories the noble struggle that was waged on this peninsula by a few British soldiers, a small band of pioneers from the then sparse settlements of white people and our allies among the aborigines, in defence of the country we are now so proud of.

The county which I have the honor to represent at this meeting was not represented by settlers in those frontier fights, from the fact that there were no settlers in those parts at the time, but I am informed that bands of our dusky brothers who then occupied the region aided the British, and we know that the Mississagas were always loyal to the King, and still pride themselves on not being his subjects, but his allies, and in that connection I have with me a story given verbatim by the present hereditary Chief, who claims that these traditions of his tribe have not before been written and which, with your permission, I will now read.

H. C. ROGERS, *President*.

THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LINDSAY, ONTARIO.

<i>Hon. President</i>	His Honor Judge Dean.
<i>President</i>	W. H. Stevens, B.A.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	C. D. Barr.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	W. F. O'Boyle.
<i>Secretary</i>	Miss E. G. Flavelle, B.A.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Miss M. L. Taylor.
<i>Treasurer</i>	I. E. Weldon.

Executive Committee.

Messrs. L. Herriman, M.D., V. C. Cornwall, M.D., E. A. Hardy, B.A., H. J. Lytle, R. J. McLaughlin, D. R. Anderson and M. M. Boyd.

Number of members, 30; number of business and committee meetings, 2; lectures, 1; additions to library, 10 books, 12 pamphlets.

W. H. STEVENS, B.A., *President*.

E. G. FLAVELLE, *Secretary*.

Our Society has little to report. We are, however, having a room allowed to us in the new Public Library building, and expect to occupy it next month. We then will have a place to gather our books and papers together in, and hope to start a museum immediately, as promises of various collections have been given to us. Our library is slowly increasing, particularly in our pamphlets.

I hope next year we may have something to report.

Hoping the Convention may be a great success.

E. G. FLAVELLE, *Secretary*.

THE CANADIAN METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
TORONTO, CANADA.

President.....Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., LL.D.

Secretary.....E. A. Chown.

Number of members, 87; increase during year, 1; income, \$4.00; expenditure, 75c.; number of business and committee meetings, 2; lectures, 1; additions to library, 87; additions to museum, 5.

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This Society is able to report that at the meeting of the London Conference held in Wingham last June a branch of the Society was formed for the Conference. Rev. Jas. Hannon, D.D., Exeter, was elected President, and Rev. E. W. Edwards, B.D., Tiverton, Secretary. The first Annual Meeting will be held in London this week, and the Rev. J. R. Gundy, D.D., will deliver a lecture on "The Origin and Progress of the New Connexion Methodist Church in Canada,"

The lecture before the Annual Meeting of the parent Society was delivered in Victoria College Chapel in September, by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., and the subject was "Methodism in the 40's," or "The Story of a Breach and How it was Healed."

At that meeting arrangements were made for a lecture on "The Rise and Progress of the Bible Christian Church in Canada," and the Rev. Geo. Webber has consented to deliver it at the Annual Meeting held in November next.

Rev. R. Cade, D.D., has kindly consented to undertake a similar effort in regard to "The Primitive Methodist Church in Canada."

The existence of the Society has served the purpose of directing the attention of the people to the importance of preserving valuable historical material and the Curator has received numerous additions to the library and museum as the result of the work of the Society being brought to the notice of the public at large. Enclosed herewith find statistical report.

E. A. CHOWN, *Secretary*.

THE NORFOLK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SIMCOE, ONTARIO.

President..... Judge James Robb.
Secretary-Treasurer..... J. J. Wadsworth, M.D.*
Curator..... Henry Johnson.

Number of members, 81 (a number are honorary); increase during year, 4; income, \$32.00; expenditure, \$21.00; number of business and committee meetings, 12; lectures, 1 (Mr. J. H. Coyne); additions to library, several; additions to museum, a few; publications, local newspapers publish our papers.

JAMES ROBB, *President*.
 J. J. WADSWORTH, *Secretary*.

During the year now closing the Society met a few times, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, April 20, May 29, and Nov. 27.

The number of members on the roll for 1903 was 81, four being new members.

On April 20th a public lecture on the "Early Explorers of the Province" was delivered by Mr. James H. Coyne, M.A., of St. Thomas, at Wells' Hall. The lecture was illustrated by numerous maps, copies of valuable originals found in the archives of Paris. The attendance was large, and the chair was occupied by the President, Judge Robb. At the conclusion of the lecture a paper on the "Aims of the Norfolk Historical Society" was read by Dr. J. J. Wadsworth. The proceedings were varied by a reading from Mr. J. D. Christie, and musical selections by Professor Owen, Miss Haskett and others.

In June Judge Robb attended the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at St. Thomas as delegate representing the Norfolk Society.

During the year some valuable contributions were received, including maps and books from Hon. Col. Tisdale, M.P., a record of an early fire company from Mr. H. B. Donly, and a collection of newspapers of early date from Mr. David Boyd.

The Curator has faithfully cared for the documents entrusted to the Society, and the Secretary has continued his work on the Scrap Book.

At the November meeting an important paper was contributed by Rev. Richard Hicks, B.D., on the "History of the Church of England in Norfolk."

Negotiations with Mr. Harry Ansley, of Port Dover, have resulted in his making a liberal promise in regard to the Galinee Site, and it is hoped that the year 1904 will see a suitable memorial erected by the Society.

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During the year the County Council has again shown its appreciation of the work of the Society by granting us the use of the Council Chamber for our meetings and also by a money grant of \$25.00.

The Society desires to express its thanks to the County Council for the valuable aid and indorsation it has afforded us.

We have also to thank the *Simcoe Reformer* and the *British-Canadian* for the liberal use of their columns.

J. J. WADSWORTH, *Secretary*.

SIMCOE, Jan. 29th, 1904.

THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO, HAMILTON, ONT.

(HEAD OF THE LAKE BRANCH.)

- Hon. President*..... Major O'Reilly.
- President*..... His Honor, Judge Snider.
- Vice-Presidents*..... S. F. Lazier, K.C.
W. A. H. Duff.

Committee.

J. H. Smith, A. C. Beasley, J. M. Dingwall, W. G. Moore, Justus Griffin, Edwin Mills.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer..... H. H. Robertson.

Number of members, 72; exclusive of associate members; increase during year, 4; income, \$41.50; expenditure, \$40.04; number of business and committee meetings, business, 6, committee, 2; lectures, 6 (see report herewith); publications, a Register of Marriages and Baptisms in the Gore and London Districts by Rev. R. Leeming, 1816-1827, 800 copies, in March, 1903, a lost register.

COLIN G. SNIDER, *President*.
H. H. ROBERTSON, *Hon. Secretary*.

May 11th, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT, FEBRUARY, 1903-1904.

It was the melancholy duty of the Society to record the death on the 15th November last at Toronto, of the President of the General Association, the Rev. C. E. Thompson, and to transmit a memorial of condolence. Mr. E. A. Maclaurin is now acting President of the Association. Our Branch also regrets the removal by death, in December last, of Mr. Samuel Davis, one of its members. Mr. Davis was the son of Jonathan

Davis, U.E.L., and grandson of William Davis, U.E.L., of North Carolina, who, with his two sons, Jonathan and Asabel, came to Upper Canada at the close of the Revolutionary War. Elizabeth, a daughter of William Davis, married Thomas Ghent, of Franklin County, North Carolina. Mr. Samuel Davis, as the son of an original U. E. Loyalist, was entitled to rank as Honorary Vice-President of our General Association. His retiring disposition precluded his accepting the title, and although he was unable to attend our meetings he always evinced a keen interest in them.

The work for the past year has been very satisfactory. The officers appointed for the year have remained. Six meetings, at which papers were read, have been held, and two committee meetings.

Early in the year the Secretary, while investigating the genealogy of the Hatt family, found in the possession of Mr. John T. Hatt, of Buffalo, a legatee under the will of the late Rev. Ralph Leeming, the first missionary to the Gore District in 1816, a register of marriages and baptisms in which he officiated during his ministry from 1816 to 1827. The document was long given up. Mr. Hatt consented to the delivery of it to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, and the original register was accordingly presented to him, 800 copies having first been published and distributed by this Association.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Historical Society held at St. Thomas in June, was attended by the Secretary as a delegate from this Association.

The attention of members and others is called to the recent appointment of a Provincial Archivist. The objects of his department are similar to all Societies such as ours, in the preservation and collection of documents of historical interest. The archivist, Alexander Fraser, of Toronto, asks your co-operation through his correspondent, Mr. H. H. Robertson.

The publication of the Transactions of the General Association delivered to members of our Branch, afforded satisfaction.

The list of members is hereto appended, showing a membership of 72, exclusive of associate members. The financial statement, duly audited, is also appended, showing a balance on hand of \$11.46.

The following papers have been read on the dates mentioned:—

1903.

March 10—

“The Recovery of the Marriage Register of the First Missionary to the Gore District, Rev. Ralph Leeming,” by H. H. Robertson.

May 12—

“The Work of the Lundy’s Lane Historical Society,” by Rev. Canon Bull.

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June 9—

“The Capture of Fort Niagara, and the Retaliatory Campaign of 1813,” by Mrs. P. D. Crerar.

October 13—

“Anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights,” an abridgement of Col. Cruikshank’s description. Read by the Secretary.

December 10—

“Britain’s Command of the Sea and What it Means to Canada,” by H. J. Wickham, Hon. Secretary Navy League, Toronto Branch. 1904.

January 12—

“The Past and Present of the Six Nation Indians,” by the President, Judge Snider.

A Joint Committee from the Historical Societies was courteously received by the Chairman of the Parks Board, with a view of improving the educational value of the Museum at Dundurn, and now waits to be convened, together with a sub-committee of the Parks Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. H. ROBERTSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

HAMILTON, Feb. 10, 1904.

THE ESSEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.

- President*..... Francis Cleary.
- Vice-Presidents*..... A. P. E. Panet and
Rev. Thos. Nattress.
- Secretary-Treasurer*..... A. J. E. Belleperche.
- Corresponding-Secretary*..... Miss Jean Barr.

Executive Committee.

Miss Kilroy, Mrs. Panet, D. H. Bedford, A. W. Joyce, John Barnett, Judge McHugh, and Principal Gavin.

REPORT OF THE ESSEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Essex Historical Society was formally organized at a meeting held in the auditorium of the Public Library on the evening of the 19th of January last, and is consequently less than five months old.

For a number of years spasmodic attempts have been made to start such a Society, but came to naught, principally from the fact that nobody seemed willing to take the initiative. Finally Mr. Andrew Braid,

Secretary of the Public Library Board, succeeded in calling a fairly well attended meeting in the auditorium of the Public Library, where the project was discussed and met with such approval that at a subsequent meeting held on the 19th of January, 1904, as stated above, the organization of the Society was effected and the name "The Essex Historical Society" was adopted.

The aims of the Society are best set forth in a report of the Executive Committee, which I incorporate herewith:—

1. To invite all persons who are interested in the natural, civil or ecclesiastical history of the Province to become members of the Society;
2. To request by special invitation all pioneers or their representatives to co-operate with the Society in procuring, collecting or donating contributions of incidents, papers, pamphlets, books, maps, portraits, Indian relics, natural curiosities or ancient records bearing on the early history of the county;
3. To have a Vice-President appointed in each township of the county who would send in to the Secretary of the Society the names of persons who desire to become members or who would contribute papers to the archives of the Society;
4. That the Library Board grant the Society the privilege of using a special place in the Library as a repository for the historical collections;
5. That the Library Board be requested to appoint a representative on the Society;
6. That a date in mid-summer be named annually for social re-union of the members and their friends at some point of historic interest in the county;
7. That a Committee be named to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the Society;
8. That the membership fee shall be fifty cents per annum for gentlemen and twenty-five cents for ladies, payable in advance in January of each year;
9. That the meetings of the Society be held at least once a month;
10. That the meeting for the election of officers be held in December of each year.

The above recommendations were accepted by the Society.

The Library Board has appointed one of its members on our Executive Committee.

The Society has held one public meeting and many meetings of the Executive;

We now have a membership of 47, including gentlemen and ladies;

I beg leave to present to the Ontario Historical Society the above report of the Essex Historical Society.

A. J. E. BELLEPERCHE, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL MEETING AT WINDSOR.

WINDSOR, June 1st., 1904.

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society began in the auditorium of the Public Library here to-day at 2 p.m. The President, C. C. James, Esq., M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, in the chair. Among those present were: J. H. Kenning, Windsor; Miss J. Carnochan, Niagara; S. White, Windsor; W. Martin, Windsor; James McEwan, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers, Peterboro'; Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls; Lieut.-Col. A. E. Belcher, President Bruce Historical Society, Southampton; Dr. S. Woolverton, London; A. Phi. E. Panet, Vice-President, Essex Historical Society; Josephine B. Panet, Windsor; J. I. Poole, Comber; Wm. Matheson, Lucan; Horace Levitt, Windsor; Mayor J. W. Drake, Windsor; Francis Cleary, President Essex Historical Society; Miss Abbie H. Miller, Newbury; Miss Margaret Claire Kilroy, Windsor; T. Muriel Merrill, Picton; T. H. Parker, Woodstock; George R. Pattullo, Woodstock; Minnie E. Pond, Windsor; Flora T. La Belle, Windsor; Miss Pook, Jean W. Barr, Windsor; Harriet Priddis, London; S. A. Thornton, Windsor; Joshua Adams, Sarnia; Mrs. F. H. Mann, Windsor; Miss M. Gerard, Windsor; F. Barlow Cumberland, Toronto; Alexander Fraser, Toronto; D. MacGillivray, Windsor; J. O. Reaume, Windsor, and the Secretary.

Mayor Drake delivered an address of welcome to the Society to which a fitting reply was made by the President.

The Secretary read his Annual Report, which was of a very encouraging character. He also read the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Mr. Yeigh. This report showed a good balance on hand with the prospect of numerous additional payments for membership fees. Reports were also received from the Flag and Monument Committee, the former by Mrs. C. Fessenden, of Hamilton, urged that pupils be taught the significance of the British flag, and that it should be properly displayed on all suitable occasions. The report of the latter Committee from Mrs. E. J. Thompson, pointed out that some work remained to be done in connection with the removal of certain stones at Chippawa; on motion, both committees were re-appointed.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Pattullo, seconded by Colonel Cruikshank, it was resolved that the various reports as read be received and adopted.

The Secretary then announced that he had received reports from the following affiliated Societies, viz.:—York Pioneers, Niagara; U. E. L. Association, Hamilton; Belleville and Bay of Quinte, Halton, Norfolk, Elgin, Elgin Women's Auxiliary, Thorold, Bruce, London and Middlesex, Bowmanville Women's Historical Society, Wentworth, Wentworth Women's, Lambton, Victoria, Canadian Methodist, Ottawa Women's and Peterboro'.

The reports of Societies represented at the meeting were read by the delegates from the Societies concerned. Most of these were of a highly encouraging character.

The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. C. M. Burton, of Detroit, President of the Michigan Historical Society, extending an invitation to the members of the Ontario Society to visit his library in Detroit.

On motion of Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Belcher, it was resolved that the Ontario Historical Society beg leave to acknowledge the very kind and courteous invitation extended to them by Mr. C. M. Burton, of Detroit, to visit his historical library, and that the Secretary be instructed to tender Mr. Burton the sincere thanks of the Society. This was attended to by telegram from the Ontario Historical Society.

A letter was then read from the Rev. Mr. Morrison of Springfield, expressing a desire that the Society would support him in coming to an arrangement with the Wedgewood Chinaware Firm for the purpose of manufacturing dinner plates bearing representations of Canadian historic scenery. Mr. Morrison stated the price at which such plates could be purchased per dozen, and requested that the Society appoint a committee of two or three to select twelve historical subjects for the set.

It was moved by Lieut.-Col. Rogers, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pattullo, that Mr. Morrison's letter re pictorial plates bearing designs of historical subjects be referred to the Council.

The President having called attention to the fact that the Society had suffered since last meeting by the deaths of the Rev. C. E. Thomson, M.A., President of the York Pioneers, and Mr. D. B. Read, K.C., a member of the same organization, two veteran workers in local historical matters, and welcome attendants at the Annual Meetings of the Ontario Historical Society, it was moved by Mr. Joshua Adams of Sarnia, seconded by Mr. W. Matheson of Lucan, that the Secretary and President be instructed to prepare resolutions of condolence to the families and relatives of the deceased gentlemen.

The President appointed Col. Rogers, Miss Carnochan, Col. Cruikshank, and A. B. Panet, a nominating Committee to suggest the names of officers for next year.

Messrs. Pattullo, Cumberland and Woolverton were also appointed a Committee on resolutions. The choice of a place for next Annual Meeting was by resolution placed in the hands of the Council of the Society.

Those present at the meeting accepted an invitation from the people of Windsor to visit the adjoining town of Sandwich by street car. Here visits were paid to St. John's Church, now upwards of hundred years since its establishment; the grave of Dr. Hume with its remarkable epitaph; the old Baby House, once a Hudson's Bay trading post, the old Jesuit Mission House and other interesting historical sites.

Miss M. C. Kilroy, President Francis Cleary, Mr. Solomon White,

and Mr. W. J. McKee, acting as guides, afforded much valuable information to the party.

At 8 p.m. the Society met again in the auditorium of the Public Library every seat being occupied and some visitors having to stand. President Cleary of the local Society welcomed the Provincial organization, and was happily responded to by Mr. C. C. James, President of the parent Society, who pointed out that many of the local Societies were doing excellent work in various parts of the Province, naming those of Niagara, Lundy's Lane and Ottawa as examples.

He also pointed out that Essex as a frontier county possessed great advantages for historical purposes. He advised the publication of local history notes in the city and county newspapers, and expressed his certainty that editors will be pleased to receive material of this kind. Mr. Cleary then read a paper on "The Early History of Essex." As this paper will probably appear in extenso elsewhere, it is unnecessary even to epitomize it here.

Following the reading of Mr. Cleary's paper, Miss Halley recited the stirring poem "Abigail Becker, and the Rescue of Shipwrecked Sailors near Long Point."

Miss M. C. Kilroy read a very well written paper on Local Historic Places in Essex County. This lady's knowledge of what pertains to the early history of Essex is remarkable for its accuracy as well as for its extent.

After the reading of Miss Kilroy's paper an excellent song entitled "Freedom" was well sung by Mr. Colin McDonald, and who as an encore gave "Bonnie Dundee."

Miss Jean Barr then delivered a more than usually excellent address on "The Battle of Windsor" in the course of which she gave the particulars relating to the death of Dr. John James Hume, "who was inhumanly murdered by a gang of ruffians from the United States styling themselves patriots."

A paper was read by Colonel Ernest Cruikshank on "A trip from Montreal to Mackinac in 1749."

WINDSOR, June 2nd, 1904.

This morning at 9 a.m. the members of the Society and their friends to the number of nearly eighty, were conveyed in two electric cars to Amherstburg. On arriving at that town a large number of carriages was in waiting to convey the party still further south where visits were paid to the old Elliott and Reynolds residences. A visit was also paid to the Christ Church cemetery and the stone on which Tecumseh is said to have addressed his men. Under the excellent management of the Amherstburg Committee, everything possible had been done for the entertainment and pleasure of the guests, who, after visiting the place mentioned, were treated to an excellent repast in the town hall.

Mr. N. C. Coste, Chairman of the Citizens Committee, who presided, delivered an admirable address of welcome to the guests, to which an appropriate reply was made by President James.

Mr. John Auld, M.P.P., in a short speech referred to a movement in Amherstburg to secure the grounds with old Fort Malden as a National Park, and suggested that the Ontario Historical Society should officially endorse the action about to be taken.

On motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Cumberland, the Ontario Historical Society was urged to act upon this suggestion, and thus to secure the old fort grounds for park purposes.

By special request Miss Halley again recited "Abigail Becker," and what rendered the recitation on this occasion especially interesting was the fact that Captain Jones, one of the two survivors of the wreck referred to in the poem, was present. Messrs. F. Cleary, Solomon White, and Alexander Fraser, Provincial Archivist, gave brief addresses.

A visit was afterwards paid to old Fort Malden. The guests were then conducted to Bois Blanc Island, where the old Blockhouse and other interesting spots were carefully examined.

On the return trip the Rev. Thomas Nattress read his paper on "The Western District Philosophical and Agricultural Society of Amherstburg in 1842."

In the evening another large audience was in attendance at the auditorium of the Public Library when as on former occasions the President of the Society occupied the chair. A brief address was delivered by Mr. Alexander Fraser, of Toronto, respecting his duties, aspirations and aims in relation to his office, as Provincial Archivist. Mr. Fraser pointed out the various ways in which the people might assist in the collection and preservation of historical documents.

Col. H. C. Rogers of Peterboro read a paper, the substance of which was communicated by Padash, son of Cheneebesh, son of Gemoaghpenassee relating to the migrations of the Missassagas and their settlement at Nanabajou, or Hiawatha, at Chemong, and at Scugog. The material of this paper had been carefully collected by Mr. Hampden Burnham, of Peterboro', and edited by him for presentation to the Society.

Mr. A. W. Marsh of Amherstburg read a paper on "The Causes that led to the War of 1812," and Mr. C. W. Martin, United States Vice Consul read a paper on "The First Grant of Land made by the Indians to the Whites near Detroit."

The proceedings were enlivened by songs from Miss Denning and Mr. Colin MacDonald, a violin solo by Mr. H. McCaw and a recitative monologue by Mrs. E. H. Black.

It was moved by Barlow Cumberland, seconded by George R. Pattullo, that the fullest thanks of this Society are hereby expressed to the Mayor of Windsor for his cordial welcome, and to the President and members of the Essex Historical Society for their invitation to hold our Annual

Meeting in Windsor and for the admirable and complete arrangements made for our business meetings and our pleasurable outings.

The papers read before us by the members of the Essex Society were full of information to us, and we trust that our meeting here will help to deepen the interest in historic research, which has been already so well evidenced by the members of the Local Society, will encourage others to join them in collecting and preserving the historical records of this most historic frontier.

The Society would desire to express their thanks to the Public Library Board of Windsor for so kindly placing the auditorium at our disposal for our meetings, and to the presidents of Sandwich, who so kindly noted to us during our visit here the places of interest in their neighborhood.

The historic excursion on the second day afforded us infinite interest and the Society heartily thanks the Chairman, Committee, and Citizens of Amherstburg, who so bountifully provided for our welfare, and enabled us to visit the old homesteads with their early and valuable collection, and the historic defences of Fort Malden and Bois Blanc Island. We would express our utmost hope that these speaking memorials of past days be preserved for all time, for the education and inspiration of our people.

The Society further expresses to the public press of Windsor, Amherstburg, and Detroit their grateful appreciation of the full reports they have given of the proceedings of our meeting and visits, and feel that greater interest in the attractiveness of these districts will thereby have been much promoted."

At the conclusion of the general meeting a meeting of the members of the Society was held for business purposes, the chief of which was the election of officers, with the following result: Mr. George R. Pattullo, Woodstock, President; Col. H. C. Rogers, Peterboro', Vice-President; Mr. David Boyle, 2nd Vice-President, and Mr. Frank Yeigh, Treasurer.

Council.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Lieut.-Col. E. B. Edwards, Miss Jean Barr, H. H. Robertson, and His Honor Judge Macbeth.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

WINDSOR June, 1904.

After the close of the general business meeting in the auditorium of the Public Library, Windsor, a meeting of Council was held in an adjoining room. Present: President, George R. Pattullo; Ex-President, C. C. James; Vice-President, Col. H. C. Rogers; 2nd Vice-President, David Boyle; Miss Carnochan, Miss Barr. The principal object of this meeting was to elect a Secretary, but after discussing the matter for a little while action was deferred.

GEO. R. PATTULLO, *President.*

DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary.*

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

By C. C. JAMES.

The Council of the Ontario Historical Society decided to meet this year in Windsor. We have accepted your kind invitation, for here we are on historic ground. To many of us the opportunity will be given for the first time to visit places in the County of Essex that have been associated with some of the important events in the history of this Province, events, in fact, that have had a continental significance. It may be that we shall see places that appeal to some of us from the East far more than they do to you who are residents, for you know that there is an old saying that familiarity breeds contempt—if that be so, we trust that our visit will help to quicken the local interest in your history and your historical spots, and that the leaven of historical research may be quickened until it shall thoroughly permeate the entire community.

One of the objects of this Society is to visit every June some fresh field of historic worth and to endeavor to increase the local interest in historic study. In selecting the Detroit River as our meeting place this year we have come filled with enthusiasm, and anticipating a rare treat for we believe there is a wealth of historic material all along this river on the Canadian side from Lake St. Clair to Amherstburg, awaiting the enthusiastic and painstaking student to gather it together and present it to our people in a readable and attractive form. The old workers are passing away, the veteran historians are one by one laying down their pens, and the call is for fresh recruits, young men and young women, to take their places. Within the past month one of our most honored members has gone, Mr. David Breakinridge Read, of Toronto, whose face was so familiar at our meetings. He had reached the very old age of 81 years. Though he had filled many important public offices his name will longest be associated with the five books that he has left to Canada: "The Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada and Ontario (1888)," "The Life and Times of General John Graves Simcoe (1890)," "The Life and Times of Major General Sir Isaac Brock (1894)," and "The Lieutenant-Governors of Upper Canada and Ontario, 1792-1899 (1900)." D. B. Read was to me always an old man, for he had reached years of maturity when first I met him, but I have a most respectful remembrance of him, and my most pleasant recollections of him are of occasional visits, when he would drop into my office for a half hour's chat. From his storehouse of early experiences he would draw out most entertaining and interesting stories that were an incentive and an inspiration. We say good-bye to the veterans and we look around for volunteers to take their places.

What has our Society done during the past year? Last year we had the announcement of the completion of the Simcoe Monument in the Queen's Park at Toronto. We have no monument to report this year, but we can claim some progress made, for the officers of the Society have given some little assistance to one of our oldest and most promising local Societies, and perhaps the story of that may be of some suggestive help to the Society at Windsor. The Detroit River is a frontier or boundary river—so is the Niagara River. At the old town of Niagara there is a local Society whose progress is due largely to the patient and faithful care of the worthy President, Miss Carnochan. There has been accumulated during the past few years a very valuable collection of historical exhibits that have been crowded into a small room in the top story of the old Town Hall.* Late in the fall we crossed the Lake to assist in holding a public meeting to discuss the situation. It was late in the season, the summer residents had gone home, and to add to the depression, a rain set in. We visited the historic spots as best we could, and then gathered in the Town Hall. After a series of addresses and much serious discussion, it was decided to begin a campaign to raise by subscription from the townspeople and friends of old Niagara as much as possible to provide suitable quarters for the Historical Museum. The most ambitious proposal was a Memorial Hall in the town park. By the beginning of the year \$1,000 had been collected, and then it was deemed timely and advisable to apply to the Government for a supplementary grant, on the plea that the Government should help those who first help themselves. The faith of the President was not disappointed, for a grant of \$500 was obtained. An arrangement has been suggested by the town authorities to use part of the Town Hall for the new Museum. The money is now in hand and during the present summer the very valuable collection may be properly displayed in suitable cases in a large Museum room, where it will be readily available to the townspeople and the many visitors to the first capital of Upper Canada. This Provincial Society has been waiting until Miss Carnochan had the historical Museum properly set up to accept an invitation to meet them, for we know that now the invitation may soon be expected. A letter recently received from the town of Lindsay states that the new library building of that town will soon be completed, and that in it ample accommodation is provided for the papers and records of the local Historical Society. I refer to these facts as suggestive to the city of Windsor. Get a local habitation as well as a name, and, if you can provide convenient and safe housing for historical relics, you will be surprised at the amount of material that will be procurable.

The Ontario Historical Society has during the year issued Vol. V. of its Papers and Records, a volume of 236 pages, containing material that will increase in value year by year. We have in sight, or in hand, enough material for Vol. VI., but we are limited in our publications by

* Recently re-installed in much better quarters.

the funds available. That you may understand how economical we have to be I may say that our last volume cost over \$460 for printing. Owing to the increase in postal rates on printed matter it cost 11c. to mail each copy. We have an annual report to print in addition. Our annual grant from the Province is only \$600. It will be seen, therefore, that we spend all our grant in printing, and all fees are required for the running expenses of the Society. We appeal to the people of Windsor and to the citizens of Ontario for a more generous support; we believe we are doing a good work, but we could do much better if we had a larger grant and a greatly increased membership. This Society is not kept going on lavish grants, the officers are giving their time and their hearty support to it because they are interested in the work and desire to assist in the collection of historical material before it is too late. We must not be discouraged if the growth of historical sentiment is slow, and the officers of the Essex County Society should loyally and patriotically keep together the few members who have associated themselves in this new organization. Even half a dozen men and women may keep alive the interest, and gradually, though probably very slowly, the interest will spread. I have referred to the importance of having a local headquarters where you can store or display material that will interest the public. The next piece of advice that I would give is to use the local newspapers. You will find the editors of the local papers ready, yes, eager, to print notes and papers of local historic interest. Arrange for a local historical department and see that it is well filled. You will gradually attract the attention of many who are now indifferent, and call forth reminiscences that will be eagerly watched for by old and young. I could mention Ontario papers that make a specialty of this work and that have as a consequence greatly extended their field of influence.

My next suggestion is that you should not narrow your boundaries—do not make the mistake of limiting the Essex County Society to the city of Windsor. There is a large field of historic research outside of Windsor. You should have a vigorous branch at Amherstburg, and you might arrange your meetings so as to meet at other places in the county, that a large number of residents might have the advantage of the papers and discussions. Set to work little groups of members here and there throughout the county, that the whole field may be covered.

The County of Essex is one of the richest historic fields in old Upper Canada. You have here the meeting ground, the concentration point, of the early Indian movements; your history goes back to the romantic days of the early French regime; you have here the beginnings of Upper Canadian life in connection with the old District of Hesse; you have the attractive elements that come through your being the frontier county, with all the military events that necessarily followed; you have the coming in of the negroes as a contribution to your varied population; located on the greatest highway of the continent, you have interesting questions

to study that flow from modern transportation changes. In a word, you have right here one of the most promising fields of investigation in Canada to be found west of Quebec and Montreal. What are you going to do with it? You have great privileges, but you have also imperative duties—the Essex County Historical Society may and should prove one of the most effective factors in the material and moral progress of this much favored section of Canada. I say *material* and moral progress.

The ordinary citizen does not see much material benefit in historical investigation and therefore the membership of such a Society is limited. But there is a point not to be neglected. The travellers to the Old Land seek all places of natural beauty, and they also make pilgrimages to places of historic interest. Old Quebec is world famous, not only because of its magnificent situation, but also because of its historic fame—it is “The Seats of the Mighty,” and many a visitor has been drawn thither because of the desire to see the place where great events of human destiny were enacted. Find out your history, set up your monuments, put up tablets, arrange your folklore, your legends and your historic tales in order, put them in available printed form, and there will gradually be aroused a public interest that will add materially to the value of these historic places. Set to work with a will and you will find that your enthusiasm will penetrate the community, and ere long you may find the local Historical Society a power for good in helping to build up a progressive people interested in the past, energetic in the present and confident of the future of one of the brightest parts of our Province of which we are all proud to be citizens.

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Southworth, Thomas. Parliament Buildings, Toronto
Spankie, M. D., W. S. Public School Inspector, Kingston
Steere, Judge J. H. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., U.S.A.
Stevens, B. A., William Henry. Public School Inspector, Lindsay, Ont.
Sturges, S. P. Dresden, Ont.
Squair, Professor John. University of Toronto
Sydere, Arthur H. Parliament Buildings, Toronto
Teefy, M. Richmond Hill, Ont.
Terrill, Mrs. E. Box 875, Belleville, Ont.
Thompson, A. B. Penetanguishene, Ont.
Thompson, Mrs. E. J. 196 John St., Toronto
Thorburn, W. J. Penetanguishene, Ont.
Tiffany, E. H. Alexandria, Ont.
Tillinghast, C. B. State Librarian, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.
Toogood, Fred. T. 159 Huron St., Toronto
Tyrrell, M. A., J. B. Dawson City, Yukon
Van Deusen, Albert H. . 2207 M. St. N. W., Washington, D. C., U. S. A.
Vogt, Augustus S. 331 Bloor St. W, Toronto

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Walker, B. E.99 St. George St., Toronto
Warner, C. M.91 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R. I., U.S.A.
Warner, Rev. Dr.St. Thomas, Ont.
Waugh, F. W.37 Gould St., Toronto
Westervelt, A. P.Parliament Buildings, Toronto
Williams, John.....P. O. Box 796, Winnipeg, Man.
Williams, David.....Collingwood, Ont.
Wilson, Alfred.....626 Church St., Toronto
Wilson, Mrs. C. H., % J. R. Roaf.....25 Toronto St., Toronto
Withrow, Rev. Dr. W. H.....244 Jarvis St., Toronto
Woods, Judge R. S.....Chatham, Ont.
Wright, B.A., A.W.....Mount Forest, Ont.
Yeigh, Frank.....Parliament Buildings, Toronto
Young, Hon. Jas....."Thornhill," Galt, Ont.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society for 1905 was held on June 7th at Niagara Falls City, by special invitation of the local societies of that city and of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The first session of the convention was held in the building known as "the Refectory," close to the Great Cataract. Notwithstanding the wet weather there were present Messrs. George R. Pattullo, Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Fraser, Toronto; Mrs. Birdsall and Miss Watt, Peterboro'; Col. E. Cruikshank, Police Magistrate, Niagara Falls; James Wilson, C. E. Supt. Niagara Falls Park; Miss Priddis and Mrs. Gahan, London; Miss Margaret Claire Kilroy, Windsor; Miss Janet Carnochan, Niagara-on-the-Lake; Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope; Mrs. C. Fessenden, Hamilton; R. J. McLaughlin, K. C., and Mrs. McLaughlin, Lindsay; J. D. Collins, Peterboro'; Miss Abbie H. Miller, Newbury; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto; T. H. Parker, Woodstock; Miss Mitchell, London; H. Burnham, Peterboro'; David Williams, editor "Bulletin," Collingwood; Miss Galbraith, Bowmanville; Principal Warner of Alma College, St. Thomas, and Mrs. Warner.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the reports of the Local Societies were read, and following this the President appointed a committee to select and nominate officers for the year. This committee consisted of Miss Carnochan, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Alexander Frazer and the Secretary. On account of the absence of the Rev. Canon Bull, owing to illness in family, his expected paper was not read, and the meeting was adjourned to accept an invitation from the Lundy's Lane Historical Society for a ride from the Falls Park to Chippewa.

On arriving at Chippewa Col. E. Cruikshank delivered a carefully prepared and instructive address on several important military episodes connected with the locality. The home of Laura Secord was pointed out, and reference was made to Messrs. Thomas and James Cummings, the first settlers. On the return trip Mr. James Cummings, Superintendent of the Park, directed attention to a number of historical spots and afforded the company much information concerning the electrical development works then (and still) being constructed at an estimated cost of some thirty million dollars.

On arriving at Lundy's Lane, where the next session was to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Miss Carnochan conducted the party through the old cemetery, pointing out, and judiciously commenting on, monuments erected to the brave ones who fell on the battlefield.

Many of the citizens of Niagara availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the afternoon meeting for the purpose of hearing

Col. Cruikshank on a subject he has so thoroughly made his own, namely, "The battles that have been fought in this section of the country."

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary then read the Treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$492.91.

The Lundy's Lane Society, under the presidency of Superintendent Wilson, having with the assistance of an excellent committee of ladies directed by Mrs. James Wilson, prepared a substantial and abundant luncheon, all present were invited to partake, after which an adjournment was made, to meet in the old Stamford township town hall, where the Society was welcomed by the mayor, Mr. Wm. Phemister, in very cordial and eloquent terms, to which a fitting reply was made by our President, Mr. Geo. R. Pattullo.

Mr. Jas. Wilson then read the report of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society prepared by the Venerable Canon Bull, after which the Nominating Committee's report was presented by Mr. Fraser.

On motion this was received and adopted, the nominations being as follows: President, Geo. R. Pattullo; 1st vice-president, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers; 2nd vice-president, Barlow Cumberland; Treasurer, Frank Yeigh.

Council, Col. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls; Miss M. C. Kilroy, Windsor; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto; David Williams, Collingwood, and T. A. S. Hay, Peterboro'.

Monument Committee, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Carnochan, Mr. Alfred Willson.

Flag Committee, Mrs. Fessenden, Mrs. Geo. E. Foster, Mr. B. Cumberland, and Mr. H. Spencer Howell, Galt.

Finance Committee, the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Editorial Committee, ex-President C. C. James, Alex. Fraser, and Frank Yeigh.

Mrs. Fessenden, "The Mother of Empire Day," read an excellent report from the Flag Committee, on the Canadian Flag. It is needless to say that this report was highly appreciated, as Mrs. Fessenden has made herself an authority on the subject and has guided discussion on flag matters, since the inception of the committee.

Miss Carnochan read a paper on the origin of the Maple Leaf as an emblem of Canada. In this paper she showed that the emblem as that of Canada, was first used in Lower Canada in connection with the festival of St. Jean Baptiste. The reading of the paper elicited from Mr. Barlow Cumberland much information regarding the use of the emblem by Governors and Military Authorities.

On motion of Mr. Alex. Fraser, seconded by Mrs. E. J. Thompson, the Secretary, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. James and the mover were appointed a committee to prepare an address, for presentation to Col.

E. Cruikshank, and to have it engrossed for this purpose, to show the gratitude of the Society to him for his historical researches.

An unusually excellent essay was read by Miss Margaret Claire Kilroy on the old Mission House at Windsor, tracing the vicissitudes of the edifice during the troublous times that elapsed almost from the day it was built, until the last day of its ecclesiastical existence.

The President then read a paper prepared by Mr. H. F. Gardiner, M.A., of Brantford, referring particularly to the public work done by the Hon. Robert Hamilton and his sons George and John.

Regrets were expressed in connection with the absence of Messrs. J. H. Coyne and C. C. James, the latter of whom was expected to read a paper.

The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

June 8th, 1905.

By the courtesy of the Lundy's Lane Society the members of the Ontario Historical Society were conducted by electric cars from the city to Queenston Heights, where all present were delighted not only with the prospect from the hill, with Lake Ontario to the north, and the beautiful valley of the Niagara as a foreground, but with the picturesque description which was given by Col. Cruikshank, of the main events connected with the military engagements of the War of 1812.

From this point we were in the hands of the Niagara Historical Society and took the ferry steamer Ongiara for Lewiston, where we were transferred to the Steamer Chicora, a British built vessel that crossed the Atlantic, and was employed as a blockade runner during the United States Civil War.

A short time brought us to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where luncheon was ready to be served in one of the best hotels in the "Ancient Capital," presided over by Miss Carnochan, the Historian of the town and its environs.

After this meal had been heartily enjoyed an address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Miller, and was cordially replied to by our President, Mr. Geo. R. Pattullo, and Miss Carnochan, President of the local society. The latter announced the programme for the remainder of the day.

Among those present, besides yesterday's attendants, were Messrs. W. A. Moyer, St. Catharines; J. H. Thompson, Thorold; David Williams, Collingwood; the Hon. P. A. Porter, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Miss Amy Ball, Thorold; Mrs. and Miss Munroe, Thorold; Miss H. Crysler, Niagara Falls, Ont., and Mrs. E. Best, Mrs.

Manning, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Thonger, and Mrs. McGregor, all of Niagara.

The Secretary was instructed to draft a letter of sympathy to Mr. Wm. Kirby regretting very profoundly the prolonged illness of that gentleman, and that a copy be sent to Mr. Kirby.

Mr. A. Fraser presented a report of the committee appointed to consider the project of forming a Dominion Historical Society, when it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Col. Cruikshank, that the question of the formation of a Dominion Society be referred to the following committee, namely, Messrs. C. C. James, Alex. Fraser, the Secretary, Col. Cruikshank, and James Wilson, for consideration, and report fully to Council at next annual meeting.

A special vote of thanks was presented to Col. Cruikshank with respect to the large amount of work he had performed in relation to the history of the Niagara peninsula, and for the very admirable and unprejudiced way in which he had carried on his studies.

To this resolution Col. Cruikshank responded, expressing his gratitude to the Society with the assurance that the work was a labor of love, his chief regret being that he had not had more time to devote to the task.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Cumberland, in neat speeches, moved votes of thanks to the Lundy's Lane Society for the excellent arrangements that had been made for the comfort of the Ontario Historical Society, to the Niagara Navigation Company for transportation from Queenston to Niagara-on-the-Lake, and to the Niagara Historical Society for hospitalities extended to the members of the Ontario Historical Society during this, the second occasion of the meetings being held in the historic old town.

It was then moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Bird-sall, that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to the family of the late Dr. Dunlop, Edenderry House, Ballylessan, Ireland, on the death of the doctor, last February, in Italy.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Col. Cruikshank, who had prepared a paper on the "Insurrection in the Short Hills, in 1838," the essay was read by Mr. B. Cumberland, and proved to be as clear and interesting, as is all that comes from that gentleman's pen.

Mrs. Fessenden, of Hamilton, read a paper entitled "The Tragedy of a Night," being an account of the Ussher Assassination above Chippewa.

Miss Carnochan then introduced the subject of the ultimate disposition of Niagara Common. She informed the audience that she had the best of reasons for believing it to be the intention of the Dominion Government to dispose of the place in plots of ten acres each.

She moved that the historic spots, including Fort George, Navy Hall, and Fort Mississauga, be placed in the care of the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners, and that the Commons be left as they are at the present day, being of quite as much historic value as were the fortifications and other buildings, or the portions of them that now exist.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland made a very strong speech in support of this motion.

The President also spoke to a similar effect and appointed a committee, consisting of Col. Cruikshank, James Wilson, Barlow Cumberland, and Miss Carnochan, to act with himself in drafting a petition to the Government for the purpose referred to in the resolution.

Mrs. Fessenden spoke of the proper design and use of the Canadian Flag, and the desirability of instructing pupils in our schools with regard thereto.

The Secretary gave a brief address on history as taught by Archæology.

A vigorous and eloquent address was delivered by the Honorable Peter A. Porter, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., on "The Blockhouses of the Niagara Frontier." The Honorable gentleman was frequently applauded during the course of his remarks, especially when he spoke, in his naturally kind way, about the friendly feelings that ought to exist among the people on both sides of the river, people whose ancestors had so frequently engaged in deadly conflict.

Mr. David Williams, of the Huron Institute, Collingwood, invited the Society to hold its next annual meeting in Collingwood.

All having joined in singing "God Save the King," very heartily, one of the most enthusiastic annual meetings ever held by the Society came to a close.

SPECIAL MEETING.

October 7th, 1905.

A special meeting was held in the office of the Secretary to consider a proposition made by Mr. E. B. Biggar, that the O. H. S. should lend countenance to a civic movement (started by Miss Jean E. Geeson) for the preservation of the Old Fort Grounds, on the lake shore. Mr. Biggar suggested that if the Society would simply allow the use of its name, the results would in all probability prove more effective, and as a public meeting had been arranged for on

the grounds, on the following Saturday, there was no time to call for a general attendance of members. As many of the Council as reside in the city were notified, and without exception, all were present.

A very well attended meeting accordingly assembled at the Old Fort Grounds, the presiding officer being his Honor, Lieut.-Gov. Clark, who made a vigorous speech in denunciation of the proposed plans, involving the destruction of all that remains of the old buildings, followed by Mr. E. B. Biggar, Miss Geeson (who had made a special study of the situation), Mr. Wm. Rennie, President York Pioneers; Mr. E. A. Maclaurin, President U. E. C. Association of Ontario; Rev. Chancellor Burwash, President of Ontario Educational Association; Mr. C. A. B. Brown, Chairman Toronto Board of Education; Mr. Wm. Houston, M.A., of the "Globe," and Mr. J. A. Cooper, Editor of the Canadian Magazine.

The principal resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Burwash, seconded by Mr. C. A. B. Brown, deprecating the proposed works and suggesting the appointment of a committee consisting of the Minister of Militia or the Commandant of the Fort, the colonel of the regiment and the chief officer of each arm of the Militia service in Toronto, three representatives each, from the various historical and patriotic societies, with three representatives (each) from the Toronto City Council, and the Board of Education, to investigate and report on a plan of restoration, and thus to aid the authorities concerned.

It was also resolved to send a deputation to confer with the Minister of Militia (who was in the city that day) to ascertain his views and to ask for his co-operation. The deputation consisted of Lady Edgar, President of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto; Mrs. S. Nordheimer, President of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire; Mrs. Fessenden, Secretary Wentworth County Historical Society; Mr. E. B. Biggar, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Mr. J. A. Cooper, Mr. E. A. Maclaurin, Mrs. Arthur Vankoughnet, Mrs. J. S. Carstairs, Mr. C. A. B. Brown, and Col. George Shaw.

At a council meeting held on the 29th of December, in the Secretary's room, Education Department, Mr. Cumberland in the chair, letters were read from President G. A. Pattullo, and Col. H. C. Rogers, expressing regret for their unavoidable absence. Other letters of a similar kind came from Miss Carnochan, Rev. Canon Bull, Mrs. Fessenden, and Judge Ardagh.

The Council on motion approved of the action taken by the Secretary in relation to a public meeting held at the Old Fort, on the 7th of October.

Mr. C. C. James, one of the committee appointed to consider the relationship of this Society to the local societies, and to the Bureau of Archives of Ontario, reported that it had been arranged that Mr. Pattullo should confer on the subject with the Minister of Education, but that Mr. Pattullo's state of health having prevented this, he (Mr. James) moved, seconded by the Secretary, that Mr. Barlow Cumberland and Mr. Pattullo be a committee to interview the Minister of Education in regard to the suggestion of a plan for developing and co-ordinating the work of the O. H. S., the local societies, and the Archives Bureau, and to report at the next meeting. Carried.

It was then determined unanimously that the next place of meeting be Collingwood.

Mr. C. C. James gave notice that at the next annual meeting he will introduce a resolution to amend the Constitution, in so far as it relates to the holding of the Annual Meeting, by assigning the choice of date to the Council.

Mr. James moved, seconded by Mr. David Williams, that the Secretary call the Annual meeting of the Society to be held in his office on Wednesday, June 6th, and that it be announced to members, with this notice that a motion will then be brought forward to adjourn that meeting until the 19th and 20th of July at Collingwood. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Yeigh, that the Secretary be authorized to bind certain reports and pamphlets, at a cost not exceeding twenty dollars. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Burwash, seconded, that the publication committee be authorized to proceed forthwith in preparing Vol. VII. of our Papers and Records.

June 6th, 1906.

At the Annual Meeting held to-day, on motion, in accordance with a resolution of December 29th, 1905, the meeting was adjourned until July 19th and 20th, then to meet at Collingwood.

DAVID BOYLE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1904-5.

RECEIPTS.

June 1, 1904—Balance on hand.....	\$ 500 43
Government grant, 1905.....	600 00
Membership fees and sale of books.....	207 70
Interest.....	6 13
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	\$ 1,314 26

EXPENDITURES.

Salary and office expenses of Secretary.....	\$ 200 00
Balance for printing Vol. 5, Papers and Records.....	56 70
Printing Vol. 6, Papers and Records.....	374 50
Other printing, stationery and cuts.....	60 90
Postage and express.....	47 10
Officers' disbursements.....	29 40
Book case.....	45 00
Miscellaneous.....	7 75
Balance on hand, May 31, 1905.....	492 91
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	\$1,314 26

HISTORICAL MUSEUM FUND.

June 1, 1904—On deposit.....	\$ 313 83
Interest, 1904-5.....	9 46
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	\$ 323 29

FRANK YEIGH, Treasurer.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT.....Wm. Rennie.
SECRETARY.....W. W. Colpitts.
TREASURER.....Ed. Morphy.
Representatives to Ontario Historical Society: Alfred Willson
and Wm. Rennie.

The past year has been one of the most prosperous that the Society has witnessed for many years; more members, men good and true, have joined our ranks and attended our meetings, and these meetings have not been given wholly to business, very friendly interchange of courtesies and interesting and instructive addresses have made the afternoons we spent together very pleasant. Among those deserving special mention were those given by J. Ross Robertson, Col. McGillivray and J. D. Nasmith, Esq., on their recent visits to the Holy Land, a synopsis of which is recorded in our Minutes.

Number of members, 131.

Increase during year, 32.

Expenditure, approximately, \$115.

Number of business and committee meetings: Business, 12; Committee, 5.

Lectures, etc., 7.

Additions to Museum, 6.

Publications by Society, 200 copies of the Annual Report.

WM. RENNIE, President.
W. W. COLPITTS, Secretary.

LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT.....Rev. Canon Bull, M.A.
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....Jas. Wilson, C.E.

This comparatively old Society has done and promoted much active historical work along this frontier line, relating to the periods of the American Revolution and the War of 1812-14.

Of late, the Society has not been quite so actively engaged, owing to deaths and removals of several of its members, and other causes such as a new population and a rush of unusually great activities at Niagara Falls. The L. L. H. S. can afford to rest awhile, not dor-

mant, but to wait for and watch for its opportunities for renewed services of loyalty and patriotism, as heretofore.

As a measure relating to the Society's future, and the spirit of Christian citizenship among the rising generation, an organization of Public School children was begun near Lundy's Lane, four years ago, in memory of good Queen Victoria, to teach the children about humanity, and kindness, instead of cruelty to all dumb animals.

It is now proposed to organize the same children as a young "National Patriotic Society," in keeping with the design of Empire Day, and the officers of the L. L. H. S. have decided to offer annual prizes—one to the pupils of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes and the other to pupils of the common schools of the County of Wel-land, for the best essay on some definite patriotic subject, the essays to be handed in and adjudged at the beginning of May, and the selected ones read at the Empire Day exercises and published in the county papers. These two organizations will not interfere with the regular work of the school. And the L. L. H. S. begs to suggest that other Historical Societies adopt some similar method of awaken- ing the interest of the pupils in historical matters. Monthly, quar- terly, and annual meetings have been held with great success, in the case of the Memorial Humane branch, under the Presidency of the Principal and assistant teachers.

The L. L. H. S. takes great pleasure in reporting that (3) three new publications have been issued: Vol. VI., "Documentary His- tory," 3rd Edition, 350 pp.; "Queenston Heights," "Siege of Fort Erie." August 1—September 23, 1814, 47 pp.

These publications are valuable contributions to the Society from the gifted mind and ready pen of Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank.

The Society, and indeed all the Historical Societies on both sides of the National line, owe to the author of these pages and many others, a lasting debt of gratitude. Six volumes of "Documentary History," 2,000 pp., are of very great importance and value.

His latest contribution, "The Siege of Fort Erie," 47 pp., relates to the last months of the War of 1812-14. Were it not for such pages, how could we know the full history of the series of conflicts and the gallantry of the besiegers of the Fort, held then by the invaders of this Canadian frontier? The siege was from August 1st to September 23rd, 1814.

With pardonable pride, it may be mentioned that a few years ago the L. L. H. S., with the able assistance of Col. Cruikshank, in the presence of a large meeting of a thousand or more interested people (July 25, 1896), at the old neglected Fort Erie, resolved, in an appeal to the Ottawa Government, that the Fort ruins with eighteen and one-half acres—Ordnance lands—might be placed

under the control of the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners for the purpose of a Park, in memory of the siege. The appeal has been successful. The Park is now fenced, trees are planted, etc., a caretaker is in charge, and a granite monument has been erected to the brave men who fell in the siege and it is expected that the unveiling ceremonies will soon be announced.

Our Secretary, who is Superintendent of the Niagara Falls Park, is able to tell us, with much satisfaction, about this new Park, now under his direction, and thus completing a park-system along the Niagara River between the two great lakes.

“While men may come and men will go,” the present members of the L. L. H. S.—resident and non-resident—trust that the Society will remain for long years to do loyal and patriotic work—to love Canada and foster the spirit of Unity, Peace, and Concord. Proceeding on righteous principles, it will do much to promote the welfare of humanity.

This Society, we trust, will long remain strong, mindful, and active in cherishing the memories of the early settlers of this Peninsula—the good men and women who served their generation in the fear of God and of honour to their Sovereign—for, “Though dead, they yet speak” in the development of this fine Province—Ontario.

The two organizations (already referred to) of the children of the school district near Lundy’s Lane, it is believed, will serve, in time, to supply new members to the L. L. H. S., many of whom will occupy the places once held by its founders, as the late John A. Orchard, Rev. E. J. Fessenden, Hon. Dr. Ferguson, Dr. McGarry, Mrs. Curzon, H. C. Symmes, C. Woodruff, James A. Lowell, George Henderson, and others whose good words and works follow them.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR—MAY 1, 1904-05.

Balance from previous year.....	\$	192	84
Received during year.....		341	67
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Total.....	\$	534	51
Payments during year.....		355	85
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Balance carried forward.....	\$	178	66

All of which is submitted.

REV. CANON BULL, M.A., President.
JAMES WILSON, C.E., Secretary.

THOROLD AND BEAVERDAMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
THOROLD, ONTARIO.

- HONORARY PRESIDENT..... Rev. P. L. Spencer.
- HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT..... James Munroe.
- PRESIDENT..... J. H. Thompson.
- VICE-PRESIDENT..... William Munro.
- TREASURER..... W. F. Bald.
- HISTORIAN..... Mrs. S. Ball.
- SECRETARY..... Amy Ball.

On the third Friday of January, however, we are quite willing to make any change convenient to the parent society, and to fall in line.

June is a very inconvenient month for teachers and students and I think many interested would be glad of a change.

The Rev. Mr. Spencer, of Jarvis, who organized the Thorold and Beaverdams Historical Society and was president, while incumbent at Thorold, has promised us the first reading of his paper on "The Pioneer Settlers," and as he is universally respected and beloved by the people of all denominations in the town, we think he will have a "full house," and, perhaps, revive the interest. After his lecture I shall write you with reference to your suggestion of a visit from some member of the Provincial Society.

Number of members, 40 ; increase during the year, 8 ; income from members at 25 cents each, \$10 ; expenditures, \$9 ; number of business and committee meetings, 4 ; additions to Library : Book of Altitudes, 4 Pamphlets and Historical Society Papers and Records.

JOHN H. THOMPSON, President.
AMY BALL, Secretary.

JUNE 5, 1905.

THE NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NIAGARA,
ONTARIO.

- PATRON..... Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C.
- HON. VICE-PRESIDENTS. Mrs. Roe, Mrs. H. Clement, C.F. Ball.
- PRESIDENT..... Miss Carnochan.
- VICE-PRESIDENT..... H. PAFFARD.
- SECRETARY..... Alfred Ball.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY..... J. E. Kersley.
- TREASURER..... Mrs. S. D. Manning.
- CURATOR AND EDITOR..... Miss Carnochan.
- Committee. Rev. J. C. Garrett, Mrs. T. F. Best, W. R. McClelland, W. Miller, W. J. Wright, M. A.

“Ducit Amor Patriæ.”

Having entered on the tenth year of our existence as a Society, we are glad to be able to report progress in several directions. Since our last report eighteen members have been added to our Society, which now numbers ninety-two, but as two-thirds of these are non-residents, the chief work of the Society is necessarily restricted to comparatively few. During the year, two publications have been issued, number 11 being “Reminiscences of Niagara,” and number 12 a reprint of our first publication, by Col. Cruikshank, with additions and corrections, and number 13 is now ready for issue.

During the winter months, seven monthly meetings were held, besides several committee meetings, and the following papers were read :

“St. Vincent de Paul Church,” by Mrs. Jos. Greene ; “Lord Durham’s Administration,” by W. J. Wright, M.A. ; “Meetings of Indians at Niagara in Early Years,” and “Origin of Names of the Streets of the Town,” both by the President.

Our exchange list now numbers thirty and over five hundred copies of our publications have been distributed, to members, Historical Societies or others interested, and over sixty copies have been sold.

The historical collection has had many additions, consisting of documents, early papers, flags, pictures, etc. Through the kindness of a friend, the Michigan Historical Society contributed twenty-seven volumes of its valuable transactions. Several of these relate solely to Canada.

As showing the increased interest in historical matters in our town and vicinity, it may be mentioned that our President was during the year asked to accompany four different historical parties, the visits being paid to Queenston, Fort Niagara, and our town, coming respectively from Toronto, Buffalo, St. Catharines, and Ransomville and Lockport, N. Y.

The usual visit to the graveyards was paid on the 17th of September, our anniversary, and the graves of pioneers, etc., decorated with flowers.

Much valuable help, in the way of arranging our documents, manuscripts, newspaper cuttings, autographs in large scrap books, was given by a valued member, Mrs. H. Thompson, of Toronto. We have to record with hearty thanks the contribution of a valuable revolving case for our pictures from the Educational Department.

Much progress has also been made in the direction of our Memorial Hall fund, an undertaking begun with much doubt on the part of many, but in which we feel we have much reason for thankfulness. It is acknowledged that our Society is not merely local in its aims

and objects but draws contributions from different parts of Canada. About \$1900 has been subscribed and we aim at the sum of \$3000 for a separate building. Our collection is now so crowded that we have for the summer secured the use of the spacious hall in the Court House and we hope that before another year we may possess a building of our own and shall be able to welcome our friends to more commodious quarters than heretofore.

Number of members, 92; increase during the year, 18; decrease, 2; income, \$178.21; expenditure, \$116.10; number of business and committee meetings, 8; lectures, 4; historical excursions, 1; additions to Museum, 75; additions to Library, 51; publications, 1; transaction, 1; report, 1; circular, 1.

JANET CARNOCHAN, President.
ALFRED BALL, Secretary.

JUNE 1st, 1905.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
TORONTO, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

HON. PRESIDENT Mrs. Mortimer Clark.
PRESIDENT..... Mrs. Forsyth Grant.
VICE-PRESIDENTS..... Lady Edgar, Mrs. James Bain.
COR. SECRETARY..... Miss Fitzgibbon, 66 Wellesley St.
REC. SECRETARY..... Mrs. Seymour Corley.
TREASURER..... Miss Josephine McCallum.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Hodgins, Miss H. M. Hill, Miss Cox, Mrs. Torrington, Miss McKellar, Miss Sarah Mitchell.

Since we had the honour of submitting our last Annual Report seven regular meetings have been held.

At the October meeting Miss Josephine MacCallum gave so graphic an account of a summer visit to Newfoundland that it was decided to devote the programme of the season largely to the study of the history of that Colony. In pursuance of this decision the following papers have been read :

“ Discovery and Early Settlement,” by Miss S. Mickle.

“ French Occupation and Influence,” by Miss Agnes Fitzgibbon, with a supplementary illustration by maps defining the French Shore question by Miss S. Mickle.

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“Newfoundland’s Capital, Climate and Resources,” by Miss Chauncey Tocque.

An old Toronto Directory and Almanac, with comments by the Secretary (by the kindness of Mr. H. H. Langton and Prof. Wrong).

A very exhaustive paper by Lucy Elizabeth Textor, Mass., entitled, “A Colony of Emigres,” being the history of the French Royalist refugees and their settlement in Upper Canada, was loaned to the Society in manuscript and a portion of it read at each meeting by Miss H. M. Hill. Although several papers on this subject had been submitted at previous sessions by the members, this paper was considered of sufficient interest and value to be accepted.

The membership now numbers 268. Two regular and three honorary members have passed away during the past year : Mr. D. B. Reade, Q.C., author of “The Lives of the Judges,” etc., and the mover of the resolution which resulted in the formation of the Society on September 5th, 1895, Mr. E. G. Nelson, author of “Patriotic Songs and Poems,” and the Rev. John Campbell, the celebrated philologist, whose kindly interest in our Society was a great encouragement and support.

Dr. James Bain, Chief Librarian of the Toronto Public Library, and Dr. W. H. Drummond, Montreal, author of “The Habitant,” etc., etc., have done us the honour of accepting nomination as Honorary members.

Several interesting relics and pamphlets have been presented during the year and our exchange list increased.

Transaction No. V has been printed.

Mrs. FORSYTH GRANT, President.
Mrs. SEYMOUR CORLEY, Secretary.

TORONTO, May 23rd, 1905.

ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION,
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Sidney Silcox, Ph.D.
VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. (Senator) Wilson.
SEC.-TREASURER.....W. H. Murch.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Miss Christine Coyne.
EDITOR.....Judge Ermatinger.
CURATOR.....Mrs. H. T. Smith.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

J. H. Coyne, Judge Colter, J. W. Stewart, Chas. Oakes, K. W. McKay, Mesdames Dr. Gustin, Ermatinger, Duncombe, Jackson, and Coyne.

This Society has had a very successful year in the way of lectures and papers, the Ladies' Auxiliary being particularly active. They have had regular meetings at which the following papers were read :

- “Papineauville and the Manor House on the Ottawa River,” by Mrs. (Senator) Wilson.
- “The Yarwood Pond” (of local interest), by Miss Fitzgibbon.
- “The Habitant on Market Day,” by Mrs. J. P. Finlay.
- “The Talbot Regime” (selections from book), by Judge Ermatinger.
- “Archibald Lampman and His Poems,” by Mrs. James H. Coyne.
- “Laurentian Granite,” by Dr. Silcox.
- “Madelaide de Vercheres,” by Miss S. McCausland.
- “Lord Strathcona,” by Miss Gilbert.
- “Early Reminiscences of St. Thomas,” by Mrs. Dr. Gustin.
- “Sketches of life among the Redmen,” by Mrs. (Senator) Wilson.
- “Sir Isaac Brock,” Miss McConnell.
- “Early History of St. Thomas.” by Miss Ermatinger.

W. H. MURCH, Secretary.

THE WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

(Organized January, 1889.)

- HON. PRESIDENT..... F. W. Fearman.
- PRESIDENT..... H. H. Robertson.
- 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT..... Justus Griffin.
- 2ND VICE PRESIDENT..... C. R. McCullough.
- 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT..... Mrs. J. Rose Holden.
- SECRETARY-TREASURER..... Earl Gates.
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY..... Mrs. C. Fessenden.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

S. F. Lazier, K.C.; J. H. Smith, J. W. Jones, B. A.; T. H. A. Begue, Mrs. Edward Martin, Rev. Canon Geo. A. Bull, F. C.

Fearman, Chas. Lemon, Rev. Canon E. U. Bland, Mrs. R. G. Sutherland, representing the Ladies' Committee.

OFFICERS OF LADIES' COMMITTEE.

Mrs. J. Rose Holden, President; Mrs. R. G. Sutherland, Vice-President; Dr. Alice McGillivray, Secretary; Mrs. Martin, Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

(From June 5, 1904, to June 5, 1905.)

To the Officers and Members of the Wentworth Historical Society :

At the close of another year I present a summary of our work during the past twelve months. We have not made any substantial increase in our membership. But those already in the society and interested in its work have accomplished work of some value, as is evidenced by the volume of our Transactions recently published. The book speaks for itself and I need say little about it; the portraits alone are so valuable as to warrant the whole cost of publication. Let it be remembered that photography was an unknown art during the first third of the last century, and some idea may be formed of the service rendered in searching out and getting reproductions of old oil paintings of prominent men among the early settlers.

The care and preservation of the cities of the dead should interest all and is of importance from a historical point of view. This Society deems it a duty to bring to the notice of the proper authorities burial places which are in a neglected condition. With this object in view, a committee of the Society waited upon the Council of the Township of Barton, at its November session, and presented a petition from a large number of ratepayers, and others, requesting provision be made for the care of the public burial ground in the Sixth Concession of that Township, in which many pioneers are buried. The Council received the deputation courteously and promised serious consideration. So far as we know nothing has since been done except to endeavor to throw the responsibility upon this Society; but we hope that the Council will yet realize its duty in this matter.

There is still before the Wentworth Historical Society a wide field for research and much work to be accomplished. We must not be satisfied with the record of the past, but continue our labors.

Your Secretary has in the past year written twenty-three letters

and sent out about 100 copies of the 4th volume of our Transactions. Therewith the Secretary-Treasurer submits his financial statement.

JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in bank June 5, 1904.....	\$ 179 61
Receipts during the year.....	136 40
Amount due Treasurer at this date (June 5, 1904).....	2 15
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	\$ 318 16

EXPENDITURES.

Due Treasurer June 5, 1904.....	\$ 65
Room rent to date.....	5 75
Use of chairs December 1904.....	2 00
Collectors' commission.....	3 35
Postage and postcards.....	2 80
Express and telephone.....	50
Advertising meeting.....	6 00
Printing and stationery.....	10 30
Drawings and engravings.....	44 30
500 Copies of Transactions.....	172 50
Balance in bank.....	70 01
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	\$ 318 16

Amount in bank.....	70 01
Less amount due Treasurer.....	2 15
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Net balance.....\$ 67 86

Audited and found correct.

The report of the Treasurer of the Ladies' Committee showed that the amount at the credit of the Committee, including interest, is \$1,337.48.

Number of members, 75; income, including balance from last year, \$316.01; expenditure, \$247.95; number of business and committee meetings, 7; lectures, 1; additions to the library, 12 volumes; publications, Vol. IV. of our Journal and Transactions.

CHAS. LEMON, President.
JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, Secretary.

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THE WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. John Calder.
 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. John S. Hendrie.
 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. R. R. Waddell.
 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. M. Gibson.
 4TH VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. John Crerar.
 RECORDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. Bertie Smith.
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet.
 TREASURER.....Miss Ethel McKay.
 TRUSTEES (Battlefield at Stoney Creek). Wm. Hendrie, Hon.

J. M. Gibson, Thomas W. Watkins.

Number of members, about 140 ; increase during the year, about 30 ; income not fixed, \$600 or \$700 raised ; expenditure on Stoney Creek battlefield, \$500 ; additions to Museum, historical pictures.

MRS. JOHN CALDER, President.
MINNIE JEAN NISBET, Cor. Secretary.

MAY 30, 1904.

NORFOLK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SIMCOE, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....H. B. Donly.
 SEC.-TREASURER.....H. F. Cook.
 CURATOR.....H. Johnson.
 COUNCILLORS.....His Honor Judge Robb, Elias Boughner.

During the year of 1905, the Norfolk Historical Society met three times. The attendance was never large.

Two papers were presented at the February meeting. One by H. B. Donly gave many interesting extracts and items from probably the first newspaper of Norfolk County.

Mr. Elias Boughner dealt with many facts of value in "A Sketch of the Municipal History of the District of Talbot."

The membership of the Society is seventy. Since last report no new members have been added and there have been some losses. Four members have withdrawn their names from our lists.

A great loss was sustained through the death of our enthusiastic secretary, Dr. J. J. Wadsworth.

Other members who have died are Miss Margaret Walsh, Mrs. Abigail Becker Rohrer, Messrs. Jonathan Ellis, Port Dover, and

Walter Scott Turnbull, Delhi.

Number of members, 77 ; decrease during year, 3 ; income, \$7 ; expenditure, \$9.40 ; lectures, 1 ; papers, 6.

JAMES ROBB, Esq., County Judge, President.
H. FRANK COOK, Secretary.

SIMCOE, May 27th, 1905.

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LONDON, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Jno. Dearness.
SECRETARY.....Mrs. M. J. Gahan.

The London and Middlesex Historical Society has had eight regular monthly meetings open to the public during the year. Recollections and descriptions of the life of several of the pioneers of the county were compiled and read, amongst them being Mr. Richard Stevens, of Westminster, Mr. Duncan McKenzie, of London Township, and Mr. Wm. Percival of the city. Judge Hughes, of St. Thomas, also prepared a paper for us on Col. Talbot, and we have had also the history of two townships, Lobo and Biddulph, and a paper on the naming of London's streets which showed a vast amount of research, and showed clearly how history is written in names. The history of the early militia of Canada, of the Union Jack, of Laura Secord, and of the settlement of Canada's boundaries were subjects also treated by our own members, besides an interesting report of the meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at Windsor.

Two gentlemen from Toronto, Mr. Fraser, Provincial Archivist, and Mr. David Boyle, your honored secretary, gave us most interesting and instructive addresses, the one on the "Nature and Extent of His Work," and the other on the "Characteristics of the Savage as Shown in Civilized Life, Especially Among Children," drawing therefrom valuable educational lessons.

A delightful picnic was held at the remains of an old Indian fort in London Township which aroused much interest.

Prizes to the amount of thirty dollars were given through the schools for essays on the history of the families of the pioneers, and for township histories. A number of valuable papers were thus secured for the Society. All papers of historical value are preserved in convenient form by our curator.

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Number of members, 68 ; increase during the year, 39 ; decrease during the year, 29 ; income, \$159.90 · expenditure, \$90.59 ; number of business and committee meetings, 12 ; lectures, etc., 8 ; Historical excursions, 1 ; additions to Library, 50.

JNO. DEARNESS, President.
M. J. GAHAN, Secretary.

JUNE 2nd, 1905.

LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SARNIA, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Frederic C. Watson.
SECRETARY.....Joshua Adams.

Only one meeting was held during the year. The Society numbers 38 members.

Number of members, 38 ; income during the year, \$2.50 ; expenditures, \$5.33 ; number of business and committee meetings, 1.

FREDERIC C. WATSON, President.
JOSHUA ADAMS, Secretary.

JUNE, 1905.

THE BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....J. F. Jeffers.
SECRETARY.....A. McGinnis.

Number of members, 18 ; increase during the year, 5 ; income, \$4.50 ; total funds on hand, \$10.88 ; expenditure, \$3 ; number of business and committee meetings, 2 ; lectures, etc., 3.

J. F. JEFFERS, President.
A. MCGINNIS, Secretary.

JUNE 6th, 1905.

THE PETERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT..... Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Rogers.
SECRETARY..... T. A. S. Hay.

Number of members, 57 ; decrease during the year, 6 ; income, balance \$403.27, fees for 1905 \$25.50, total \$428.77 ; expenditures, expenses \$218.68, balance \$210.09, total \$428.77 ; number of business and committee meetings, 5 ; additions to Library, 40 volumes ; additions to Museum, large number of articles.

LIEUT.-COLONEL H. C. ROGERS, President.
T. A. S. HAY, Secretary.

PETERBOROUGH, May 26th, 1905.

THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LINDSAY, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT..... W. H. Stevens, B.A.
SECRETARY..... E. G. Flavelle, B.A.

This year we have obtained, through the kindness of the Public Library Board, a room in the new Carnegie library building. Here we have started a Museum and had sixty pieces donated. The collection comprises muskets of all ages and kinds, also a few old books. We have added to our Library about twelve old books. We have a membership of about twenty-five.

Our revenue has been \$50, expenditures, \$34. Two business meetings were held.

His Honor Judge Dean and Mr. R. J. McLaughlin, K.C., were elected delegates to the Ontario Society meeting at Niagara.

W. H. STEVENS, B.A., President.
E. G. FLAVELLE, B.A., Secretary.

OTTAWA WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENTMrs. Thomas Ahearn.
SECRETARY.....Mrs. Charles O'Connor.

Number of members, 146; increase during the year, 7 active and one Honorary member; income, \$51.81; expenditures, \$48.29; number of business and committee meetings, 7 general, 3 executive and 3 special; lectures, 3 papers read.

MRS. THOMAS AHEARN, President.
MRS. CHARLES O'CONNOR, Secretary.

THE BOWMANVILLE WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENTMargaret Frances Allen.
SECRETARY.....Margaret E. P. Bogue.

The Women's Historical Society of Bowmanville has little of importance to report for the Winter of 1904-5. Our Society has been prosperous. The fourteen meetings stipulated for in our Constitution have been held during the session. There has been an average attendance of sixteen out of twenty-five members, which shows an increase on the attendance of last year. Some of our old members have dropped out of the Society and others have taken their places. There has been no falling off in the excellency of the papers, nor in our interest and loyalty toward our Society, our motto being "Loyalty Binds Me."

Number of members, 25; decrease during the year, 3; income, \$10.51; expenditures, \$4.00; lectures, Miss Fitzgibbon gave one on "Early Travellers in Ontario"; additions to Library, such transactions as have been sent to us.

MARGARET FRANCES ALLEN, President.
MARGARET E. P. BOGUE, Secretary.

THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

(HEAD OF THE LAKE BRANCH.)

- HON. PRESIDENT.....His Honor Judge Snider.
- PRESIDENT.....S. F. Lazier, K.C.
- 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT.....A. C. Beasley.
- 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.....J. H. Smith.
- HON. SEC.-TREASURER.....H. H. Robertson.

COMMITTEE.

J. M. Dingwall, Justus Griffin, W. G. Moore, T. H. Husband, C. H. Hooper, Stanley Mills.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1904-5.

Your committee report that the total membership, exclusive of associate members, is 71. The financial statement of the Treasurer, duly audited, showing a balance on hand of \$28.46, is appended.

During the year members have prepared and read the following papers on the dates named :

1904.

April 5—Some Biographical and Historical Notes on the Militia of 1804 within the County of Wentworth, etc., by H. H. Robertson.

October 14—"A Norfolk County U. E. Loyalist, Capt. A. A. Rapelje, a Biographical Sketch," by Miss Agnes A. E. R. Taylor.

December 13—"The First U. E. Loyalists, by S. F. Lazier, K.C.

1905.

February 16—"Canada and the Navy," by H. H. Robertson.

Miss Taylor's paper was also read before the General Association at Toronto at its November meeting.

Mrs. Perley, of Port Dover, a surviving daughter of Capt. A. A. Rapelje, an original U. E. Loyalist and a member of this branch, has been made an Honorary Vice-President of the Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. H. ROBERTSON, Honorary Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1904-05.

RECEIPTS.

1904.

January 26, from last year.....\$ 11 46

1905.

Members' fees for 1904-5..... 36 50

Total.....\$ 47 96

EXPENDITURES.

Room rent for four meetings.....	\$ 3 00
Postage and Postal Cards.....	4 45
Printing.....	4 75
Engraving Co.....	1 75
Collector.....	2 55
Sundries.....	3 00
Balance.....	28 46
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Total.....	\$ 47 96

S. F. LAZIER, President.
COLIN G. SNIDER.

HAMILTON, February 2, 1905.

HURON INSTITUTE, COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO.

- HON. PRESIDENT.....H. Robertson, K.C.
- PATRONESS.....Mrs. E. F. Lett.
- PRESIDENT.....G. W. Bruce, B.A.
- 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT.....F. T. Hodgson.
- 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.....John Lawrence.
- SECRETARY.....David Williams.
- TREASURER.....James Morris.
- CURATOR.....C. E. Freer.

DIRECTORS.

G. K. Mills, B.A., C. C. McKenzie, J. W. Day, M. Gaviller, C. E., D. Williams, W. T. Allan, Dr. Clemes, Miss Redmond, Miss Switzer and Miss Birnie.

Number of members, 62 ; income, \$153.85 ; expenditure, \$123.77 ; number of business and committee meetings, 17 ; number of lectures, etc., 5 ; additions to Museum, 20.

COLLINGWOOD, May 27th, 1905.

COBOURG AND COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, COBOURG, ONTARIO.

- PRESIDENT.....E. C. S. Huycke, K.C.
- SECRETARY.....Mrs. J. F. MacMacklace.

There were no meetings of the Cobourg and County of Northumberland Historical Society held during the past year.

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E. C. S. HUYCKE, President.
Mrs. J. L. MACACKLACE, Secretary.

THE ESSEX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WINDSOR,
ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Francis Cleary.
SECRETARY.....A. J. E. Belleperche.

Number of members, 91 ; income, \$85.00 ; expenditures, \$51.64 ;
number of business and committee meetings, many committee meet-
ings ; lectures, 2 ; Historical excursions, 1.

FRANCIS CLEARY, President.
A. J. E. BELLEPERCHE, Secretary.

WINDSOR, June 1st, 1905.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1906.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society for 1906 was held at Collingwood in response to the invitation of the Huron Institute, on Thursday and Friday, July 19th and 20th, and proved most successful and enjoyable. The attendance was larger than usual at the yearly gatherings.

In the absence of the President, Mr. G. R. Pattullo, of Woodstock, Lieut.-Col. Rogers, of Peterboro', vice-president, presided, with among others, the following present: Ex-Presidents James Coyne, B.A., St. Thomas; C. C. James, M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Toronto, and Rev. Canon Bull, Niagara Falls; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Cruikshank, of Niagara Falls; Mr. Barlow Cumberland, second vice-president, Mr. David Boyle, secretary, Toronto; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto; Miss J. Carnochan, president of the Niagara Historical Society; Chancellor Burwash of Victoria University; Mr. John Dearness, vice-principal of the Normal School, London; H. F. Gardiner, principal of the Institute for the Blind, Brantford; Alex. Fraser, Provincial Archivist; Miss McCallum, Miss Port, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Musson, Miss T. M. Merrill and Mrs. Seymour Corley, of Toronto; Miss M. Bell, Strathcona; Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Allison, Stayner; Misses Pooke and Harris, of Guelph; Mrs. F. E. Webster, Guelph; Thos. Hindle, Minesing; Mrs. Coyne and Miss Paul, of St. Thomas; T. Dryburg, of Manners, W. Dryburg, Odessa, and Misses Ovens, Duntroon, D. Williams and many others of Collingwood.

At the opening session, after the routine business was disposed of, an interesting paper was read by Miss T. M. Merrill, her subject being "The Washburn Treasure." In this Miss Merrill brought to the attention of the Society some forgotten history of Prince Edward Island county.

Another paper was contributed by Mr. G. H. Hale, of Orillia, in which the Society was urged to advance and promote the historical work so well in hand.

The President appointed Chancellor Burwash, Major Bruce, and Messrs. Coyne, James and Cumberland a Committee on Resolutions, and Messrs. Coyne, Boyle, James and D. Williams a Nomination Committee.

Reports were received from a number of the affiliated societies, the majority of which were highly satisfactory, showing marked progress during the past year.

On Thursday evening Ald. G. Watson, jr., in the absence of Mayor Wilson, welcomed the visitors and extended to them the freedom of the town. Major Bruce, on behalf of the Huron Institute, also bade them welcome and extended to them the freedom of the whole of the Huron country.

Mr. C. C. James, M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, read a paper on the "Downfall of the Hurons," which proved to be of exceptional interest and which was highly appreciated by a large audience. The paper was the outcome of diligent research and careful study of the history of the early inhabitants of the southern shores of the Georgian Bay. At the close of his valuable and interesting paper, Mr. James showed between sixty and seventy stereopticon views of the Huron country, including a number of parts of the Blue Mountains and the Pretty River Valley, the home of the Petun branch of the great Indian family.

On Friday morning Major Bruce read a paper on the Petun Indians and aroused a new interest in the history of the almost forgotten people. Major Bruce also brought out some new points, and advanced his opinion that in the designation of the rock on Lot 31, Con. 12, Tph. of Nottawasaga, as the "Standing Rock," Rev. Father A. E. Jones is mistaken, Major Bruce holding that the real rock is nearer the northerly end of the mountain and almost directly west of Collingwood.

In the absence of Mr. G. K. Mills, B.A., his paper on "The Nottawasaga Trail," was read by Miss F. E. Redmond. The paper was well received. In it Mr. Mills presents a condensed, yet interesting and entertaining history of the trail between the lakes, which is of value to every student of early Canadian history.

On Friday afternoon the Huron Institute entertained the visitors and their friends to a trip on the steamer Minnie M to Christian Island. On their arrival there they were joined by the Penetang Historical Society. In addition to the members of the town society Mayor Wilson and members of Collingwood Council, School and Library Boards were present, so that the total number who enjoyed the pleasant sail across the bay must have been above two hundred and fifty.

The reason why Christian Island was honored with a visit from the numerous guests was on account of its historic interest. As every one in this part of the country knows the island was the scene of the last desperate trials of the Hurons at the hands of their implacable and blood-thirsty foes, the Iroquois. The members of the Historical Society, with the members of the Huron Institute and Chief Monague as guides, proceeded to investigate the ruins as soon as the Minnie M. arrived at the island. At a distance of three

hundred yards from the dock the visitors found the grass-covered walls of the old fort where the last struggle was waged in 1648. The fort had four bastions and inside the walls there was a spring which still discharges its limpid waters among the swampy growth of shrubbery which has extended over the place.

Col. Rogers, the President of the Society, mounted the southwestern bastion of the old fort and after pointing out the strategic advantages of the location chosen by the Hurons called upon Chief Monague to welcome the pale-faces to his domain.

The chief, all smiles and faultlessly attired in civilized garb, mounted the rostrum and spoke first in his own tongue, Ojibway, and afterwards in English. He welcomed the visitors in a few, well-chosen and graceful phrases.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mr. J. Birnie, K.C., was then called upon to address the Society on "The Last Stand of the Hurons." Mr. Birnie spoke without notes and as his delivery was excellent, suiting the action to the word, the large audience hung upon his well-turned periods with close attention. He explained that the place where he was standing once witnessed the last desperate struggle of a people who stood with their backs against the wall, face to face either with extermination or victory. When the Hurons were attacked on the mainland and saw their villages gradually falling into the hands of the Iroquois, they decided to retreat to the island which was called by the French St. Joseph. The Jesuit fathers who labored among the Hurons removed their mission to the island and it was under the direction of the black robes that the Indians proceeded to build a palisade fort 123 feet long with walls 12 feet high. The fort was called St. Marie II. In this place 300 Huron families took refuge, hoping that the Iroquois would not cross over from the mainland. But the Iroquois were thirsting for Huron blood and so hot was the pursuit on the mainland that at length between 6,000 and 8,000 hunted Hurons, who, according to Mr. Birnie, were not a heroic people, were huddled together in the fort on the island while the Iroquois kept watch on the mainland for any stragglers who might wander afield in search of food.

The food supply soon gave out and thereupon the Hurons suffered the horror and misery of famine and pestilence. The cold was intense, the snow deep, the winter long. Mr. Birnie drew a graphic picture of the sentry pacing those very walls night after night dreading to see the savage faces of the terrible foe. At length the Jesuits determined to leave the doomed fort and when spring came they departed in their canoes for French River and Montreal. But the greater part of the Hurons decided to stay on the island. The next winter the Iroquois captured the fort and a massacre ensued. About

400 Hurons escaped to Manitoulin Island, but the majority of the fated people succumbed to famine and pestilence, or died miserably beneath the tomahawk of their powerful enemy, the Iroquois.

On the conclusion of Mr. Birnie's brilliant speech a resolution of thanks to him was moved by Mr. C. C. James, M.A., of Toronto, seconded by Mr. James Coyne, of St. Thomas, both of these gentlemen being Past Presidents of the Ontario Historical Society. The resolution was carried amid great applause.

With the memory of the awful Huron famine in mind the visitors repaired to the picnic tables and enjoyed a sumptuous repast provided by the ladies of Collingwood.

The Minnie M. made port again at 9 o'clock the same evening with a tired, but thoroughly satisfied crowd on board.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Mr. Coyne presented the report of the Resolution Committee, which was as follows :—

1. That the Society desires to convey to its President, Mr. Geo. R. Pattullo, its deep regret that he has been unable to be present at their annual meeting, and its sincere hope and prayer that he may be speedily restored to his former health and vigor.

2. That the Society desires to express its appreciation of the life and work of the late William Kirby, F.R.S.C., for many years Patron of the Niagara Historical Society, who died at Niagara on the 23rd of June, 1906, in an honored old age. An ardent and life-long student of history and contributor to the published papers of the Niagara and Lundy's Lane Historical Societies, eminent as a poet and novelist dealing with historical subjects, it has been well said of him that his "pen and life did much for Imperial unity and to foster the patriotic spirit in Canada."

3. That the Ontario Historical Society approves of the proposal to erect a suitable national memorial to the late Alexander Muir, M.A., author of "The Maple Leaf Forever," expresses gratification that the President of the Society has been appointed an honorary member of the General Committee for the erection of the memorial, and commends the project to the support of its members and of local historical societies.

4. That the Society hereby expresses its sincere sympathy with the relatives and friends of the late Mr. W. F. Fearman, of Hamilton, Mr. Alfred Willson, of Toronto, Miss Margaret Claire Kilroy, of Windsor, in the death of those persons who had taken a

deep interest in the local societies to which they belonged and also in this Ontario Historical Society, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey this expression of sympathy to the relatives of the deceased.

5. That the attention of Boards of Education and School Trustees be invited to the importance of the placing in collegiate institutes, high schools and public schools, of portraits and busts of distinguished persons and pictures of historic incidents notable in the history of Canada and the Empire, and that the Honorable the Minister of Education be respectfully requested to use his influence to carry out the purpose of this resolution, and that the Secretary send the Minister a copy of this resolution.

6. That the Society approves of the action taken by the Council for the preservation of the Old Fort at Toronto, and recommends continued vigilance and action to prevent further desecration, and to restore and maintain the fort as an historic memorial.

7. That the Society, in cordially thanking the Huron Institute for its hospitality in inviting, welcoming and entertaining the Ontario Historical Society, desires to congratulate the Institute on the important work accomplished and to express its grateful appreciation of the action of the Public Library Board of Collingwood in providing so attractive and commodious permanent quarters for the Institute, and of the liberality of the Council of the Town of Collingwood in making a generous grant to further the success of this Annual Meeting.

Mr. D. Williams presented the report of the Nomination Committee which was as follows :—

Past President—G. R. Pattullo, Woodstock.

President—Lt.-Col. H. C. Rogers, Peterboro'.

First Vice-President—F. Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope.

Second Vice-President—D. Boyle, Toronto.

Treasurer—F. Yeigh, Toronto.

Council—Lt.-Colonel E. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto ; David Williams, Collingwood ; Chancellor Burwash, Toronto ; Alex. Fraser, Toronto, and Past Presidents (ex-officio) C. C. James, J. H. Coyne and G. R. Pattullo.

Monument Committee—Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto ; Miss J. Carnochan, Niagara ; Col. E. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls, and H. F. Gardiner, Brantford.

Flag Committee—Mrs. Fessenden, Hamilton ; F. B. Cumberland, Port Hope ; Geo. H. Hale, Orillia, and John Dearness, London.

On motion of Messrs. James and Cumberland the following were named as a Site Preservation Committee : F. B. Cumberland, Port Hope ; A. H. U. Colquhoun, F. Yeigh, and Alex. Fraser, Toronto, and Major Bruce, Collingwood.

Moved by J. Dearness and seconded by Miss M. E. Pook, Macdonald Consolidated School, Guelph, that the Honorable the Minister of Education be respectfully requested to take the necessary steps to place in every high or public school in the Province a copy of the paper and maps presented to this Society by Mr. C. C. James, M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, on Thursday evening, on the occasion of the delivering of his lecture on "The Downfall of the Hurons." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson that the annual report be printed within three months after the annual meeting, as at present the report does not reach the affiliated societies until over a year has passed from the time the reports of said societies have been sent to the Ontario Historical Society. Carried.

Messrs. Rogers, Cumberland and Boyle, the President and Vice-Presidents, thanked the Nominating Committee for the honor of being chosen for the offices named.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of this Council, held in the Huron Institute, Lieutenant-Colonel Rogers, President, presided, with the following present : F. Barlow Cumberland, First Vice-President ; D. Boyle, Second Vice-President and Secretary ; Miss Carnochan, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Chancellor Burwash, Alex. Fraser, D. Williams, Major Bruce, C. C. James and Col. E. Cruikshank.

Mr. Boyle resigned his position as Secretary, to take effect at next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Coyne moved that the following be a committee to consider the appointment of a new Secretary : Messrs. Cumberland, Boyle, James, Williams, and Mrs. Thompson. Carried.

The Committee are to report when they have considered the matter of Secretary when a meeting will be called.

Mr. Cumberland, seconded by Miss Carnochan, moved that the sum of twenty dollars be granted for the binding of books.

Mrs. Thompson reported on the binding done.

Mr. Williams moved that the Editorial Committee consist of Mr. James, President, and Secretary. Carried.

Mr. James moved that the Finance Committee consist of President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Major Bruce that the auditors be re-appointed. Carried.

Mr. James moved, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the reports for last year and this year be issued as one volume. Carried.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

- PRESIDENT.....Wm. Rennie, Sr.
- 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Eli. Crawford.
- 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Capt. William McClain.
- 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Alex. Gibb.
- 4TH. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Alfred Willson.
- 5TH. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Lieut-Col. McGillivray.
- TREASURER.....John Harvie.
- SECRETARY.....Rev. H. S. Matthews, 60 Tranby Ave.
- REGISTRAR.....Alfred E. Hayter.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Captain Jessop, Chairman, John R. Bull, Daniel Lamb, Samuel Parker, James R. Briggs, J. D. Nasmith.

AUDITORS.

W. A. Parsons and W. E. Griffith.

The Secretary, who for the last eight years has presented an Annual Report to this Society, takes up his pen for the last time in this regard.

Almost immediately after our last meeting, Kivas Tully, long and favorably known by the York Pioneers, frequently met in the corridors of the Parliament Buildings, passed over to the great majority. In the same month Joseph Watson, who had attained a good old age, passing his later years in comfort and honor, was summoned hence. In the leafy month of June, when the roses were in bloom, James Thompson was called hence, and obeying the summons, entered into rest; and then followed one of our members who because of physical infirmities was not able to meet with us, and consequently was not as well known as some others. I refer to W. A. Orr. He was the father of Dr. Orr, the Secretary and Manager of the Industrial Exhibition. In August Charles Durand,

who had passed through many experiences in 1812, sickened and died, and another name connected with those historic events was taken from our roll.

In the same month Joseph Lawson, not so long a member, and for some months an invalid, was laid away beneath the clods of the valley, and scarcely had the sound of the earth falling on the coffin lid died away when one bright sunny day, we saw all that was mortal of our former Treasurer, E. M. Morphy, pass from our sight till the morning of the resurrection.

When October leaves were lying crisp and brown, the Rev. Dr. Blackstock was gathered by the angel reaper to the garner above. Amid the festivities of Christmas, James Crocker, one of the warmest friends of this Society, passed away from earth.

Nine members of the Society have this year passed within the veil, but forty-four members have joined, leaving us a net increase of thirty-five, the largest in many years.

WM. RENNIE, SR., President.
REV. H. S. MATTHEWS, Secretary.

THE NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NIAGARA, ONTARIO.

(October 13th, 1904—October 13th, 1905.)

PATRON.....Wm. Kirby, F. R. S. C.
HON. VICE-PRESIDENTS. Mrs. Roe, Mrs. H. Clement, C. F. Ball.
PRESIDENT.....Miss Carnochan.
VICE-PRESIDENT.....H. Paffard.
SECRETARY.....Alfred Ball.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....J. E. Kersley.
TREASURER.....Mrs. S. D. Manning.
CURATOR AND EDITOR.....Miss Carnochan.

COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. C. Garrett, Mrs. T. F. Best, W. R. McClelland, W. Miller, W. J. Wright, M.A.

Number of members, 112 ; increase, 20 ; decrease, 2 ; income, \$231.25 ; expense, \$244.06 · number of business and committee meetings, 13 ; lectures, 4 ; additions to Library and Historical collection, 105 ; publications, 3.

JANET CARNOCHAN, President.
ALFRED BALL, Secretary.

THE ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....James H. Coyne.
 VICE-PRESIDENTMrs. J. H. Wilson.
 SECRETARY.....Frank Hunt.
 TREASURER.....W. H. Murch.
 CURATOR.....Mrs. W. Smith.
 EDITOR.....Judge Ermatinger.

COUNCIL.

Dr. S. Silcox, Judge Coulter, J. W. Stewart, Chas. Oakes, K. W. McKay, Mrs. J. S. Robertson, Mrs. C. O. Ermatinger, Mrs. T. W. Duncombe, and Mrs. W. R. Jackson.

To the President, Council and Members of the Ontario Historical Society :

The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute begs leave to report as follows ;

The past year has been marked by interest and continued effort, more especially on the part of the Women's Auxiliary, whose report is appended :

1. The Institute arranged in October last for a Commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, by requesting the Mayor to notify all citizens to display flags, the ministers to make reference to the anniversary from their pulpits, and the newspapers to publish special articles on Nelson's great victory. Dr. Silcox, as Principal of the Public Schools, arranged with the teachers to call attention to the anniversary. The Women's Auxiliary held a special meeting.

2. The Institute held three meetings during the last season. Public lectures were delivered as follows :

Feb. 2nd, 1906, by Mr. Benjamin Sulte, F. R. S. C., "On the French Canadian History."

Feb. 23rd, 1906, by William Wilfrid Campbell, F. R. S. C., "On English Literature."

Your continued co-operation is requested in taking measures for the preservation of the Southwold Earthwork and other valuable Historical and Archæological memorials.

JAMES H. COYNE, President.

FRANK HUNT, Secretary.

ST. THOMAS, June 30th, 1906.

THE WOMEN'S ELGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

- PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. H. Wilson.
- 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. James H. Coyne.
- 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. S. Robertson.
- 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Truman Duncombe.
- SECRETARY-TREASURER.....Mrs. R. H. McConnell.
- ASSISTANT TREASURER.....Miss McLachlin.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Mrs. O. J. Stevenson.
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Miss Coyne.
- RESPONDING SECRETARY.....Miss Wegg.
- CURATOR.....Mrs. F. M. Griffin.

During the past season there were six meetings held. The programme consisted of the following papers :—

“ A Talk on the Old ‘ Fort ’ at Prescott,” by Miss Ermatinger.
An address on “ Tecumseh, the Shawnee Chief,” by Mr. Waterbury, interspersed with readings by Mrs. Kains from the drama by the same name.

“ Sketches of the Men of Bruce County,” by Mrs. Louisa King.
Conclusion of address on “ Tecumseh,” by Mr. Waterbury.

“ Canadian Senate,” by Mrs. J. H. Wilson.
“ Early Women of the Country,” by Mr. Harris.

“ The Hudson Bay Company,” by Miss Grace McConnell.

On January 11th, 1906, “ The Women’s Historical Society ” presented a flag to the 25th Regiment for their Armory. The presentation was made by the President, Mrs. Wilson, with an appropriate address, which was cordially responded to by the commanding officers, who entertained the Society in honor of the occasion.

The centennial of the Battle of Trafalgar was celebrated by a special meeting at which Mr. James H. Coyne delivered an address suitable to the occasion.

The membership is 100, the society having passed a resolution limiting it to that number.

The Society is in a good financial condition, having about \$80 to its credit in the Southern Loan Saving Company.

AMELIA A. WILSON, President.
MINNIE E. MCCONNELL, Secretary.

THE WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON,
ONTARIO.

(Organized January, 1889.)

- HON. PRESIDENT.....F. W. Fearman.
- PRESIDENT.....H. H. Robertson.
- 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Justus A. Griffn.
- 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....C. R. McCullough.
- 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. Rose Holden.
- SECRETARY-TREASURER.....Earl D. Gates.
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. C. Fessenden.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

S. F. Lazier, K.C.; J. H. Smith, J. W. Jones, B.A.; T. H. A. Begue, Mrs. Edward Martin, Rev. Canon Geo. A. Bull, F. C. Fearman, Chas. Lemon, Rev. Canon E. U. Bland, Mrs. R. G. Sutherland, representing the Ladies' Committee.

OFFICERS OF LADIES' COMMITTEE.

Mrs. J. Rose Holden, President ; Mrs. R. G. Sutherland, Vice-President ; Dr. Alice McGillivray, Secretary ; Mrs. Martin, Treasurer.

A few weeks ago Mr. Earle D. Gates, your Secretary, removed to British Columbia, and it once more devolves upon me to present the report for the year.

As a Society we adhere to our motto and continue to "gather and keep" records of the history of our country and its centre, the city of Hamilton.

War stories are often supposed to comprise the whole of history, and indeed, too large a proportion of what is called history has been devoted to the conflicts of man with man. This is no doubt due to the horrors and sufferings incident to war. Catastrophies and scenic displays always impress the mind to the exclusion of equally or more important events.

The struggles of our people with the forces of nature, whereby they have made of the country the delight and happy home for millions of people is worthy of more attention than even the dangers, the difficulties and the achievements of war.

Our President, Mr. H. H. Robertson, has in the past made valuable contributions to our war history and has now ready for us a paper relating to the achievements of peace.

Other members are also "gathering" facts which they do not propose to "keep" to themselves, but will give the results of their investigations to the Society.

On the 13th of October the first meeting of the season was held, when a resolution was adopted asking the Provincial Government to erect a monument to Lieut-Col. (the Hon.) John McDonell, Attorney-General of the Province and aide to Gen. Sir Isaac Brock, who fell, mortally wounded, by the side of the General at Queenston Heights, also that the memory of the great Indian chief, Tecumseh, should be similarly recognized.

On the 21st of October, the centenary of Trafalgar, the members of this Society on invitation of the Acting President of the Women's Historical Society, Mrs. J. S. Hendrie, attended a very successful celebration under the auspices of that Society, on which occasion addresses were delivered by the Premier of Ontario and others.

The attention of the Society was called to the proposal of some citizens of the United States to raise the gunboats sunk in the Thames River, near Chatham, in 1813 and to remove them to Detroit for exhibition purposes. At the meeting of December 19 this Society passed a resolution to petition the proper authorities to prevent any interference with the boats. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the Secretary of State. Mr. A. E. Kemp, M.P., of Toronto, became interested in this question, moved in Parliament for papers regarding it and the authorities have declared that the boats shall not be removed from Canada.

On the 13th of February a very interesting address was made to the Society by Mr. Alexander Fraser, Ontario Provincial Archivist, in regard to the evidence given before the U. E. L. Claims Commission.

March 22nd, a lecture by Mr. Edward Harris, of Toronto, on "The Early Women of the Country," was given under the auspices of this Society, acting jointly with U. E. L. Association, The Women's Wentworth Historical Society, and The Daughters of the Empire. There was a large audience and all were interested in the instructive lecture.

During the year another of our past presidents, F. W. Fearman, has been removed by death. On that occasion a letter of sympathy and condolence was forwarded by the Executive to Mrs. Fearman.

There were two meetings of the Executive and three general meetings of the Society during the year, besides the joint meeting to hear Mr. Harris on March 22nd.

The receipts of the year were \$217.56 and the expenditure \$49.15, leaving a balance for future use of \$168.41, which will enable us to publish and illustrate our papers. A statement of accounts is appended hereto:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(For Year Ending June 5th, 1906.)

RECEIPTS.

Membership Fees.....	\$ 43 50.
Proceeds of Collection at Lecture.....	4 05.
Government Grant.....	100 00.
In Bank June 1, 1905.....	70 01.
Total.....	\$ 217 56.

EXPENDITURES.

Collector's Commission.....	\$ 3 50.
Rent and Sundry Oother Expenses.....	12 65.
Stationery, Printing and Postage.....	31 50.
Public Library, Toronto, for Copying.....	1 50.
Cash on hand.....	1 55.
Cash in Bank.	168 41.
	\$ 217 56.

H. H. ROBERTSON, President.
JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, Acting Secretary.

HAMILTON, June 5th, 1906.

NORFOLK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SIMCOE, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....H. B. Donly.
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....H. F. Cook.
CURATOR.....H. Johnson.
COUNCILLORS.....His Honor Judge Robb, Elias Boughner.

Number of members, 68; decrease, 10 (nearly all from death); income, \$22.10; expense, \$8.26; number of business and committee meetings, 3; lectures (two papers were read); additions to Library, 2.

H. B. DONLY, President.
H. F. COOK, Secretary.

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LONDON, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Frank Lawson.
SECRETARY.....Florence A. Mitchell.
TREASURER.....Henry Macklin.

Number of members, 16 ; decrease, 49 ; income (exclusive of Government grant), \$13.50 ; expense, to date, \$12.29 ; number of business and committee meetings, 5 ; lectures, 8 ; additions to Library, 30 : publications issued during the year, one on the way ; average attendance at meetings, 58, and all present. While the paid up members number only 16 the interest in the meetings has not decreased.

FRANK LAWSON, President.
FLORENCE A. MITCHELL, Secretary.

JUNE 20th, 1906.

LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SARNIA, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Joshua Adams.
SECRETARY.....Johnston MacAdams.

(For Year Ending April 30, 1906.)

We are preparing for public meetings during the coming fall and winter seasons at which addresses will be given and papers read on local historical subjects.

Number of members, 27 ; income, \$4.50 ; expense, \$4.51 ; number of business and committee meetings, 2.

JOSHUA ADAMS, President.
JOHNSTON MACADAMS, Secretary.

SARNIA, July 16th, 1906.

THE BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Joseph Parker.
PRESIDENT.....J. F. Jeffers.
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT.....W. N. Ponton.
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. E. Terrill.
TREASURER.....Miss J. Parker.
REC. SECRETARY.....S. Russell.
COR. SECRETARY.....A. McGinnis.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Thomas Ritchie, Mrs. W. N. Ponton, Mrs. George Denmark, Miss Chandler, T. Stewart, W. S. Morden, and S. Russell.

(For Year Ending May, 1906.)

The year now closing has been comparatively uneventful so far as this Society is concerned.

The greater part of the winter elapsed before any meetings were held and this had, no doubt, a depressing effect on our membership. This state of affairs was due in large measure to the fact that it was impossible to secure a suitable hall in which to hold meetings. With the erection at an early date of a new public library building in Belleville, it is hoped that this great lack will be supplied. With proper library and museum facilities the Society will be encouraged to greater exertions in fulfilling the object of its existence.

The thanks of the Society are due to Mrs. Parker, its honorary President, who kindly placed her hospitable and historical mansion at the disposal of the Society for its different sessions.

In response to an invitation of the Women's National Historical Association, it was resolved to co-operate with that organization on its important mission.

Steps were taken to secure complete sets of the Reports of the Dominion Archivist and also other parliamentary papers of an historical character for purposes of reference by local students of Canadian history.

While the attendance at the meetings of the Society has been limited the proceedings were not devoid of interest. Several members gave well-selected readings from works dealing with the history of Canada, and several addresses abounding with reminiscences were heard with closest attention. Mrs. Terrill, whose zealous efforts to advance the interests of this and the Provincial Society, are known far and wide contributed two excellent papers on "The First Location of Lots in the Belleville District," and "The Early Missionaries of the Church of England in the Bay of Quinte District," which were very much appreciated and their publication ordered.

As Belleville should be the home of one of the best historical societies in the province, it is confidently expected that the coming year will be marked by a brave and successful effort to increase the membership and add to the influence of this Society.

Number of members, 16 ; income, \$11.98 ; expenditure, \$3.35 ; meetings, 6.

J. F. JEFFERS, President.
S. RUSSELL, Secretary.

BELLEVILLE, May 9th, 1906.

THE FRONTENAC HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KINGSTON,
ONTARIO.

We have two Historical Societies, but we hope soon to have only one and that this united one will be worthy of a name.

The Frontenac Historical is the women's society and it has a long list of performances to its credit the last three months, all undertaken to awaken interest in Kingston; but our organization is very loose and may fall to pieces at any moment. The men have a good constitution and organization but do nothing. In the autumn we hope for one good society.

ABEIR A. CHOWN, Secretary.

KINGSTON, May 17th, 1906.

THE BOWMANVILLE WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO.

- PRESIDENT.....Miss Margaret Frances Allen.
- 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT.....Miss Armour.
- 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. James Reid.
- TREASURER.....Mrs. Lestock Reid.
- SECRETARY.....Miss Margaret E. P. Bogue.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Tamblyn, Miss Fairbairn, Mrs. Bonnycastle, and Miss Hilda Reid.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

Miss Hillier, Miss J. Galbraith, Miss Bleakley, and Miss Clara Allen.

AUDITORS.

Miss Helena Welsh and Miss Carrol.

(For the Year 1906.)

During the past year there has been no marked change in the number of our members or income. The fourteen meetings (fortnightly) stipulated for in our constitution have been held. The date of our annual meeting for 1906 was changed from March to April 2nd, that date being more convenient. There has

an average attendance of 12, which shows a slight decrease on the attendance of last year. Five members have left town and only two new ones have been added to our Society. This year we have been studying about the different cities of Ontario and several well-written papers have been read as follows :

“A Canadian Abroad,” “Ottawa,” one “On the Education Side of Kingston” and one “On the Military side of Kingston,” on “Belleville,” “Gilbert Parker,” “Peterboro’,” “Chatham,” one on “Hospital Work and Training,” one on “The Educational” and one on “The Mercantile Side of Toronto,” on “Brantford,” “Hamilton,” and “St. Catharines.”

At the last session the Society donated to the Bowmanville High School a valuable collection of Indian relics.

Miss Spaulding, one of our honorary members, represented the Bowmanville Historical Society at the meeting, held in Toronto last October, to prevent the tearing down of the Old Fort York.

Miss Fairbairn has been made editress, for the year, of a scrap-book which the Society decided to keep to paste in “Historical Scraps of Darlington.”

It has been decided to have our meeting join with the Women's National Association.

The Society decided to give a play in the spring, but it has been postponed till the autumn.

On April 2nd Miss Carnochan, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, read us an interesting paper on “Canadian History, as Exemplified by Visitors,” and afterwards spoke on “Niagara.” The meeting was then turned into a “social evening,” several who were not members having been invited to be present.

Our Society sent one delegate, Miss Jean Galbraith, to the annual meeting at Niagara last June. The Executive Committee has met when necessary. There has been no falling off in the interest and loyalty shown brother members of our Society who have before them their motto, “Loyalty Binds Me.”

Number of members, 24 ; increase, 2 ; decrease, 5 ; income, \$6.76 ; expense, \$3.45 ; during the past year there has been no marked change in the number of our members or income; the 14 fortnightly meetings stipulated for in our constitution have been held; number of lectures, one (by Miss Carnochan of Niagara-on-the-Lake) ; publications issued, the Society decided to keep a “scrap-album” and to paste in Historical scraps on Darlington and Bowmanville.

MISS MARGARET F. ALLEN, President.
MARGARET E. P. BOGUE, Secretary.

THE OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO.

(For the Years of 1905-6.)

Allow me to say that for the time being the Oxford Historical Society is in a somewhat diseased condition. For some time, owing to the action of the County Council in debarring us the use of a room in the County building, we have been without a meeting-place and so no regular business has been done.

We await the erection of a Public Library Building, in which preparations will be made for a room for us for a Museum.

W. MUNRO, Secretary.

PEEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO.

In reply to your blank form, regret to state that we have been unable to get a sufficient number of the members to hold a meeting throughout the past year, although I have notified them by card at different times, so I presume the Society will die a natural death, which is regrettable.

L. CHEYNE, Secretary.

THE HURON INSTITUTE, COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO.

- HONORARY PRESIDENT.....H. Robertson, K.C.
- PATRONESS.....Mrs. E. F. Lett.
- PRESIDENT.....G. W. Bruce, B.A.
- 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT.....F. T. Hodgson.
- 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT.....John Lawrence.
- SECRETARYDavid Williams.
- CURATOR.....C. E. Freer.

DIRECTORS.

F. F. Telfer, Dr. J. H. Irwin, M. Gaviller, J. W. Day, G. K. Mills, B.A., D. Williams, Miss F. E. Redmond, and Miss A. Birnie.

(March 1st, 1905—Feb. 28th, 1906.)

Since the last annual meeting our Institute has made considerable progress along some of the lines mapped out as its aims and objects. Our membership is about the same as in the preceding year, and many of those who remain with us are those who have taken a lively interest in the affairs of the Institute since its inception.

56 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The past year has not been an idle one. Twelve meetings of the Executive Committee and eight regular meetings of the Institute were held. Six lectures were arranged for and were as follows:—

“The Tooth of Time,” by Prof. Coleman, Toronto.

“The Early Indians of this Section,” by J. Hugh Hammond, Orillia.

“The Forestry Problem,” by E. Stewart, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, Ottawa.

“The Fenian Raid,” by Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, of Niagara Falls.

“Ceramics,” by F. T. Hodgson, Collingwood.

“The Petun Indians,” by Major G. W. Bruce, Collingwood.

It is the intention to have further lectures during next winter.

The number of exhibits in our Museum has been greatly increased, the credit for which is largely due to our Curator, Mr. C. E. Freer. He has been untiring in his labors and his work is being surely rewarded. The Museum is now one of the best in the Province outside of the public institutions in the large cities.

An invitation was extended to the Ontario Historical Society to hold their next annual meeting here on Thursday and Friday, July 19th and 20th, and which to the pleasure of the members of the Institute has been accepted.

Number of members, 40 ; income, \$72.13 ; expense, \$69.20 ; meetings held, 8 regular, 12 executive ; lectures, 6 ; articles in Museum, 1200.

G. W. BRUCE, President.
D. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

COLLINGWOOD, June 6th, 1906.

THE BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WALKERTON, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....A. E. Belcher.

SECRETARY.....Norman Robertson.

The County Council of Bruce have advanced to this Society as a loan the sum of one thousand dollars towards the publication of the History of the County, prepared by the undersigned and now almost ready for the press.

Number of members, 21 ; business and committee meetings, 1 ; additions to Library, 2.

A. E. BELCHER, President.
NORMAN ROBERTSON, Secretary.

WALKERTON, May 29th, 1906.

THE LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Rev. Canon Bull, M.A.
 VICE-PRESIDENT.....John A. Law.
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Rev. Dean Houston.
 SECRETARY-TREASURER.....James Wilson.

COMMITTEE.

Abel Land, Dr. Thompson, E. Morden, R. W. Geary, and R. W. Geary, and Major Vandersluys.

The Lundy's Lane Historical Society is happy to report that it has reached the Twentieth year of its existence, during which period much important work has been done in the promotion of authoritative Historical Literature, chiefly pertaining to the Niagara Peninsula, and in securing the erection of enduring memorials of the heroic deeds of those who fought for our flag and Empire in the early days of the Nineteenth Century.

The Society has also done much pioneer work in historical research and otherwise during the past twenty years. A brief review of the work which has been accomplished during this period may therefore be of interest and will be here referred to. First, as to the publications which have been issued from time to time by the Society. These may be enumerated as follows:—

HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS OF THE LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Title.	Date of Issue.	Pages.	Author.
Battle of Lundy's Lane.	1889	46	Capt. Cruikshank.
The Fight in the Beech-woods	1889	24	" "
Queenston Heights.	1890	46	" "
Story of Laura Secord.	1891	15	Mrs. Curzon.
Canada in Memoriam.	1891	8	" "
The Servos Family.	1891	12	Wm. Kirby, F.R.G.S.
A Loyal Sermon of 1814.	1891	10	Rev. John Burns.
Battle of Lundy's Lane.	1891 (2nd Ed.)	46	Capt. Cruikshank.
A Centenary Study of Upper Canada.	1892	26	Rev. E. J. Fessenden.
Niagara 100 years ago.	1892	38	Miss Carnochan.
Butler's Rangers	1893	114	Capt. Cruikshank.
Fight in the Beechwoods.	1895 (2nd Ed.)	34	" "
Battle of Lundy's Lane.	1895 (3rd Ed.)	50	" "

Drummond's Winter Campaign.	1895 (2nd Ed.)	31	"	"
Annals of Niagara.	1896	27c	Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C.	
Documentary History, Part I.	1896	216	Capt. Cruikshank.	
Documentary History, Part II.	1897	300	"	"
Story of Laura Secord.	1898 (2nd Ed.)	16	Mrs. Curzon.	
Documentary History, Part III.	1899	328	Major Cruikshank.	
Drummond's Winter Campaign.	1900 (2nd Ed.)	30	Col. Cruikshank.	
Documentary History, Part IV.	1900	367	"	"
Documentary History, Part V.	1902	326	"	"
The Battle of Queenston Heights.	1904 (3rd Ed.)	46	"	"
Documentary History, Part VI.	1904	355	"	"
The Siege of Fort Erie.	1905	52	"	"
Documentary History, Part VII.	1906 (About)	360	"	"
	(Ready to be issued.)			

Including the many leaflets which have been printed from time to time in connection with the various Military interments, etc., etc., the total number of pages of strictly historical matter issued have therefore already exceeded four thousand, and the work of the Society is not yet by any means completed.

Colonel Cruikshank, the very talented historian of the Society, reports that the material for Part VIII. of Documentary History is now practically ready for the printer. It covers the closing months of 1813, and will therefore conclude this comprehensive, unique and most valuable work, relating to the War of 1812-14 which will, no doubt, form the basis of much historical work in the future. From a perusal of the list of publications it will be seen that the scope of the work accomplished by the Society will compare favorably with the work of any other similar organization in Ontario.

Secondly :—The Society has from its inception exerted a very strong influence upon public opinion, both local and general, to the end that the rising generation should be made familiar with the glorious deeds of valor performed by our forefathers one hundred years ago, and that permanent monuments be placed to perpetuate the record of these stirring times.

It was through the efforts of the Society that the imposing granite shaft which crowns the summit of Drummond Hill was erected some years ago by the Dominion Government to commemorate the Battle of Lundy's Lane, and in which are interred the mortal remains of 20 British soldiers. The Society was also instrumental in securing the erection of the ornamental granite and bronze monument at Fort Erie in honor of the Regiments which took part in and the Officers who fell at the protracted siege of that important fortress.

The Society can also claim some small share in the noble effort of the Women's Historical Society which has resulted in the beautiful memorial marking the resting place of Laura Secord, the heroine of the War of 1812-14, at Drummond Hill.

In addition to all this the Society has been instrumental in having much better care taken of the Battle Fields of the district than was formerly the case, and Christian re-burial has in every case been given to the bones of the brave men who fell on the field of battle, when from any cause these have been accidentally disturbed, and this without respect to the uniform which may have been worn in the conflict. In fact, no fewer than four separate public re-interments have taken place, in each case accompanied by imposing Military ceremonies, the last occasion being of special note as it concerned the re-interment of the remains of nine soldiers belonging to the 74th New York Regiment, which formed part of General Ripley's Brigade, and engaged in that memorable flank attack upon General Drummond's position which so nearly succeeded in determining the engagement. At the invitation of the Society and with the approval of the Governments of the two Countries the firing party on this occasion consisted of a detachment of U. S. Infantry, escorted by a Company of our own 44th Regiment and by representative detachments from all the Militia Regiments of the District. The ceremony proved to be one of the most interesting and happy events of an international character which has occurred in the history of either country since the great struggle of 1812-14.

Early in the history of the Society much encouragement was given to the study of local history and to the preservation of early family literature and possessions of all kinds from neglect or decay. The influence of the Society in this connection has been widespread, and in many localities scattered throughout the Province the work here begun has been carried on with ever increasing interest and profit until now many journals devote a column or two every week to the record of the Annals of the past, and many households have rescued from oblivion previous memorials of the stalwart men and women who fought well the battle of life and who have bequeathed to us their mantle of sterling character and whole souled endeavour.

The work of the Society which had for so many years been presided over by Reverend Canon Bull, M.A., suffered very greatly by his removal, through impaired health, from Niagara Falls to Hamilton. Canon Bull has however lost none of his interest in the work which he was the means of founding and which he fathered for so many years, and has therefore continued to fill the President's Chair.

Through the great kindness of Colonel Cruikshank, the Society has never lacked for material for its publications, and as Colonel Cruikshank is undoubtedly the most reliable and well informed of all the historians who have written upon the stirring events of 1812-14, the publications have always been highly appreciated and sought after by those who are interested in such subjects. The greatest difficulty the Society has had in the past is the awakening of a sufficient interest in the work of the Society on the part of the general public as will create a demand for the excellent publications issued from time to time, and of which a large stock is still on hand.

During the past year, the Society issued an important work, "The Siege of Fort Erie," consisting of 52 pages and covering the very important events relating to the struggle for the mastery of the last position held by the American forces in Canada, and immediately preceding the close of the War of 1812-14. Through the efforts of the Society, the ruins of these famous fortifications have been handed over by the Government to the care of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, and a great deal has already been done to put the surroundings in good order and preserve from further desecration the resting place of the brave dead who nobly fought and fell on that historic ground.

Owing to the preservation and improvement of this property, and the erection of a handsome commemorative column, a great many visitors now visit the scene of the conflict, and a true history of the siege was greatly in demand. This issue, like all the others made by the Society, has been well received.

Year by year the numbers attracted to all the battle fields of the locality are greatly increasing, and it has been suggested that it would be most desirable and useful to have a small folder showing the location, means of access and story of each battle field, prepared for the use of visitors, the price to be just sufficient to pay for the cost of publication. The subject is commended to the consideration of the Society.

On the 9th of June, instant, some of the members of the Society had the pleasure of receiving a large contingent of the Buffalo Historical Society on the battle field of Lundy's Lane, where an inspection of the ground was made and an address given by Colonel

Cruikshank upon the salient features of the engagement. The Buffalo visitors were greatly delighted with their pilgrimage and reception.

Again on the 21st instant the large class of the Macdonald Institute's "Department of Nature Study," under Professor McCready of the Ontario Agriculture College, Guelph, consisting of 50 teachers from all the Eastern Provinces of the Dominion, visited "Lundy's Lane," where they were received by two of the members of the Society, Principal Morden and Mr. R. W. Geary, and given a description of the battle. These also expressed their grateful sense of the courtesies shown them.

These are but references to a phase of the work which has been carried on during all the years of the Society's history, and which has given the members very great pleasure and profit in the doing.

The Society had the honor of entertaining the Ontario Historical Society at its last Annual Meeting, which was jointly held at Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake. A large number of delegates from widely scattered districts of Ontario, were in attendance, and the battle-fields of Chippewa and Lundy's Lane were visited and studied, Colonel Cruikshank being the orator in each instance.

The visitors were entertained on the Battle Ground, supper being served in the basement of Drummond Hill Church and the Meetings of the Society being held in the body of the Church and in the Refectory Building in the Park.

The Public Meeting in the evening was held in the Township Hall, and was addressed by His Worship the Mayor, President Pattullo and others. The Meeting was a most successful one, the only drawback being the enforced absence of our President, Canon Bull, through serious illness in his family.

A statement of Receipts and Expenditures is attached hereto.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR APRIL 30TH, 1905, TO APRIL 30TH, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

1905.				
April 30.	To balance cash on hand.....	\$	178	66
1906.				
April 30.	To received from Membership fees.....	\$	8	00
	“ “ “ sales of publications....		89	74
	“ “ “ Grant from Ontario Government.		200	00
			<u>297</u>	<u>74</u>
				\$ 476 40

EXPENDITURES.

1906.				
April 30.	To paid post cards and printing.....	\$	3	25
	“ “ entertainment of Ontario Historical Society.		11	30
	“ “ programmes re entertainment of Ontario Historical Society.		2	75
	“ “ President's travelling expenses.		4	00
	“ “ printing "Siege of Fort Erie."		49	70
	“ “ postage and express on publications.		12	57
	“ “ typewriting, etc.		10	00
			<u>93</u>	<u>57</u>
	Balance of Cash on Hand.			382 83
				<u>\$476 40</u>

Audited and found correct. Certified.

ABEL LAND.
JAMES WILSON.

NIAGARA FALLS, June 30th, 1906.

REV. CANON BULL, M.A., President.
JAMES WILSON, Secretary.

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NIAGARA, ONTARIO.

Ducit Amor Patriæ.

(NOTE.—The following report was received after that on page 45 was printed.)

- PRESIDENT.....Miss Carnochan.
- HON. VICE-PRESIDENTS..Mrs. Roe, Mrs. H. Clements,
C. A. F. Ball, H. Paffard.
- VICE-PRESIDENT.....Rev. J. C. Garrett.
- SECRETARY.....Alfred Ball.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Jno. Eckersley.
- TREASURER.....Mrs. S. D. Manning.
- CURATOR AND EDITOR.....Miss Carnochan.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. T. F. Best, W. R. McClelland, C. A. F. Ball, W. J. Wright, M.A., and Wm. Miller.

LIFE MEMBER.

T. Kennard Thomson, C.E.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. Canon Bull, Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, S. Jas. Le Monie, John Ross Robertson, Hon. Wm. Gibson, Jas. Wilson, C.E., David Boyle, Major Hiscott, E. A. Lancaster, M. P., Dr. Jessop, M.P.P., C. C. James, M.A., and Newton J. Ker, C.E.

In presenting the report of our Society we feel that we have much reason for thankfulness that so much progress has been made. During the year twenty-five members have been added to our numbers, our membership stretching from Montreal to Calgary. We have published No. 14, the letters of Mrs. Wm. Dummer Powell from 1807 to 1820, which has been well received, and have distributed to members and others 500 pamphlets.

As a statement had been published that the Military Reserve here was to be sold a deputation was sent to Ottawa, consisting of representatives from the town, the Ontario Historical Society and our own Society to remonstrate. Besides this, our Society printed a strong letter from Mr. Kirby and one was also sent by the President of our Society, both of which appeals were distributed as well felt that no pains should be spared to stop the spoliation of the Niagara Plains made sacred by the blood of brave men in 1812.

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The Town Council having granted the use of the Town Hall for the summer, our collection has been displayed to more advantage.

The meeting of the Ontario Historical Society here, in June, was an encouragement and a stimulus to us and we acknowledge with gratitude that thus several members were added to our numbers. A visit was also paid to our room by forty members of the St. Catharines Literary and Historical Club and a short time ago we were requested to lend some of our most valuable articles to the exhibit for the benefit of the Hospital in that city which request was complied with. Regular meetings were held monthly during the winter, but there were not so many papers read as the time was mostly occupied with business connected with the erection of our new building.

Several valuable contributions have been made to our collection, among them a military coat worn by a member of the army of Cornwallis in 1781, two oil paintings of steamers built in Queenston in 1824, owned by Hon. John Hamilton, a collection of buttons showing the military history of Niagara, of regiments, British, Canadian and United States. Our Historical Library is increasing in value, owing to exchanges with such societies as New York, Massachusetts, Smithsonian and Congress Library.

We deplore this year the loss of two valued members, one by removal, the other by death. Our Vice-president since our formation, Mr. Paffard, who has taken a deep interest in our work, has removed to Saskatchewan, much to our regret, and we have lost by death our Patron, W. Kirby, F.R.S.C., whose fame as a poet, novelist and historian has been acknowledged in this and other lands. But our principal advance has been in preparing for the erection of a suitable building. An application was made to the Provincial Government for an additional grant and \$500 was given, for which we are very grateful. Many meetings were held to decide on plans and specifications. These were furnished by Mr. Allen, architect, St. Catharines, a site was donated by the President of the Society and what promises to be a handsome brick building is now in process of erection and we hope that ere long we may welcome our friends to its opening.

MISS CARNOCHAN, President.

ALFRED BALL, Secretary.

NIAGARA, June, 1906.

SUMMARY OF THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY JUNE 1, 1905, TO MAY 31, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 1, 1905.....	\$ 492 91
Government grant, 1906.....	600 00
Membership fees and sale of reports.....	230 75
Interest	12 34
	<u> </u>
	\$ 1,336 00

EXPENDITURES.

Secretary's Salary.....	\$ 193 75
Printing Annual Report.....	125 00
Volume 7 of Papers and Records, on account..	350 00
Postage stamps.....	14 00
Printing	19 10
Other expenses.....	18 10
Balance on hand, May 31, 1906.....	616 05
	<u> </u>
	\$ 1,336 00

FRANK YEIGH, Treasurer.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM FUND.

Balance on hand, June 1, 1905.....	\$ 329 42
Interest.....	9 91
	<u> </u>
	\$ 339 33

FRANK YEIGH, Treasurer.

MEETINGS OF PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Pioneer Association of Ontario.

Organized September 4th, 1888, at Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

1st Vice-President, Eli Crawford.

W. H. Doel, Secretary-Treasurer.

(Mr. Doel drafted the original by-laws.)

Rev. C. C. Johnston, chairman of committee, to arrange for a
Provincial Association.

1890.

Wm. Rennie, Secretary. 1st report published.

York and Peel Pioneer Societies.

Lundy's Lane Historical Society. Organized 1887.

1891.

June 3rd, Brampton.

Name changed to Pioneer and Historical Association.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

Vice-President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Wentworth Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized Jan., 1889.

Grenville Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized May, 1889.

1892.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

1893.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

July 18th, Centennial Celebration at Niagara and Toronto.

1894.

Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized No-
vember, 1891.

Thorold and Beaverdam's Historical Society. Organized June
5th, 1894.

Historical Section Canadian Institute.

1895.

June, Brampton.

President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Niagara Historical Society.

Kingston and Frontenac Historical Society. Organized, 1893.
Bay of Quinte District Historical Society. Organized, 1893.
Canadian Club Hamilton Historical Society. Organized, 1893.

1896.

June, Hamilton.
Rev. Canon George A. Bull.
Elgin Historical Society.
Women's Historical Society of Toronto. Organized November
9th, 1895.

1897.

June, Niagara.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
The Town and County of Peterborough Historical Society. Or-
ganized, December 7, 1896.
September, Industrial Exhibition, Toronto.
Re-organization Committee appointed.

1897.

September, Re-organization Committee.
Rev. Henry Scadding, Rev. Canon Bull, Rev. Dr. W. K.
Parker, His Honor Judge Ardagh, Mr. A. F. Hunter, Mr. Eli
Crawford, Mr. J. B. Reynolds, B.A., Mr. Wm. Rennie, Mr.
George H. Mills, Mr. D. B. Read, G.C., Mrs. J. D. Edgar, David
Boyce, Mrs. Curzon, Miss Mary Agnes FitzGibbon, Mr. James
Bain, Professor Mavor, Rev. Prof. Wrong, Mr. C. C. James, Rev.
P. L. Spencer, Very Rev. Dean Harris, L.L.D., Miss J. Car-
nochan, Major Cruikshank, Rev. Dr. Teefy, Mr. J. D. Brant Sero,
Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers and Miss Sara Mickle.

1898.

March, Re-organization Meeting at Toronto and Ontario His-
torical Society formed.

1898.

June, Onswacken—Six Nation Reserve.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
September, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1899

February, Special Winter meeting, Toronto.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
June, Canadian Historical Exhibition, Toronto.
September, Toronto Exhibition.

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1900.

June, Hamilton.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

August, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1901.

June, Belleville.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

June 22, Unveiling of the Laura Secord Monument at Lundy's Lane.

August, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1902.

June, Peterborough and Lindsay.

President, James H. Coyne, B. A.

April, Ontario Educational Association.

1903.

June, St. Thomas.

President, C. C. James, M.A.

May 27, Unveiling Simcoe Monument.

1904.

April, Ontario Educational Association.

President, C. C. James, M.A.

June, Windsor.

1905.

June, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

President, George R. Pattullo.

1906.

July, Collingwood.

President, Lieut-Col. H. C. Rogers.

LIST OF CANADIAN BOOKS IN ONTARIO HISTORICAL
SOCIETY LIBRARY.

Lundy's Lane Historical Society.

- Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier
in 1812-13-14. Parts 1, 2, 3, 4—Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank.
Siege of Fort George. Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank.
Battle of Lundy's Lane. Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank.
Lundy's Lane. A Brief Account.
Lundy's Lane. Military Re-enlistment. October, 1899.
Annals of Niagara. Wm. Kirby.

Niagara Historical Society.

- No. 1.—Battle of Fort George. Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank.
No. 2.—Centennial Poem. Mrs. S. A. Curzon.
Fort Niagara. 1788-1798. Rev. Canon George A. Bull.
Slave Rescue in Niagara 60 years ago. Janet Carnochan.
No. 3.—Blockade of Fort George, 1813. Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank.
No. 4.—Memorial to the U. E. L's. James H. Coyne.
History Taught by Museums. David Boyle.
Battle of Queenston Heights. Hon. J. G. Currie.
Monuments, by Janet Carnochan.
No. 5.—Sermon by Rev. Robt. Addison.
History of Mrs. Jean Baptiste Rousseaux.
Historic Honors.
Evolution of an Historical Room.
No. 6.—Niagara Library, 180c to 1820.
Early Schools of Niagara, by Janet Carnochan.
No. 7.—Historic Buildings
No. 8.—Family History. Servos, Whitmore. Jarvis and Land.
No. 9.—Campaigns of 1812-14. Merritt papers. Edited by
Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank.
No. 10.—Inscriptions and Graves in the Niagara Peninsula.
Janet Carnochan.
No. 11.—Reminiscences of Niagara.
No. 12.—Battle of Fort George. 2nd Edition.
No. 13.—A Canadian Heroine. Janet Carnochan.
An Historic House.
Names Only.
St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mrs. J. Greene.

Wentworth Historical Society.

Journals and Transactions, 1899-1902-1904-1905.

Vols. 4 and 5, containing Early Military Records, 1804 to 1838 York Pioneers, Toronto.

Reports, 1903-4-1906.

Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society, No. 1, 1897-8.

Hurons of Loretto, by Lieut. Gerin.

Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto.

No. 1.—An Historic Banner, by M. A. FitzGibbon.

No. 2.—Battle of Queenston Heights, by Mrs. S. A. Curzon.

No. 4.—Battle of Hastings, 1841, by Mrs. Agnes Chamberlain.
Letters Concerning the Election for the County of Essex in the 1st Parliament of U. C.

No. 5.—Extracts from Jarvis papers. Plattsburg, 1814, etc.

No. 6.—Diary of the Rev. Henry Scadding, 1837-8. By Mrs. Robert Sullivan.

Woman's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa.

No. 1.—The 100th Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment.
Mrs. Thomas Ahearn.

No. 2.—Volume of Papers and Records relating to Ottawa.

Elgin Historical and Scientific Society.

No. 1.—Historical Sketches of the County of Elgin.

No. 2.—Court Houses of a Century, 1800 to 1900.

Thorold and Beverdam's Historical Society. Jubilee History of Thorold, 1897.

Ottawa Naturalist, Vol. XV., 10, 11, 12; Vol. XVI., 1, 2, 3.

Journal of the Hamilton Scientific Association. No. XVI., XVII., XVIII., XXI.

Nova Scotia Historical Society, 1879-83, 1884-88, 1889-95.

Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal, 1898-1902, published by the N. and A. Society of Montreal.

Catalogue of the Chateau de Ramezay Museum and Portrait Gallery, Montreal, 1891.

New Brunswick Historical Society, Vol. 1, 1894.

Historical Society of Manitoba, 1897-1903.

"Acadiensis"—a quarterly devoted to the interests of the Maritime Provinces, Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Ryerson Memorial Volumes, 1844-1876.

Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, 1898, 1900, 1905.

Natural History Society of New Brunswick, Vol. 4, No. 4; Vol. 5, Nos. 1, 2, 3.

Archeological Reports of Ontario, 1887 to 1904.

Canadian Archives, 1884 to 1905.

University of Toronto Studies. Review of Historical Publication relating to Canada, 1897 to 1906.

Royal Society of Canada.

Vol. 1, 1895.

Discovery of America by John Cabot. Dr. S. E. Dawson.

Le Forte de Frontenac. M. Benj. Sulte.

Le Regiment de Carnignan. M. Benj. Sulte.

Year Book of Canada, 1886-1905.

Ontario Bureau of Archives.

Reports, 1903, 1904.

Morang's Annual Register of Canadian Affairs, 1901.

Canadian Almanac, 1856, 1862, 1863, 1869, 1870, 1872, 1878, 1880
to 1889, 1891, 1894, 1895.

United Empire Loyalists.

United Empire Loyalists. Justin A. Griffin.

U. E. L. Women. Mrs. Morden.

Titus Simons, Quarter Master of Peter's Corps, 1777 to 1812.

H. H. Robertson.

U. E. L.'s of the County of Dundas. Alex. C. Casselman.

U. E. L. Association of Ontario, 1899.

Louisburg in 1745. Edited by Prof. Wrong.

Queen's Quarterly, 1893 to 1902.

Semi-Centennial of the Iroquois High School, 1845 to 1895.
Adams Harkness.

Toronto Normal School, 1847 to 1897—Jubilee number.

Canadian Military Institute, Toronto. 1895-6, 1897-99, 1900-01-
02-03.

Canadian Historical Readings. George U. Hay, St. Johns, N.B.

Early History of Amherstburg. C. C. James.

First and Second Legislators of Upper Canada. C. C. James.

First Agricultural Societies. C. C. James.

Municipal Government of Ontario. C. C. James.

Development of Agriculture in Ontario. C. C. James.

The Peopling of the Province. C. C. James.

Point au Pelee Island. Thaddeus Smith.

The Art of Observing. M. Kirkund.

Forests of Russia, etc. M. Kirkund.

The Cosmos, January and October, 1903.

Proces Verbal de le Seance du 15 Mars., 1894. M. Gabriel Gravier.

Inquiries of an Emigrant to Canada, 1832. Joseph Pickering.

Life of Lord Nelson, by Robert Southey. 1841. Published at
Niagara. First Canadian editic

Ten Letters on the Church (1839)

W. H.

Draper, by an Englishman.

Creation of Our Globe, 1840. Hen

Letters from Upper Canada, 1833.

- War of 1812. 1st edition, 1842. Major Richardson.
Commercial Directory, 1837. City of Toronto. Geo. Walton.
Native Races of North America. Dr. W. H. Withrow.
Barbara Heck. Dr. W. H. Withrow.
Neville Truman. Dr. W. H. Withrow.
The Lion and the Lilies. Dr. C. E. Jakeway.
History of Galt and the Settlement of Dumfries. Hon. Jas. Young.
Documentary History of the First Survey in Ontario. J. J. Murphy.
The Making of the Canadian West. R. G. MacBeth, M.A.
The Selkirk Settlers in Real Life. R. G. MacBeth, M.A.
The Treaties of Canada with the Indians of Manitoba and the
North West Territories and Kewatin. Hon. Alex. Morris.
Nova Britannia and Our New Dominion foreshadowed. Hon.
Alex. Morris.
Manitoba School Question.
The Old French Fort at Toronto. Rev. Dr. Scadding.
The Old Fort at Toronto, 1793, 1906. Jean Earle Geeson.
Sites of Huron Villages in Simcoe County. A. F. Hunter, M.A.
Lake Simcoe and its Environments. A. F. Hunter, M.A.
Twok—a novel. Watson Giffin.
Letters from Victorian Pioneers. Thomas Francis Bride.
Canada at the Universal Exhibition, 1855.
Ontario at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893.
Notes on Primitive Man. David Boyle.
Centennial of St. Andrews, Niagara, 1794-1894. Janet Car-
nochan.
Annals of the Town of Guelph, 1827-1877. Acton Burrows.
Life in Canada. Thomas Conant.
Reminiscences of Charles Durand.
Ten Years of Upper Canada in Peace and War, 1805-15. M.
Edgar.
Northern Lakes of Canada. Barlow Cumberland.
Veteran of 1812—James FitzGibbon. M. A. Fitz Gibbon.
Memoir of George and Phoebe Warnica. A. F. Hunter, M.A.
Pioneers of Blanshard. Wm. Johnston.
Humors of '37—Grave, Gay and Grim. R. and K. M. Lizars.
Pioneer Life in Zorra. W. A. McKay.
Thayendanegea. J. B. McKenzie.
Away from Newspaperdom—poems. Bernard McEvoy.
Zenobia—Queen of Palmyra. Rev. E. A. McDonnell Dawson.
The Rockwood Review. May and June, 1900; March, 1902.
School of Practical Science. Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18.
Canadian Citizenship. John Millar.
Lunenburg. Judge J. F. Pringle.

- Lives of the Judges. D. B. Reade, Q.C.
Lieutenant-Governors of Upper Canada and Ontario, 1792-1899. D. B. Reade, Q.C.
Pen Pictures of Early Pioneer Life in Upper Canada. M. G. Scheck.
Woman in Canada History. Janet Carnochan.
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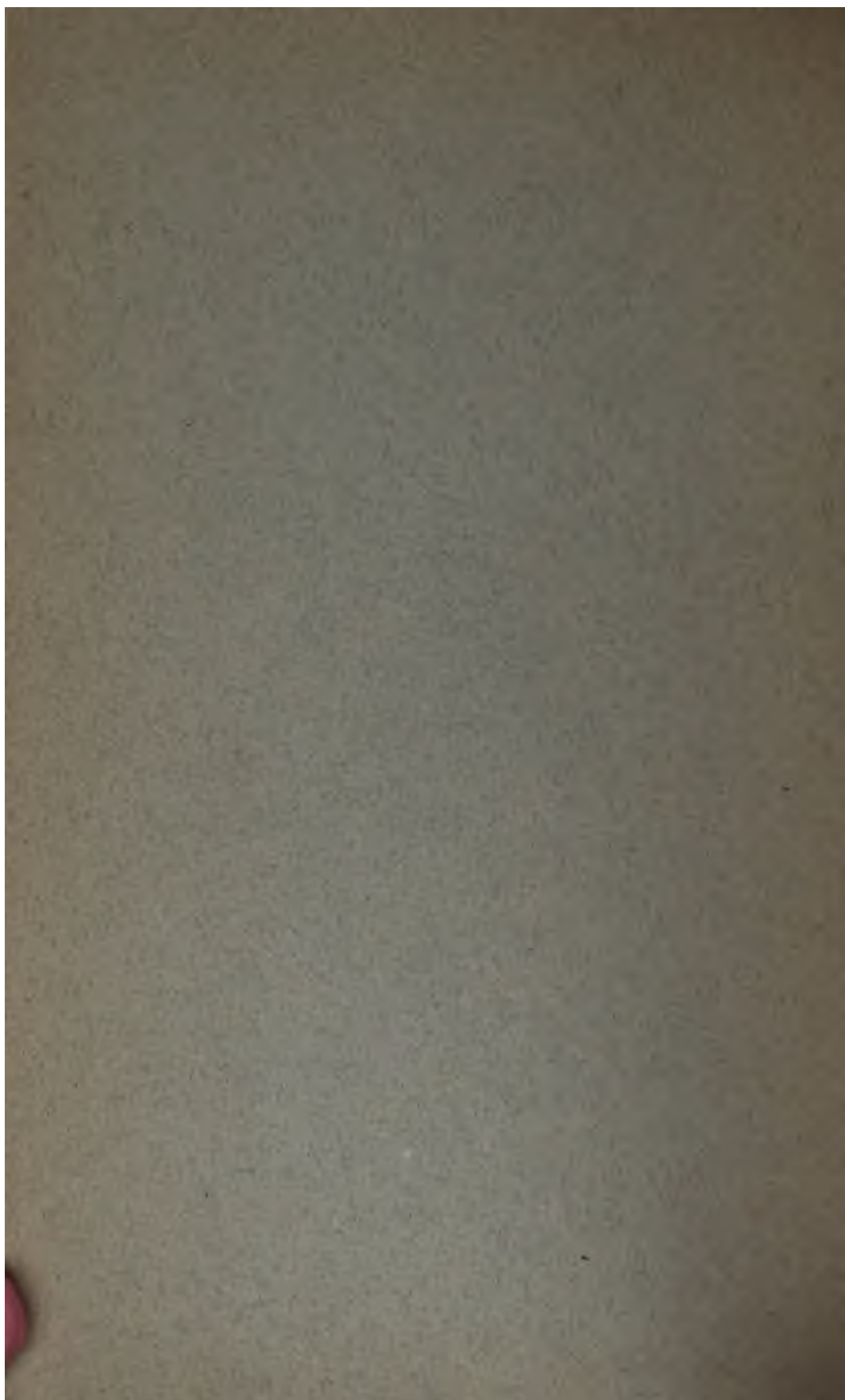
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Teefy, M.....Richmond Hill, Ont.
Terrill, Mrs. E.....Box 875, Belleville
Thompson, A. B.....Penetanguishene
Thompson, Mrs. E. J.....108 McCaul St., Toronto
Thorburn, W. J.....Penetanguishene
Tiffany, E. H.....Alexandria, Ont.
Tillinghast, C. B.....State Librarian, Boston, Mass.
Toogood, Fred. T.....:159 Huron St., Toronto
Tyrrell, M.A., J. B.....9 Toronto St., Toronto
Van Deusen, Albert H.....2207 M. St. N. W., Washington, D.C.
Vogt, Augustus S.....331 Bloor St. W., Toronto
Walker, B. E.....99 St. George St., Toronto
Warner, C. M.....Napanee
Warner, Rev. Dr.....St. Thomas
Waterbury, W. B.....St. Thomas
Waugh, F. W.....37 Gould St., Toronto
Westervelt, A. P.....Parliament Buildings, Toronto
Williams, John.....P. O. Box 796, Winnipeg, Man.
Williams, David.....Collingwood
Wilson, Mrs. C. H.....St. George St., Toronto
Wilson, Jas. C. E.....Victoria Park, Niagara Falls
Wilson, Mrs. J. H.....St. Thomas
Withrow, Rev. Dr. W. H.....244 Jarvis St., Toronto
Wright, B.A., A.W.....Mount Forest, Ont.
Yeigh, Frank.....Parliament Buildings, Toronto
Young, Hon. Jas....."Thornhill," Galt

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A Council Meeting was held on the 7th of September in the office of the Secretary, Education Department. Present : Col. Rogers, Pres. ; Mr. C. C. James, Vice-Pres. ; Alex. Fraser ; D. Williams, Collingwood ; W Rennie, York Pioneers ; F. Yeigh, Treasurer ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson ; and Mrs. Forsyth Grant, President Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.

Col. H. C. Rogers read a report of the sub-committee re the appointment of a Secretary. Negotiations were reported in progress, but no definite result had been arrived at.

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Forsyth Grant that this report be referred to the Committee for reconsideration, the Committee to interview the Minister of Education and take up the matter pertaining to the appointment of a permanent Secretary and present the report at the next meeting of the Council and that the name of Miss Carnochan be substituted for that of Mrs. E. J. Thompson as a member of the sub-committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. Frank Yeigh that pending the appointment of a successor to the present Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Thompson be appointed assistant Secretary and that the remuneration be left to the Finance Committee. Carried.

At a Council Meeting held on October 18th there were present, Col. Rogers ; Mr. B. Cumberland ; Mr. Francis Cleary, K. C., President Essex Historical Society ; Rev. Chancellor Burwash, President, Methodist Historical Society ; Miss FitzGibbon, representing Mrs. Forsyth Grant as President of the Women's Canadian Historical Society ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, acting Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Rev. Chancellor Burwash it was agreed to accept the offer of Canon Jarvis of copies of the early church records of Ernest-Town from 1737-1813.

Mr. Cumberland presented a long and interesting report on the Old Fort at Toronto and read a document he had forwarded to Peleg Howland, Esq., President of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Cumberland was cordially thanked by several of those present for his indefatigable services in connection with the presentation of the matter relating to the claims of the Old Fort for preservation and adverse criticisms were expressed also relating to the action of the Board of Control and the City Council. More aggressive action was advocated on the part of everyone interested and it was thought that public opinion had not yet been really aroused on the subject.

On Motion of Mr. Cleary, seconded by Mr. Fraser, the action of Mr. Cumberland on behalf of his Committee as reported in his letter read to the Council, was approved and his recommendation that the President of the Board of Trade should call a special Meeting of the Societies who have hitherto interested themselves in the preservation of the Old Fort is recommended.

Mr. Francis Cleary, President of the Essex Historical Society, tendered the thanks of his organization to the Historical Society for the readiness and willingness with which they consented to publish the copy of the baptisms, deaths and marriages of the church of the Assumption from 1776 and a similar list from St. John's Episcopal church, Sandwich, 1805.

The Council met in the office of the Secretary at 2 p.m. on April 2nd. There were present Col. Rogers in the chair; Mrs. E. J. Thompson; Miss Carnochan; Messrs. Cumberland, Williams, Fraser and the Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. Fraser and second by Mr. Williams that the Secretary communicate with Mr. John Harvie, 102 Yonge St. regarding some pictures and documents he proposed to present to the Ontario Historical Society in connection with the opening of the Northern Railway from Toronto.

The Secretary at once communicated, but the articles had in meantime been disposed of in another direction.

Mr. Cumberland presented a verbal report on what had been done up to date in connection with the preservation of the Old Fort and explained how the matter stands at the present moment.

A deputation of ladies, representing the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, consisting of Lady Edgar, Miss Mickle, Miss FitzGibbon, Mrs. Corley, Mrs. McKenzie and Miss McCallum was present to confer with the Council relating to money in the hands of the Ontario Historical Society as a result of the holding of the Historical Exhibition at Victoria College. Lady Edgar explained the object of the deputation, which was desirous of having the money paid over to the Women's Canadian Historical Society, of which she is President and informing the Council that already a considerable sum was on hand and that it was hoped in a short time to expend that money on building. Miss FitzGibbon went somewhat into detail respecting the situation, the chief complaint being the impression that the sum in question was not on deposit bearing interest. Mr. Coyne, ex-President of the Society explained that the money is bearing interest as a Savings Bank deposit, as the members of the deputation might easily ascertain by referring to the Annual Reports of the Ontario Historical Society.

On motion of Mr. Coyne, seconded by Mr. Williams, a document read by Miss FitzGibbon of the Women's Historical Society was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Cumberland reported progress on behalf of the special Committee relating to reorganization and the appointment of Secretary ; also his interview with the Minister of Education.

Mr. Coyne, seconded by Mrs. Thompson moved that the report be accepted and adopted and sent to the committee to continue the negotiations. Carried.

DAVID BOYLE, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1906-07.

RECEIPTS.

June 1, 1906—Balance on hand.....	\$ 16 05
Government grant, 1905-6.....	600 00
Interest.....	10 64
Membership fees.....	149 00
Sale of books, etc.....	14 00
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	\$ 789 69

EXPENDITURES.

Balance re printing Vol. 7, Papers and Records.....	\$ 158 11
Printing annual reports, 2 years, 1905-6.....	170 00
Secretary's Salary.....	150 00
Postage and petty expenses.....	84 59
Copying records.....	10 00
Engrossing address.....	10 00
Services, acting asst. Secretary.....	50 00
Printing and binding.....	94 70
Balance on hand.....	62 29
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	\$ 789 69

FRANK YEIGH, Treasurer.

MUSEUM FUND.

June 1, 1906—Balance on hand, in savings account....	\$ 339 33
Dec. 1, 1906—Interest	5 07
May 31, 1907, Interest.....	5 14
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	\$ 349 54

Audited and found correct.

J. J. MURPHY
W. A. McLEAN

FRANK YEIGH Treasurer.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society for 1907 was held on July 18th and 19th at Kingston, in Grant Memorial Hall, Queen's University. The Meeting opened at half past two with Lt. Col. H. C. Rogers, of Peterboro, the President, in the chair. In the absence of Mr. David Boyle, the secretary, Mrs. E. J. Thompson was appointed to act as Secretary for the Meeting.

Among those present were :—Miss Carnochan, President Niagara Historical Society ; Miss A. M. Machar, Kingston ; Miss de St. Remy ; Mrs and Miss Pearse, W.C.H.S., Toronto ; Justin A. Griffin, President Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton ; Miss Augusta I. G. Gilkerson, Brantford ; Miss Fairfield, Ernestown ; T. J. Wallace, Secretary, Peterboro Historical Society ; Clarence M. Warner, President, Lennox and Addington Historical Society ; Mrs. Thompson, Toronto ; Charles Mackenzie, Napanee ; Canon Loucks, Kingston ; Prof. Adam Shortt, Kingston ; W. S. Ellis, Principal Collegiate Institute, Kingston ; Col. E. T. Taylor, R. M. C. Kingston ; T. E. Champion, "Telegram", Toronto ; David Williams, Secretary Huron Institute, Collingwood ; Mrs. C. Fessenden, Hamilton ; Mrs. Fraser, President Local Council of Women, Kingston, Miss Marjorie Jarvis, Napanee ; Miss Lenora Jarvis, Napanee ; Miss Gildersleeve, Kingston ; Mrs. and Miss Grant MacDonald, Toronto. Mrs. M. A. McIntyre, Kingston ; Miss Lillie Rogers, Kingston ; Mrs. D. D. Rogers, Kingston ; Dr. R. Vasham Rogers, President Kingston Historical Society ; W. T. Prithie, Vernon ; Miss Helen M. Merrill, Toronto ; Mrs. Cora M. Shaster, Belleville ; Miss Jane Gray, Toronto ; Mrs. Garnet A. Titus, Toronto ; Mr. E. J. B. Pense, M. P. P. Mrs Pense, Miss Drummond, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Adam Shortt, Miss White of Kingston ; Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope ; Rev. Canon MacMurino, D. D. Kingston ; Mrs. Machar, Kingston ; Dr. Watson, Vice-Principal of Queen's ; Mayor Mowat, and many others.

An address of welcome was given by Mayor Mowat, with an invitation from the Council and the Board of Trade to drive on Friday afternoon to places of historic interest in and around Kingston. He asked the co-operation of the Historical Society in preserving Fort Henry and the many interesting buildings and fortifications in the vicinity of Kingston, and extended a hearty welcome to all.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland pointed out to the Mayor that the Ontario Historical Society had a Committee whose duty it was to call the attention of the public to the preservation of historic sites in Ontario, and the matter would no doubt be referred to them.

Vice-Principal Watson, in the absence of Principal Gordon, then gave an address welcoming the Society to Queen's University. He said ;—In the absence of Principal Gordon, I have very great pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to the Ontario Historical Society in the name of Queen's University. The Society might find the history of our University, as preserved in its "Domesday Book", of considerable historical interest. That history is in a sense an epitome of the larger development of the nation. When at a meeting in this city in 1839, it was decided to establish what was afterwards called "Queen's University and College", two resolutions were passed—one of them moved by Mr. John A. Macdonald, afterwards Sir. John A. Macdonald which expresses the spirit which has always animated this institution. The first ran as follows : That the formation of said College being a Christian and patriotic object, this meeting anticipates not only the support of members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, but of all classes of the Christian community"; while the second read : "That no religious test or qualification shall be required of or appointed for any persons admitted or matriculated as scholars within the said College, or of persons admitted to any degree in any Art or Faculty therein." That the University, founded under such favorable auspices, has prospered, you do not require to be told. When I came here in 1872, the total number of students in Arts and Theology was 50, who received their instruction in one small building; last session the number of students had increased to 1139; and you have only to glance at the phalanx of buildings which now adorn the campus to obtain a visible index to the remarkable development we have been so fortunate as to experience. This expansion is in correspondence with the progress of the country, upon which the investigations of your Society are fitted to throw so much light. A people like the Canadian, composed of different stocks, each contributing its own element of strength or grace, and living under free institutions, cannot but issue in a great and strong nationality. Lord Strathcona has prophesied that in a century we shall number eighty millions. It may be so, and in any case, it is of supreme importance that our large and growing population should not only be provided with the means of subsistence, but should keep alive the spirit of constitutional freedom, as developed under the most favorable conditions; and the Historical Society of Ontario is doing a good service in helping us, by the understanding of her past, to come to a clear consciousness of ourselves. It is therefore a great pleasure, in view of our common aim to offer to you the hospitality of the University.

Mrs. Thompson, in the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Yeigh, read the Financial Report for 1906-7 showing the Receipts as \$789.69 with a balance of \$62.29 on hand. The adoption of the report was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Justin Griffin, and Carried.

The reports of affiliated societies were then read :—
The Niagara Historical Society by Miss Carnochan.
The Wentworth Historical Society by Justin Griffin.
The Huron Institute by D. Williams.
The Lennox and Addington Society by C. M. Warner.
The Peterboro Historical Society by T. J. Wallace
The Elgin Historical and Scientific Society by T. J. Wallace
The Kingston Historical Society, by Dr. R. V. Rogers.
The report of the Flag Committee, was presented by Mrs. Fessenden
The report of the Sites Preservation Committee, was presented by Barlow Cumberland.

The following Committees were appointed :

Nominauion.— Miss H. M. Merrill, Miss Carnochan, Justin Griffin, Col. H. C. Rogers, and Barlow Cumberland.

Resolutions.—David Williams, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, T. E. Champion and Barlow Cumberland.

The Meeting then adjourned to accept the invitation of the Womens' Art Association to an exhibition of pictures, etc., which had been arranged in one of the class rooms. The delegates and visitors were received by Miss Gildersleeve, Mrs. Adam Shortt and Miss Drummond. Mrs. Arthur Hugh and Mrs. Hugh MacPherson dispensed tea.

There were a number of interesting portraits of early Kingstonians, Prof. Machar, the Cartwrights, Mowats, Gildersleeves, and others. In addition, the ladies of the Art Association had a large collection of water colored pictures and sketches of the old Martello Towers, Fort Frederick, Fort Henry, the old Block Houses, old St. Paul's Churchyard, etc. etc., which were much admired and many were bought as souvenirs of the visit to Kingston. In the Reference Library Prof. Shortt had arranged a number of old maps and plans of the locality, showing fortifications and other historic sites from 1812 to 1856.

The evening meeting was opened at eight o'clock when Col. H. C. Rogers, President gave his address as follows :—“When it was proposed that Kingston should be the place of meeting for the Ontario Historical Society in 1907, I took a deep personal interest in the proposal, for outside of its undoubted claim as Historical centre, I have many pleasant personal recollect

this City, having spent some of my school days here and most of my forty years service in the Militia were connected with this old Military post, the Headquarters of my District. Situated at the outlet of the great Lakes, it was for a time one of the two inlets of civilization from the East, (Ottawa River being the other) and later it was the entreport of commerce for the vast region surrounding the great fresh water seas which are still one of the wonders of the world. Kingston is the successor of Fort Frontenac, which succeeded Fort Cataroqui, erected under the early French Regime, and it was from here that the intrepid explorer La Salle started on his famous voyages of discovery into the unknown wilderness, but the details of the history of Kingston, I will leave to those members of this Society who, I understand, have prepared papers on the subject for this meeting, and will confine myself to the history of the Ontario Historical Society which on this occasion I have the honour to represent. I find there is a misapprehension abroad regarding the mission of the Ontario Historical Society. Let me here briefly state its mission is to collect history, not to write it, but not so much to collect it even as to superintend the collection from the various affiliated societies throughout the Province. I must ask the older members present to bear with me a few minutes while I give the leading events in connection with the history of this Society and the cause for its foundation, for the benefit of those who are not familiar with it. The first considerable settlement in Upper Canada came from the revolted New England Colonies, when, as it has been so aptly expressed by Col. Denison in his lecture on the United Empire Loyalists: "The Refugees were swallowed up in the wilderness while their enemies wrote their history." During the establishing of new homes in the forest, entailing in many cases a struggle for existence, little was done towards writing or preserving records of passing events. Even the Public Records kept at the seat of Government were lost in the sacking of York in the war of 1812—in this connection I would here mention a bit of reclaimed history of that time, in the series of papers prepared by one of our Ex-Presidents, Mr. James, showing great research and diligence and entitled, "The First and Second Legislature of Upper Canada" respectively; from 1792-1796 and from 1796-1800, which were read at the meetings of the Royal Society 1903-1904. The object of this Society is first of all to represent the Societies of which it is composed (which I fear has been largely lost sight of). 2, To encourage the collecting of documents, letters and recollections from the early settlers and their descendants, so that reliable data may be furnished the historian when he

comes to write the history of our beloved country. 3. To assist in preserving historic grounds, Forts and Monuments connected with the history of the Country. 4. To aid in erecting memorials to commemorate its great events and its great men.

I might here mention that our Provincial Government has since established an Archive Branch which should be a great help to the historian and of value to the public at large as well as to this Society, and I am glad to inform you that the Archivist, Mr. Fraser, is an active and valued member of this Society.

This Society was formed in Toronto in 1888 under the Presidency of the late Rev. Dr. Scadding who was as indefatigable life long labourer in this field. It was then called the Pioneers, Association of Ontario. It was re-organized in 1891 and the name changed to the Pioneer and Historical Association of Ontario, and it was again re-organized in 1898 when the present name was adopted. A Committee has been appointed at a previous meeting under the Chairmanship of Mr. Barlow Cumberland to still further revise our constitution and an effort is thus being made to have it established as a branch of the Department of Education with a permanent Secretary to re-place Mr. Boyle who has long desired to be relieved,

The flame lit by the parent Pioneer Society in 1888 has been kept alight (though sadly flickering at times) by the continuous exertions of a comparative few, though many coming and going. Among those who have toiled faithfully and are still to the fore I will mention, Canon Bull, Mr. Coyne, Mr. James, Miss Carnochan, Mrs. Thompson, Col. Cruikshank and others. In connection with the work of our various branches, I will make special mention of but three, situated in the South, the West and the North parts of the Province, showing the breadth and extent of our work.

1st. I begin with Niagara-on-the-Lake, the first Capital of the Province which is surrounded or rather backed by the District called the Garden of Canada, where, I am advised a rare collection of relics and curios has been made, not by the exertion of one man, but largely through the energy of one woman, and I here congratulate Miss Carnochan on her success and commend her example for imitation to other communities.

2nd. In the West it was my privilege to attend the meeting of this Society in 1904 at Windsor, held under the auspices of the Essex Historical Society where a most interesting papers were read and a most instructive visit made to the bank of Detroit River, which was the scene of so many events in the early history of the Province, and then shadowed by a dominating element of historic interest

cousins across the river. I look for the men of Essex to hold their own in the contest as they did of yore.

Last year's meeting was held in the North at Collingwood, in the heart of the former home of the Huron and Tobacco Tribes, where a most commendable zeal was shown by the members of the Huron Institute in collecting Indian lore and relics, and situated, as it is, in the midst of surroundings abounding with such remains, we may look as time goes on for a rare collection in their museum so favourably placed.

To-day we make an appeal to what, in Provincial historic parlance may be dubbed the ancient City of Kingston. It is the farthest point east at which we have held a meeting and as history tells us "the wise men came from the East", we now lay claim to the counsel and assistance of the wise men, both of your city and of the various Academic Institutions for which Kingston has become famous.

And let me hope this meeting may be the means of largely augmenting the knowledge of our country already acquired and of awakening a more active interest in historic events in this locality where there is such a promising field for a rich harvest to the historic reaper, and in conclusion let me remind you the work must be largely performed by the local societies, and we hope to hear in the near future that the various branches in Kingston have become amalgamated on a solid basis and to express the wish that success may crown their efforts.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland then read a paper,—“Notes from an Naval Order Book issued to H. M. Navy on the Lakes”, in 1816, giving many interesting facts about the war vessels and internal economy of the Royal Navy of that period.

Mr. W. S. Ellis followed with an illustrated “Sketch of Kingston's History”, giving a graphic description of Frontenac's first visit, July 12th, 1673. He accompanied his address by many excellent lime light views.

On Friday July 19th, the morning meeting was opened at nine o'clock when Dr. R. V. Rogers, President of the Kingston Historical Society, read a paper on “The first Commission of the Peace for the District of Mecklenburg, July 24th, 1788”. Dr. Rogers, interestingly explained many of the terms used and gave sketches of the Justices of the Peace, etc.

Miss A. M. Machar followed with a paper giving an account of the “Founding of Fort Frontenac and the coming of the Loyalists; which owing to its length was concluded at the afternoon session.

Mr. Charles Mackenzie of Napanee gave "Place names from the Aboriginal", illustrating his text by writings on the blackboard.

The report of the Nomination Committee, presented by Miss Merrill, chairman, recommended the following officers and Committees for 1907-8 :—

Past President, Lt. Col. H. C. Rogers, Peterboro.

President, Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope.

First Vice President, Lt. Col. E. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls.

Second Vice President, David Williams, Collingwood.

Treasurer, F. Yeigh, Toronto.

Council,—H. H. Robertson, Hamilton ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto ; Prof. Shortt, Kingston ; Chancellor Burwash, Toronto ; Alex. Fraser, Toronto ; and Past Presidents, C. C. James, J. H. Coyne, G. R. Pattullo, Lt. Col. H. C. Rogers.

Monument Committee,—Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto ; Miss J. Carnochan, Niagara-on-the-Lake ; Col. E. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls ; H. F. Gardiner, Brantford.

Flag Committee,—Mrs. Fessenden, Hamilton ; Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope ; G. H. Hale, Orillia ; John Dearness, London.

Sites Preservation Committee,—Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope ; Prof. Shortt, Kingston ; A. H. U. Colquhoun, Toronto ; Alex. Fraser, Toronto ; C. M. Warner, Napanee.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Justin Griffin, that the report of the Nomination Committee be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Committee on resolutions presented by Mr. D. Williams, recommended :—

That the resignation of Mr. David Boyle as Secretary be and is hereby accepted, and that a minute be entered recording the Society's recognition of his long and faithful services, and that the appointment of a successor be left to the Council.

This Society desires to place upon record its cordial appreciation of the warm welcome received at the hands of His Worship Mayor Mowat and the Members of the City Council, and the Society equally desires to thank the City, as represented by the Corporation, and the Board of Trade for offering the opportunity and conveyances to visit old Fort Frontenac, Fort Frederick, Fort Henry, the Royal Military College, and other points of historic interest.

And the Society also wishes to gratefully thank Vice Chancellor Watson of Queen's University for the kindly welcome tendered by him on behalf of the University authorities.

The Ontario Historical Society hereby acknowledges its warm appreciation of the entertainment given them by the ladies of the Woman's Art Association, and they also desire to express

their thanks for the treat afforded them in the exhibition of historical pictures and plans arranged by those ladies.

The thanks of the Society be hereby tendered to the Authorities of Queen's University for their kindness in placing Grant Hall at its disposal, and thereby enabling them to hold this Annual Meeting amid such favorable and pleasant surroundings.

The Society acknowledges the kindness of Col. Taylor, R. M. C., in inviting the members to visit that Institution.

The Ontario Historical Society urges that the Forts, Blockhouses, and Military and Naval properties of Kingston should be restored and preserved as memorials of the past history of the country, and for the instruction of our youth, and that the Council take the required steps to bring the matter to the attention of the Dominion Government and the Municipal Council of Kingston.

The action of the Council of the Society in calling the attention of the Local Historical Societies of the Province to aid in the preservation of the old Fort at Toronto is warmly commended, and that the Sites Preservation Committee be urged to continue ~~its~~ work until the fort is restored and all probability of its destruction for local purposes is removed.

Moved by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Cumberland that the report be adopted. Carried.

The following resolutions were moved and carried.

The Auditors be the same as last year.

The Finance Committee be composed of the President, Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Annual Report, including the report of this meeting, also those of the various affiliated societies, be printed at once. (500 copies.)

The Editorial Committee be composed of C. C. James, the President, and Secretary.

Those who contributed the several papers at the meeting be requested to file copies of the same with the Secretary.

The Council is authorized to proceed with its work for developing and co-ordinating the work of the Ontario Historical Society and the local societies and the Archives Bureau.

At half-past two o'clock the members met at the City Hall and as guests of the City Council and Board of Trade were taken for a drive to points of interest, first visiting the Tete de Port Barracks and tracing out the old walls of Fort Frontenac where the foundation of one of the towers can still be seen. Entering the carriages again the party crossed the bridge on the road to Barriefield and drove to the Military College, where they were welcomed by Col. Taylor and shown the Stone Frigate, the main building, with its

many handsome brass memorial tablets to the memory of graduates of the R. M. C. who have died for Queen and Country in all parts of the World and the mess room with its valued silver trophies and cups of which its friends are justly proud. The College was a place where all felt that they could linger, but there were other and older objects of interest to call the party away, and after a glimpse of Fort Frederick and the Naval cottages we continued our drive to Fort Henry, which was a surprise to most of the visitors, as few realized its size and interest. After the site of the condemned cell, in which the rebels of 1837 spent their last days, had been pointed out, the visitors with but a few candles to light the way, followed Col. Taylor down cold stone steps, along dark and damp passages, making many twists and turns in the trip, up other stairs and through mysterious cells, until the concealed batteries overlooking the moat, were reached where Col. Taylor was kind enough to explain how the old guns, which are still mounted, were worked and the ditch guarded. Many of the party secured shot and small cannon balls as souvenirs of the visit and all straggled back to the parade ground greatly impressed with the solidity and extent of the old fort, which all believed should be kept in good repair and preserved for future generations. Much of the fine masonry of the stone walls is still in excellent preservation, but in some spots decay is beginning. A moderate expenditure at the present time would secure its future preservation.

After a pleasant drive through Barriefield the party went on to Kingston Mills where the old blockhouses at the locks were an object of interest to many. The canal, which was built as a military work in 1826, was of interest to those who saw it for the first time. After admiring the wild and beautiful spot, the party were called to the tables set out under the wide spreading trees, where a bountiful repast had been provided. His Worship, Mayor Mowat, presided and after all had been attended to, proposed, the toast. "His Majesty, the King", which was honored with enthusiasm and the National Anthem sung by the happy and loyal party.

On the drive back to Kingston a short visit was paid to a blockhouse built in 1812 on the outskirts of the city and now used as a stable, but which the Local Historical Society hope to purchase.

The meeting on Friday evening was opened as with the president, Lt. Col. Rogers in the chair.

Moved by Miss Carnochan, seconded by Mrs. J section 5 of the Constitution be amended by striking beginning with the word "Place", in the second with "Year", and substituting therefor "T as may be decided upon by the Council,

to be given to members, of the intended meeting". Carried.

Rev. Canon MacMorine read a paper, "Early History of the Anglican Church in Kingston", which was listened to with much interest.

Miss Carnochan followed with "Kingston-Niagara, some Contrasts and Resemblances", pointing out that both had been the Capital for a time, both had been Military posts of importance, each guarded and end of Lake Ontario, with many other points in common.

Regret was expressed at the absence of Canon Jarvis, who was to have read a paper on "Cornwall in 1866, Recollections of the Fenian Raid"; also that the paper by Mr. S. H. McEathern of Winnipeg on "Early Perth and the Bathurst District", had not been sent to the meeting. A desire was expressed that both be printed in the next volume of Papers and Records.

Miss Gilkinson of Brantford, was to read her "Reminiscences", but owing to a misunderstanding in regard to her place on the programme she did not have the paper with her. She was asked to refer the paper to the Editorial Committee, to which she kindly agreed.

Miss Helen M. Merrill of Toronto read a paper on "Indian Pottery of Prince Edward County", which was listened to with great attention. Miss Merrill and her sister had collected all the pieces of pottery mentioned. A number of the pieces were shown, and a sketch map of the location where they were found was drawn for the information of the meeting.

Col. Rogers, having thanked the audience and members for their attendance, conducted Mr. Barlow Cumberland to the chair as President for 1907-8. Mr. Cumberland thanked the Society for the honor they had conferred upon him, and spoke of the pleasure, the drive in the afternoon had been to the members, he also drew the attention of the City Council and Board of Trade to the splendid asset they had in the Military Building and Forts, which would be visited by thousands every year, were they kept in repair and open to the public.

This brought to a close a small but enthusiastic meeting, which it is hoped will be the means of arousing local interest in the many historic places in the vicinity, of the "Limestone City".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FLAG AND COMMEMORATION DAY COMMITTEE.

Since our last report there have been evidences which indicate a growing interest in the National Flag ; and of a firm intention to see that it shall be duly respected.

In England after somewhat at first slow progress, the erecting of flag-poles over the schools, and the raising of the National Flag upon them with appropriate ceremonies is fast becoming general. Many of the schools in towns, whose names have been repeated in the colonies, have sent out flags for schools, having the same name and the interchange of greetings between the scholars has increased their knowledge and strengthened their appreciation of the unity of the empire.

On this continent there have been some unfortunate occurrences. In Winnipeg, on May the 24th, this year the United States, Consul raised the American ensign above the Union Jack on the same flagstaff. It was promptly removed by some young men having respect for their country's flag and a better knowledge of how flags should be displayed. A "flag episode" was excitedly telegraphed through the public press. At Erie, Pennsylvania, U. S. on July the fourth a Union Jack was hoisted out of compliment to the day ; a mob broke in the door, tore down the flag and burned it amid the jeers of an excited crowd.

These incidents are mentioned solely for the purpose of pointing out that while loyal fervor is to be commended, inconsiderate action is to be deprecated. These national emblems, representing as they do, the countries and patriotism of their peoples, are worthy of reverent consideration and should be treated with respect. It is understood that instructions have been issued to the consulates of the United States to prevent any similar error. And here it may not be amiss to give some notes on the display of flags.

To hoist false colors is dishonorable.

A flag at half mast is a sign of mourning.

A flag reversed is a signal of distress.

The lowering of a flag is a sign of surrender.

The raising of the victor's flag in its place is a signal

To hoist the flag of one nation underneath that of another show it disrespect.

It is pleasing to note that the Minister of Education has decided to fly the flag on all our Ontario schools. Mr. Roblin, has also set the same

which, owing to the great influx of foreigners, is much to be commended for the loyal teaching it imparts to this great country.

This year the trustees of the Orillia School Board furnished their children on Empire Day with flags. In London, England, for the first time twelve schools hoisted the Union Jack, the staffs for which were supplied by readers of the Daily Telegraph.

The almost universal keeping of Empire Day, which originating in Canada has now spread to England, Australia and other parts of the empire, is a matter for congratulation as tending to a better knowledge of our country's history and binding us all the more strongly together in an United Empire.

The Hamilton School Board, to accentuate the tenth year of the inception of Empire Day, resolved upon a great demonstration. It was largely attended and a most gratifying success. Flags were given all the children and souvenir badges struck off to mark the occasion. In connection with this the Hamilton School Board at its meeting on June the 13th, 1907 passed the following resolution.

That the Board of Education recognises the good work done by Mrs. Fessenden as originator of Empire Day, and desires to draw the attention of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to the fact that no expression of public satisfaction of Mrs. Fessenden's work has been made and the Board expresses the hope that the government will give due consideration to the claims of Mrs. Fessenden to public recognition in a tangible way, for her valuable services in organizing imperial sentiment in this country and empire.

In England, Sheffield led in point of number and excellency of programme, some thirteen thousand children took part in the celebration. A living Union Jack, formed on the square, by four thousand children of the various schools was one of the most inspiring acts in this great national tableau.

We may indeed hopefully look forward to the time, when the national anthem as sung by our school children shall reverberate around the world on Empire Day.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FESSENDEN.

COMMITTEE ON "PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC SITES".

The movement for the preservation of the "Old Fort York" at Toronto so energetically initiated in 1905 by the public meeting at which His Honour, the Lieut. Governor of Ontario presided has been continued.

The Mayor and Board of Control of the city of Toronto having in October, 1906 declared themselves in favor of the construction of a double track Street Railway through the Old Fort, deputations from the Societies in Toronto visited the City Hall.

It was shewn that the construction proposed would practically destroy the Fort by the removal of large parts of the eastern and western ramparts and involved the destruction of buildings within the Fort which had existed since 1793 and its remodeling in 1816 and particularly of the central blockhouse which is one of the most excellent examples of that class of fortification in the earliest period.

Circular letters were sent to local affiliated societies advising them of the proposals and protests were received by the Mayor from all parts of the Province. The press also in many localities took the matter up, it being plainly made evident that the people of all Ontario take a vivid interest in this spot made historic by their ancestors and that it would no longer be permitted to remain in a state of neglect, nor to be sacrificed for local purposes.

We would specially thank the "New Brunswick Historical Society" for the vigorous protests they sent to the Minister of Militia, urging him to prevent the city of Toronto and the Toronto Electric Railway from harming the Old Fort by running their Street Railway through it.

Notwithstanding these protests the Mayor and the Street Railway persisted in their proposals, a bylaw was presented to and adopted by the City Council for the expenditure of \$125,000 in putting a new bridge at Bathurst Street for the construction of the extension of the Street Railway through the Fort.

The Societies and citizens of Toronto who supported them actively opposed the scheme and with the aid of most of the Toronto Press the by-law was defeated on a vote of 3968 in favor and 9004 against.

The following memorial was presented to His Excellency the Governor General through the cordial influence of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario who has always taken an active interest in the preservation of the Fort and was chairman of the public meeting referred to, held by the Ontario Historical Society in the precincts of the Fort on October 7, 1905.

The Right Honourable Earl Grey, G. C. M. G.

Governor-General of Canada, Ottawa.

May it please Your Excellency :—

The undersigned memorialists, representing various historical and patriotic societies of Canada, beg Your Excellency to receive and favourably consider the various representations humbly set forth in the following petition :—

On October 7th, 1905, a public meeting, called at the invitation of the Ontario Historical Society, was held on the grounds of the Old Fort at Toronto, to consider what steps might be taken to restore and preserve the Fort and its surrounding grounds :—

As Your Excellency will observe by the enclosed circular, the immediate occasion of the meeting was a proposal before the Board of Control of the City of Toronto to build a line of railway through the Old Fort, as a short route to the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor presided at the meeting, at which there were represented various historical and patriotic societies of the City of Toronto and elsewhere, and the opinions of the Assembly were embodied in the following resolution :—

Moved by Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University, and seconded by C. A. Brown, chairman of the Board of Education:—

That in the opinion of this meeting the preservation of these grounds should be considered a sacred trust, not merely for the citizens of Toronto, but for the Province and the Dominion at large ;

That no portion of the Fort or grounds should ever be alienated, but that they should be preserved for a public park in fulfilment of then express conditions under which they were acquired by the city ;

That the portion of the eastern rampart already destroyed to make room for a slaughter house should be restored, and that the other features of the Fort be repaired so that they may appear as nearly as possible in their original condition ;

And that to aid the authorities in determining the plan of restoration a committee be appointed to investigate and report, this committee to be composed as follows :—

The Honourable the Minister of Militia or his nominee, the Commandant of the Fort, the colonel of each regiment and the chief officer of each arm of the militia service in Toronto, three repre-

sentatives each from the various historical and patriotic societies, and three representatives each from Toronto City Council and the Board of Education. Carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Militia, Sir Frederick Borden, being then in the city, a delegation from the meeting waited on him, and presented the above resolution, and were glad to be informed that when an agreement was made some years ago to transfer this Fort and grounds from the Department of Militia to the City of Toronto, it was upon the condition that the property should be kept as a public park forever, and never be alienated to any other purpose.

Your memorialists are thankful to learn that this is the purpose of the Honorable Minister of Militia, because they believe that the value of such monuments in educating future generations in the history of Canada, and in awakening and maintaining an intelligent loyalty to the empire, can hardly be exaggerated. When, as in the case of the Chateau de Ramezay, of Montreal, the Old Fort at Annapolis Royal, N.S., and the Fort George at Niagara, attempts have repeatedly been made to obliterate or alienate to private uses such historic landmarks, it has been a subject of rejoicing that public opinion has prevented such vandalism, for the people have now begun to realize the great influence of these shrines in the education of the young and in the building up of our national character.

It is self-evident that but for the successful defence of these provinces in the war of 1812 our dominion would not be, as it is to-day, a part of the British Empire. The men who gave their lives at this particular post are, with about three hundred of their late enemies, buried in various places in and about the Fort. These grounds, therefore, aside from their historic interest as marking the beginning of the history of Toronto, and as being the only sample in Canada in any degree of preservation of a stockade Fort of the 17th century, are to be held in special reverence as a mausoleum of remains of Canada militiamen and British regulars who gave their lives to hold Canada for the empire. Your memorialists cannot believe that a spot that combines a shrine of history with a sepulchre of our forefathers will be desecrated by such an intrusion, since a railway could not be built through here without disturbing these remains and otherwise damaging the character of the place. Moreover your memorialists would point out that other routes not involving any disturbance of the Fort can be taken as a short cut to the Exhibition grounds referred to.

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This Fort has other associations which entitled it to preservation, because, since its erection, over one hundred detachments of troops representing nearly every British regiment of the line, have been quartered within its walls, and men of these garrisons or their descendants by the thousand, now living in various parts of the empire, will rejoice to see this relic perpetuated.

Your Excellency will observe by the enclosed newspaper extracts that the daily press of Toronto has been a unit in appealing editorially for the preservation of the Fort and your memorialists believe that this appeal expresses the desire not only of almost every citizen of the loyal city of Toronto, but of the people of Canada at large, who have an equal inheritance in monuments that belong to their common history.

The Societies represented in this memorial realize with shame the past neglect which has brought about the desecration of a portion of these grounds to make room for a slaughter house, in erecting which the bones of some soldiers were dug up and scattered, and your memorialists now bespeak Your Excellency's sympathy and aid in counselling the Dominion Government not only to see that the demolished rampart is restored, and that the invasion now contemplated is prevented, but that public or private companies which have trespassed on these grounds in the past be compelled to retire, and that the Fort be placed beyond danger of future violation.

The best means of accomplishing this purpose appears to your memorialists to be the vesting of the property in a commission composed of a representative of the Dominion Government, a representative of the City of Toronto, and a representative of the historical and patriotic societies, who, may, as in the case of Annapolis Royal, administer the property under conditions which will guarantee the preservation of the grounds for the use of the people of Canada for all Time.

And your petitioners will ever pray :—

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, of Toronto.

M. Forsyth Grant, President.
Josephine MacCallum.
C. L. Corley, Recording Secretary.

U. E. LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

E. A. Maclaurin.
Geo. A. Shaw, Lt. Col. R. L.
E. M. Chadwick.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE, Toronto Branch.

Jno. W. Gamble Boyd, Secretary.
J. M. Clark, President, Toronto Branch.

IMPERIAL ORDER DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE.

Edith Boulton Nordheimer, President.
Marion Crerar.
Helen M. Bruce.

YORK PIONEERS' ASSOCIATION.

Daniel Lamb.
Wm. MacCallum.
John Harvie.

THE NAVY LEAGUE, Toronto Branch.

W. Barclay McMurrich, President.

COMMANDANT OF PORT.

J. Vance Gravely, Lt. Colonel.
Senior Ordinance Officer, Western Ontario.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

C. A. B. Brown, Chairman Board of Education, Toronto.

ONTARIO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS.

F. M. Bell-Smith, President.

VETERANS of "60"

N. M. Miller, President
Wm. Gibson, F. G.
D. Creighton, Past President,
James Constable, Rec. Secretary.

VETERANS of 1885, North West Field of 1885 Association.

C. Harston, Lt. Col. Pres. N.W.F.F. 1885 Am
Alfred Curran, Major N.W.F. Force of 1885.

CANADIAN CLUB, Toronto.

John A. Cooper, President.

ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

George Pearce, President.
Late Royal Horse Artillery.

SOUTH AFRICA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

G. Sterling Ryerson, Col., and President.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

George T. Denison, President.

THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, Toronto.

G. T. Harman president.

Jno. W. Gamble Boyd, Secretary.

ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Barlow Cumberland, Vice-President.

The Hon. J. P. Whitney, Premier, also forwarded a strong remonstrance.

In the reply received by the Society from the Governor General-in-Council information was given that the conveyance to the city had not yet been consummated and that the suggestion of the vesting of the property in a Commission as proposed could not be considered until it be apparent that it may be intended to be used for purposes other than for which it is being acquired.

The destruction intended has, for the moment, been averted by the vote of the citizens of Toronto, but close attention will need to be given to avert any further attack and for settling beyond peradventure that the conditions upon which the Old Fort may be transferred to the City authorities to be guarded and maintained as an historical memorial shall be clearly set out and carefully safe-guarded.

In connection with historical memorials your committee would record the erection at Vandeleur, Co. Grey, of a granite monument unveiled on Dominion Day and bearing the following inscription.

1857-1907.

“To the Founders of School Section No. 11, Artemesia, whose courage, honest intention and stability of purpose converted the primeval forest into homes for themselves and those that come after them. Erected by their descendants.”

The names of the founders are also carved on the shaft.

This is an example which deserves the highest commendation for the pioneers who hewed out the forests of our country deserve recognition as well as those who have served in its defence.

Respectfully submitted,

BARLOW CUMBERLAND, Chairman.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

- PRESIDENT..... Wm. Rennie, sr. Esq., Swansea.
- 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Eli. Crawford, Esq.
- 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Capt. William McClain.
- 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Alex. Gibb, Esq.
- 4TH. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Daniel Lamb, Esq.
- 5TH. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Lieut. Col. McGillivray.
- TREASURER..... John Harvie, Esq., 102 Yonge St.
- SECRETARY..... Rev. H. S. Matthews, 5 Chicora Ave.
- REGISTRAR..... E. W. Duggan, Esq., 183 Queen St. E.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Captain Jessop, Chairman, John R. Bull, John Maughan, William Crocker, James R. Briggs, J. D. Nasmith.

AUDITORS.

W. A. Parson, Esq. and W. E. Griffith, Esq.

With this Annual Report the York Pioneer and Historical Society have passed their thirty-eighth milestone. With the death of Sir W. P. Howland, which took place on January 1st of the year, there is not a single member living who joined in the year 1850, when the Society was first organized, and Mr. A. McLean Howard is the only living representative of those who joined in 1870. Of those who joined in 1871, all have gone to their long home. For 1872, Mr. J. Merritt of Niagara is the only representative living. Sir W. P. Howland was an honorary member when he died. Messrs. Howard and Merritt are also honorary members.

According to the past record of our membership, about one-half are removed by death every decade. Notwithstanding the number of deaths, removals, etc., our Society is growing in numbers and enthusiasm. Through the influence of Mr. Wm. Crocker and other members, thirty new members joined at our last monthly meeting.

The York Pioneer and Historical Society has been connected with the Industrial (National) Exhibition from its inception, by erecting a log cabin on the grounds and making exhibits each year

free of charge to the public and the Exhibition Association. The old log cabin has become a great attraction during Exhibition. Some days more than a thousand visit this old historic building. We have been hoping for a larger building, so that we can make a larger and more creditable display of the implements and utensils used by the old pioneers of this country.

Pioneer Day at the Exhibition is observed by a general turnout of Pioneers from many parts of Ontario. The centre of attraction is the York Pioneers' Home, where all are made welcome. After the regular monthly meeting, adjournment is made to the lunch room. After lunch, there is a short entertainment, composed of speeches, patriotic songs, etc., by prominent members of other Societies. This day is looked forward to with pleasure.

During the past year death claimed nine of our members. One of our earliest and most enthusiastic members was Alfred Wilson, P. L. S., and Commissioner for the Canada Company. He died May, 1906. He was a member of our Society since March, 1872. For several years he was one of our Vice-Presidents.

With pleasure I herewith extend a hearty invitation to all (who are eligible) to join this old Historic Society, where much is being done to put on record the old landmarks and incidents that occurred in the early settlement of the "Home District" in Upper Canada.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN :—I beg herewith to submit my report for the year closing on 31st December, 1906.

To Balance on hand from 1906.....	\$	244	41
“ Bequest of ex-Ald. Crocker.....		100	00
“ Fees and Bank Interest.....		170	94
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	\$	515	35
By Expenses for the year.....		280	95
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To Balance carried to 1907.....	\$	234	40

JOHN HARVIE, Treasurer.

TORONTO, 12th February, 1907.

We, the Auditors duly appointed, have examined the receipts

and expenditures kept by the Treasurer of the Society, and beg to report that we have found the balance as reported on hand correct up to 31st December, 1906—viz., \$234.40

(Signed) W. A. PARSON.
W. E. GRIFFITH.

LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.....Rev. Canon Bull, M.A.
PRESIDENT.Colonel Cruikshank.
VICE-PRESIDENT.....John A. Law.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Rev. Dean Houston.
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....James Wilson.

COMMITTEE.

Abel Land, Dr. Thompson, E. Morden, R. W. Geary and Major Vandersluys.

It is now twenty-one years since the Lundy's Lane Historical Society was called into existence by the exertions of Rev. Canon Bull, M.A., whose spirit was grieved by the apparent apathy and growing carelessness of the citizens of the Niagara peninsula in respect to the preservation of the memorials of the important events which have made this district famous in the annals of our country ; He was also particularly anxious that some effort should be made to have the cemetery of Drummond Hill, where so many pioneer settlers of the district, and heroes of the War of 1812-14 lie buried.

After much consideration Canon Bull succeeded in interesting a number of his neighbours in the village of Niagara Falls, and the Lundy's Lane Historical Society was formed with Canon Bull as President. The first enrollment of members being Mr. M. M. Fenwick, Mr. Charles Patten, Mr. Geo. Sootheran, Mr. M. B. Morris, Mr. E. Morden, Mr. George Shrimpton, Mr. H. H. Marcon, Mr. R. Spong, Mr. F. W. Ellis. At this meeting the objects of the Society were defined as follows, viz.; "To collect and preserve all information available pertaining to the early history of this locality and especially to the period of 1812-14 ; to keep a record of the names of men and women who then served their country, with such other information as may be thought desirable ; and to recommend the erection as a worthy memorial of them."

The first action of the new Society was to petition the Government to erect "a worth monument in memoriam of those who in 1814 fought and died on the hill of Lundy's Lane for their Country, including the name of Mrs. Laura Secord who died in later years;" the village council were also memorialized to erect suitable directions for the benefit of strangers visiting the battle ground, and as an earnest of their zeal in the work each member agreed to collect as much historical information as possible and to lay it before the Society at the earliest opportunity.

From the modest commencement the work of the Society has been carried on with more or less vigor until the present time, each year witnessing some achievement, however small, in the prosecution of the aims and objects of the Society as these were defined at its organization.

In last year's report a list was given of the publications which had been issued from time to time, aggregating a total of some four thousand pages of very valuable historical matter, which had been contributed by such eminent and well known authorities as Mrs. Curzon, Miss Carnochan, Rev. E. J. Fessenden, Wm. Kirby, F.R.G.S., and Colonel Cruikshank, whose monumental work on the Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier 1812-14 has evoked such widespread interest and commendation.

The past season has not been unfruitful of results. Early in the year the seventh volume of 'Documentary History' was issued, containing 306 pages of matter and maps embodying all the contemporary documents which Col. Cruikshank has been able to discover bearing upon the period from August to October 1813. The printer has also been furnished with copy and has set up the greater part of volume eight, which will cover the period from October to December 1813.

Beyond the publication of volume 7 the most notable event of the year was the unveiling of a memorial on Queenston Heights marking the spot where Lieut.-Col. McDonnell, Aide-de-camp to Lieut. General Sir Isaac Brock, fell on the memorable 13th of October, 1812.

Advantage was taken of the occasion of a visit to the scene of the Battle by the 41st Regiment, Brockville, Lieutenant Colonel Fisher commanding to have the ceremony conducted with a proper military setting. The oration was given by our President Colonel Cruikshank. The Memorial, an oval bronze tablet mounted on a cairn of large boulders and suitably inscribed, was unveiled by Mrs. Cruikshank, the troops presented arms and the band furnished suitable music. A beautiful mourning wreath, the gift of the Brock-

ville branch of the daughters of the Empire was then placed upon the memorial by Mrs. Fisher.

After the ceremony a graphic resume of the battle was given on the heights by Colonel Cruikshank to the Regiment; a large concourse of interested citizens being also present.

Throughout the year several Members of the Society have been most assiduous in attending upon visitors, both military and civil, to the battlefield of Lundy's Lane, and very much misunderstanding concerning the manner and the result of this the most famous battle ever fought in Ontario has in consequence been dissipated.

The Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending April 30th, 1907, are as follows:—

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

1906			
April 30.	By balance cash on hand.....	\$ 382 83	
1907			
April 30.	By cash membership fees.....	\$ 11 00	
	By cash sales of Society's publications.	82 13	
	By Grant from Ontario Government...	200 00	293 13
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Total.....		\$ 675 96	

EXPENDITURE.

1907			
April 30.	To paid cost of Bronze Tablet.....	\$ 50 00	
	for Queenston Heights.		
	“ “ printing part VII Documentary		
	History of War of 1812.....	285 10	
	“ “ printing annual report, post		
	cards, maps, envelopes, etc....	21 17	
	“ “ postage, etc., on Society's		
	publications.....	24 42	
	“ “ travelling expenses Rev.		
	Canon Bull.....	8 50	\$389 19
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To balance cash on hand			286 77
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			675 96

THE NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NIAGARA,
ONTARIO.

OFFICERS 1907.

PRESIDENT..... Miss Carnochan.
 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Rev. J. C. Garrett.
 SECRETARY..... Alfred Ball.
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY..... Jno. E. Kersley.
 TREASURER..... Mrs. S. D. Manning.
 CURATOR AND EDITOR..... Miss Carnochan.
 HON. VICE-PRESIDENTS, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. H. Clement, C. F. Ball
 and H. Pafford.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. T. F. Best, W. R. McClelland, C. A. F. Ball, F. J. Rolland, W. J. Wright, M.A.

LIFE MEMBERS.

T. K. Thompson, Mrs. J. G. Wilson.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. Canon Bull, Lt. Col. Cruikshank F.R.S.C., Sir Jas. L. Monie, John Ross Robertson, Hon. Wm. Gibson, Jas. Wilson, C. E., David Boyle, Major Hiscott, G. A. Lancaster, M. P., Dr. Jessop, M.P.P., C. C. James, F.R.S.C., Newton J. Ker, C. E., Hugh J. Chisholm.

It is with feelings of profound thankfulness, that we present our annual report for 1907, thankfulness that so much has been accomplished, as during the year the regular work of the Society has gone on with regard to meetings, reading of papers, publishing, additions to our collection sale of pamphlets ; besides all this the work for which we have been laboring for three years, has we are glad to say been brought to a happy conclusion and we now have our valuable collection in a beautiful commodious building.

During the winter months several papers were read at the regular meetings, one by Rev. J. C. Garrett on the late Jno. M. Clement, another by the President on the Sir Isaac Brock. At a public meeting a valuable paper was read by Col. Cruikshank on "The first ten years of Niagara 1780 to 1790", which is to be published. During the year pamphlet No. 15 has been published, "Sir Isaac

Brock and Count de Puisaye", (the latter by permission of the Ontario Historical Society is reprinted) and also obituary notices of two valued members, Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C and Mrs. Green. Our finances as a Society are in good condition although our expenses have been heavier than usual, owing to the opening of our building to the public. We have now 150 members, but as only thirty of these are in town, the work of the society devolves on a few. We have distributed to members, Historical Societies and others nearly seven hundred of our publications during the year and have sold a larger number than usual. Our collection, ever increasing, has been examined by the Literary and Historical Club of St. Catharines, the Masten High school of Buffalo, Military visitors and many others numbering over a thousand.

As ours is the first building erected in Ontario for purely historical purposes, it may be well to give some of the steps taken to procure it. Other Societies have had buildings presented to them, as Wentworth and Peterboro' and many have rooms in Carnegie Libraries, but ours has been the result of three years' work. On 17th, September, 1903 a public meeting was called to which Toronto friends were invited and it was decided to collect money for a building, commencing with ourselves as a Society, our townspeople, old Niagarians at a distance, etc. Circulars were sent out in explanation and the sum of \$4,500 has been collected of which \$2,000 was given in sums varying from one dollar to fifty, larger sums were received from the Dominion and Provincial Governments and an old Niagara boy, Hugh J. Chisholm, now resident in New York sent a generous cheque for \$500. \$4850 has been expended and we owe between three hundred and four hundred dollars. A site had been given by the President and many meetings were held to decide on a plan and specifications. The work was begun in April 1906 and the building was finished all but the portico before the end of the year, but it was thought well to wait till the early summer for the opening. Mrs. Thompson of Toronto, one of our members gave several weeks of her time in arranging articles in the cases in which she displayed great taste. The building is of red brick with trimmings of buff brick and Queenston Limestone. the size 70x30 feet with metallic roof, a gallery, so that all the wall space can be used and ample room given to classify into military, naval, household articles, woman's work, literature, portraits, documents, Indian, etc.

For the opening the 4th, of June, invitations were sent out to the members, contributors to the building fund, Historical Societies and others interested. Sir Mortimer Clark the Lieutenant-

Governor presided and in spite of the rain successful meetings were held in the afternoon and evening.

We feel profoundly thankful that we have been able to provide a safe place of deposit for such valuable articles many of which could not be duplicated, and we expect that more and more additional articles will be given, as, indeed, has been the case before and after the opening day. To the young we feel convinced the room will have a distinctly educative value. Mr. Boyle has said in one of our publications that history is best taught by object lessons and our collection may be called a series of object lessons and thus may be learned lessons of patriotism when the youth of our country have recalled to them the deeds of their forefathers in preserving the soil sacred from the foot of the invader, counting not their lives dear if so they could save their country.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JANET CARNOCHAN, President.
ALFRED BALL, Secretary.

THE SIMCOE COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BARRIE, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR 1907-8.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.....Sir James R. Gowan.
PRESIDENT.....Judge J. A. Ardagh.
VICE-PRESIDENTS.....Judge W.F.A. Boys, Mr. G. H. Hale.
SECRETARY.....A.F. Hunter, M.A., Barrie.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Lieut. Col. W. E. O'Brien, John Rogerson and John L. Warnica.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

Judge Ardagh, D. H. MacLaren, Donald Ross and the Secretary.

DELEGATES TO ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Judge Ardagh, A. F. Hunter, and John Rogerson.

The Society has sustained a loss by the death, on July 13th,

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of its Treasurer, Geo. Sneath, Esq., at the ripe age of 87 years, who was one of the pioneer school teachers of this district, and had contributed several interesting articles to the Society and to the press on pioneer life in this section of the country.

The Society has undertaken the publication of some of its papers and documents, to which the timely grant voted by the Legislature at its last session will be devoted.

A. F. HUNTER, Secretary.

HURON INSTITUTE, COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS, MARCH 1906-1907.

PATRONESS.....	Mrs. E. F. Lett.
HON. VICE-PRESIDENT.....	H. Robertson, K.C.
PRESIDENT.....	G. W. Bruce, B.A.
1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....	F. T. Hodgson.
2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....	John Lawrence.
SECRETARY.....	David Williams.
TREASURER.....	James Morris.
CURATOR.....	C. E. Freer.

DIRECTORS.

G. K. Mills, B.A., I.P.S., C. C. McKenzie, J. W. Day, M. Gaviller, D. Williams, F. F. Telfer, J. H. Irwin, D.D.S., Miss F. E. Redmond and Miss M. Switzer.

Since the last annual meeting another year has passed during which our Institute has made substantial progress. The interest in its work was more widely extended with the result that its work has been correspondingly greater.

During the year nine meetings in all were held, regular and six executive. At the regular meetings given. On one occasion Mr. Frank Yeigh, in a most and interesting address, illustrated with stereopticons a large audience to and fro through what he termed Century Canada; on another, Mr. E. Stewart gave a talk on a trip to the Great Northland through

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Mackenzie River flows, while several members read papers on subjects pertaining to departments of the Institute, Miss F. E. Redmond on Charles Garnier, the Martyr of Simcoe, Dr. J. H. Irwin and Mr. F. F. Telfer on Civic Improvement.

A notable event in the history of the Institute was the visit of the Ontario Historical Society to Collingwood as our guests. The occasion was that of the Society's annual meeting, Thursday, and Friday, July 19th and 20th. Upwards of forty members were present and the visit proved very pleasant and profitable to our members and our townspeople. To assist the Institute in entertaining the visitors the town council very generously came to our assistance by making a grant a \$125, while the Provincial Government also gave a special grant in part on this account. This grant amounted to \$300. It is unnecessary to review the entertainment offered, but briefly we wish to refer to the visit to the Christian Island for which the steamer Minnie M. was chartered. The day was all that could be desired and the two hundred citizens who joined the visitors did their utmost to add pleasure to the day's outing. At the Island the historians visited the ruins of Fort Ste. Marie II, that occupied by the Hurons in the closing days of their sanguinary conflict with the Iroquois. Close inspection was made of the remaining portion of the walls which recalled the descriptive words of the historian Parkman wherein he tells of the struggle between the two bands of redmen. Mr. John Birnie, K.C., in an eloquent address, from a mound formed by a fallen bastion, briefly reviewed the last stages of the Hurons after having been driven from the mainland, a few miles distant, and crowded into the small fort of which only a vestige to-day remains.

Besides the educational advantages derived by the members of the Institute the visit of our Historical friends proved a blessing in other ways, notably by bringing the Huron Institute and its work more prominently before the people of the town and thus materially increasing our membership which was never so large as during the past year.

Our museum has continued to grow until to day we are crowded for space in which to display the numerous articles, relics, specimens, etc. During the year several new cases were added, but these are already filled, it might be said, to overflowing, numerous exhibits being stowed away awaiting proper facilities for display. In connection with this important work of the Institute it would be unjust and ungrateful to pass on without a word of recognition of

the invaluable service rendered by our late curator, Mr. C. E. Freer, and to refer to the loss we have sustained by his removal from our midst. Nothing was too much for him to do in the interests of the Institute. He loved the work and did it thoroughly, the result being that we possess to-day a museum of no mean importance and containing among others many relics which to quote Mr. Freer are "grand invigorators of memory."

During the year some historical research was conducted by different members of the Institute. Early in the spring Messrs. G. W. Bruce, C. E. Freer, F. F. Telfer, Jas. Morris and D. Williams made a visit to several village sites in the Pretty River Valley, notably that on the farm of Mr. Alex. Currie, Lot 34 Con. 12, Township of Nottawasaga, which is supposed to have been the location of the Petun village of St. Mathias. On the same occasion a visit was made to what is believed to be Ekarennondi or the Standing Rock of the Petuns. Photographs of the sites and the rock were secured, Mr. Webb, photographer, accompanying the exploration party. Later on in the summer the same members made a trip to the Nottawasaga River, the primary object being to secure, if possible, a cannon from the wrecked British warship Nancy which lies in the river. In this, however they, were not successful. Advantage was taken of being at the river to inspect the site of Fort Nottawasaga which figured so prominently in the war of 1812-14. Nothing now remains, other than possibly a few rusted nails or pieces of lime or bricks to mark the place of the once military stronghold, or to connect the present with the past.

To the five members already referred to, however, does not belong all of the credit for research during the past year. Our second vice-president, Mr. John Lawrence, has also been active in this particular. He reports the discovery of a new village site on the farm of Mr. Thos. Martin, near Craigeith, which he believes to be one of the villages which composed the mission of St. Jean, of which Fathers Charbonnel and Garnier were the resident missionaries. Other work of a similar nature will probably be taken up in the future, we hope with beneficial results.

In the geological department much good work has been done during the year, Mr. Gaviller, the director, having secured many valuable additions to the museum. The botanical exhibits of the Institute have also been largely increased, notably by a valuable collection of specimens, properly named and mounted, presented by Mrs. F. E. Webster of Creemore.

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In conclusion, might it not be reasonably said, without being egotistic, that our Institute is doing a useful and valuable work, and that while those now engaged in advancing its interests will in time give place to others, that done will stand as evidence of their energy and enthusiasm.

D. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(For year ending March 19th, 1907.)

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1906.....	\$ 2 93
Grant from Town.....	125 00
Grant from Ontario Government.....	300 00
Fees.....	58 00
Lecture.....	9 25
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	\$ 495 18

EXPENDITURE.

Furnishings	\$ 64 40
Rent and Light.....	12 00
Caretaking.....	22 00
Lectures.....	35 00
Printing	9 69
Jesuit Relations account.....	8 70
Ontario Historical Society Meeting..	168 91
Balance on hand.....	168 48
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	\$ 495 18

Audited and found correct.

R. E. FAIR.

JAMES MORRIS,

Treasurer.

OTTAWA WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS, 1906-1907.

PRESIDENT.Mrs. Ahearn,
HONORARY SECRETARY.....C. Elizabeth Billings.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Ahearn, who had been travelling abroad, the position was most ably and acceptably filled by the first vice-president, Mrs. Geo. E. Foster, who looked after the interests of the Society during the year of 1906-7.

Twelve meetings were held during the year, five general and seven executive.

A very successful loan Exhibition was held in October.

At the November meeting of the Society Mrs. Ahearn, as convener of the Exhibition Committee, reported that 410 articles of great value, had been loaned by 149 persons. This however, did not include hundreds of things sent unsolicited, many of which came in too late to be catalogued. The receipts from this exhibition amounted to \$118.55, expenses \$74.18.

The program for the winter's work consisted of a series of original papers on Canadian Waterways, first, naturally: second, artificially.

The first of the series was given by Miss Cluff on "The Pioneers and Voyageurs," The second by Madame Sulte on "The Canals of the Ottawa River", The third by Madame Rheaume on "The Lachine Canal", and the fourth and last by Mrs. Arthur Matheson on "The Soulange Canal".

The four papers were, each, of peculiar merit, showing much study and research.

Besides the written papers, at Mrs. Foster's suggestion, the Society enthusiastically took up the study of Canadian History, and found it very necessary and decidedly beneficial.

At each meeting a certain amount of time was allowed for listening to a short resume, from memory or notes, by one of the members, and was afterwards discussed.

In the coming year, it is our hope and intention to do more and better work along the same lines.

THE PETERBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PETERBORO,
ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907.

HONORARY-PRESIDENT.....Col. H. C. Rogers.
PRESIDENT.....T. A. S. Hay.
VICE-PRESIDENT.....Richard Hall, J. H. Burnham.
SECRETARY TREASURER.....T. J. Wallace.

I beg to report that the Peterboro' Historical Society is in a flourishing condition. We have forty-one active members and have held a number of very interesting meetings during the past year. We are constantly adding curios and historic relics and documents to our museum and by the way of making our collection of animals, birds and insects more interesting we are completing the groups and as each group is completed we will have a lecture on the group.

In this way the teachers of the city will acquire valuable aid in their nature studies and our museum will become more interesting.

I beg to call the attention of the Society to the great necessity of preserving the great pre-historic remains in our neighborhood, The Serpent Mounds. I fear that it is doomed to destruction if the government does not soon step in and assume control of it. The Hill upon which it is situated is now almost deplete of trees. Some short time ago it was a beautiful grove, I would suggest that the Government would ex-propriate the land, giving the owner a fair value in return. The government of other countries do this in all cases. I would be sorry to see this monument of the past disappear and disappear it will unless the government at once sees to it.

Our Museum has been open since the 1st of May and we have many visitors.

Yours,

T. J. WALLACE, Secretary-Treasurer.

ELGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-8

PRESIDENT..... James H. Coyne, M.A., F.R.S.C.
 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Mrs. J. H. Wilson.
 SECRETARY..... Frank Hunt.
 TREASURER..... W. H. Murch.
 CURATOR..... Mrs. Wm. St. Thomas Smith.
 EDITOR..... Judge Ermatinger.

COUNCIL

Dr. S. Silcox, Judge Colter, J. W. Stewart, Mr. Charles Oakes, K. W. McKay, Mrs. J. S. Robertson, Mrs. Judge Ermatinger, Mrs. Mary Duncombe, Mrs. W. R. Jackson.

The public programme of The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute during the winter of 1906-1907, consisted of the following addresses :—

1. Champlain and the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec, by the President, Mr. James H. Coyne, M.A., F.R.S.C.
2. The Downfall of the Hurons, by C. C. James, M.A., F.R.S.C.

The Institute was represented by its President and two other members at the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at Collingwood and Christian Island in July, 1906.

The preservation of historical monuments is one that has engaged our attention during the year. Communications have been sent to the Minister of Militia and Defence and to the Mayor of Toronto with a view to the preservation of the Old Fort at Toronto. The Southwold Earthwork, within ten miles of the City of St. Thomas, is not only regarded as the best preserved Indian earthwork in Canada, but is unique in its possession of a double wall. The Institute has already drawn the attention of The Royal Society of Canada and of the Ontario Historical Society to the need of measures to ensure the preservation of this interesting aboriginal relic in its entirety. We are therefore especially interested in the action taken by The Royal Society for the formation of an Association for the preservation of Historical Monuments. We would

suggest that the Parliament of Canada and the Provincial Legislatures be memorialized to pass legislation authorizing the expropriation of historic sites as in the British Islands, and the appropriation of public funds sufficient to pay the owners a reasonable compensation.

We have much pleasure in appending the annual report of the admirable work done by The Women's Historical Society of St. Thomas, an auxiliary organization composed of lady members of the Institute. Under its energetic President, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, the auxiliary has held numerous meetings, well attended, at which many addresses and papers dealing with Canadian history and especially history of the County of Elgin have been presented.

We note with pleasure the increased interest in the study of history on the part of our local educational institutions. Dr. S. Silcox, Principal of the Public School, the City Teachers' Association, its President Mr. J. M. Urie, and Dr. O. J. Stevenson, English Master at the Collegiate Institute, have co-operated in our work in important ways. Dr. Stevenson has published in local papers a number of historical studies by his pupils. In their preparation valuable information is collected and preserved, and the students are led to take a personal interest in the history of their country's development.

FRANK HUNT, Secretary.

JAMES H. COYNE, President.

THE WOMEN'S ELGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS, 1906-1907.

- PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. H. Wilson.
- 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. H. Coyne.
- 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. S. Robertson.
- 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Truman Duncombe.
- SECRETARY.....Mrs. Graham Symington.
- TREASURER.....Mrs. Comfort.
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Mrs. Comfert.
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Miss Lena Travers.
- CURATOR.....Mrs. F. M. Griffin.

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During the year, seven meetings were held. The leading subjects were: The principal cities of Canada.

Papers were read, or addresses given as follows :—

1. "The History of Montreal", by Mrs. J. P. Finlay.
2. "The History of Ottawa," by Mrs. J. H. Wilson.
3. "The History of Toronto", by Mrs. McLarty.
4. "The History of St. John, N.B.", by Mrs. J. S. Robertson.
5. "The History of Newfoundland," by Mrs. R. I. Warner.
6. A most interesting talk on "Champlain and the Quebec Tercentenary," by Mr. J. H. Coyne.
7. "Woman's place in the World", by Dr. Jennie Drennen.
8. "The Pioneer Churches of the County", by Miss Hattie Robinson.
9. A valuable paper on "The first Settlers of the Thames District", by Mrs. Lousie King, giving an excellent description of the Oneidas, the Munceys and Chippewas, being the result of her own research among the Indians.

The annual social evening was held in Stevenson's parlors on November 16th.

At the last meeting of the previous year, the most important matter under discussion was the coming exhibition of "Made in St. Thomas," at which the ladies of the Historical Society were asked to take charge of "Ladies' Day". The following ladies were appointed to act, viz., Mesdames J. H. Wilson, J. H. Coyne, McA. Gilbert, J. S. Robertson, R. H. McConnell, G. Symington.

In consultation with committees of various churches, it was decided to furnish a midday luncheon and an evening entertainment, which consisted of the following program:

"Singing Lancers" by thirty-two children in costume; A dramatic performance, called "The Burglar", or "The Maid of St. Thomas.

The report shows the united work of the ladies to have resulted in \$700.00.

The membership continues at one hundred, to which it is limited, with a number on the waiting list.

The Society has to its credit \$104.92 in the Southern Loan & Savings Company.

AMELIA A. WILSON, President.

BELLE SYMINGTON Secretary-Treasurer.

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THE WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON,
ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-8.

- HONORARY-PRESIDENT.....Rev. Canon G. A. Bull.
- PRESIDENT.....Justus A. Griffin.
- 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....S. F. Lazier, K. C.
- 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....H. H. Robertson.
- 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. M. Rose Holden.
- SECRETARY-TREASURER.....John H. Land.
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. R. G. Sutherland.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Charles Lemon, J. H. Smith, T. H. A. Begue, Rev. Canon Bull, Mrs. Edward Martin, Chas. R. McCullough, Lieut. Col. A. H. Moore, D'Arcy Martin and J. W. Jones, B. A.

During the year one General meeting of the Society and three Committee meetings were held. The membership of the Society remains about the same as last year. A number of books have been donated to our Library. Several valuable papers have been prepared by members of the Society, are now in type, and with other papers being prepared, will appear in the volume which we are about to publish.

The Treasurer's Report showed receipts of \$289.91 and an expenditure of \$38.60, leaving a balance in the bank of \$251.31, a great part of which will be required for illustrating and printing our forthcoming volume.

The Treasurer of the Ladies' Committee, Mrs. Edward Martin, reported that the amount in the bank to the credit of that Committee for the purpose of building a Museum was \$1419.55.

J. H. LAND, Sec.-Treasurer.

WOMAN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR 1907-8.

PRESIDENT.....	Mrs. John Calder.
1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....	Mrs. John S. Hendrie.
2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....	Mrs. K. R. Waddell.
3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT.....	Mrs. J. M. Gibson.
4TH. VICE-PRESIDENT.....	Mrs. John Crerar.
RECORDING SECRETARY.....	Mrs. Bertie Smith.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....	Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet.
TREASURER.....	Miss Ethel McKay.

TRUSTEES.

Stoney Creek Battlefield, Hon. John S. Hendrie, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Thomas, W. Watkins, Esq.

This has been a banner year for the Woman's Wentworth Historical Society. The grant of \$300 from the Ontario Government, with the fees of several new life members enabled the society to pay off the balance of the mortgage on the Stoney Creek Battlefield property, and this historic ground is now free of all debt. The old Gage house, so closely connected with the battles, is being repaired and improved. A small cannon ball embedded in one of the posts gives evidence of its part in that important battle.

Last winter four causeries were held at the residences of members. Interesting addresses were given by Miss Fitzgibbon, on the "Battle of Stoney Creek"; by Barlow Cumberland on, "Canadian "Historic Sites"; by C. R. McCullough on "Heroic Women of Canada,"; by Prof. F. F. McPherson on, "Has Canada a National Literature". These talks created much interest in the city. The membership has greatly increased during the year, and the number of life members is large.

The Society has plans for much effective work for the coming season.

MINNIE JEAN NISBET, Corresponding Secretary

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LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LONDON, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-8.

PRESIDENT.....	Mr. Frank Lawson.
1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....	Mr. F. Leonard.
2ND. VICE-PPRESIDENT	Mrs. A. Fraser.
SECRETARY.....	Miss Florence A. Mitchell.
TREASURER.....	Mr. Henry Macklin.
CURATOR.....	Dr. Woolverton.

The Society has held seven monthly meetings during the year. Although the membership is small there is always a good attendance and many outsiders who show great interest.

A brass tablet was placed on the first brick house in London, the home of the late Peter MacGregor, also brass tablets on the three guns in Victoria Park, which were captured in the Crimean War and presented to the city. Two glass cases were purchased, also two volumes of early Pioneer Life. The first map of the County of Middlesex printed 1854 was donated to the Society by Mr. Buchanan.

The Printing Committee have just placed in the hands of the printers a valuable collection of papers and essays to be published in book form.

\$100.00 was granted to the Daughters of the Empire towards the erection of the monument in memory of the soldiers who died in the South African War.

Following is the synopsis of the meetings.

1. Address on the events which practically exterminated the Indians who formerly resided in Western Ontario by Mr. Dearness.
2. A letter of Mr. Samby's read by Dr. Woolverton on the Indian Earthen works on the Shaw-Woods farm and specimens shown taken from the fort.
3. Paper on life of late David Glass was read by Mr. F. Glass.
4. Illustrated lecture entitled ; England in the last century also current events and important personages of the time by Mr. Spence.
5. Lecture on the Indian mutiny by the Indian Orator and Journalist Mr. Saint Sing.

- 6. Life of late Elizah Leonard read by Mr. Cottam.
- 7. Annual meeting when reports were read and general business carried on.

Respectfully submitted,
 FLORENCE A. MITCHELL, Secretary.
 FRANK LAWSON, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Government Grant.....	\$	100	00
Fees from Members.....		16	50
Balance on Hand.....		127	09
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Total.....	\$	243	59

GENERAL EXPENSES

Including paying of lectures.....	\$	32	52
Tablets.....		44	00
Grant towards Monument.....		100	00
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Total.....	\$	176	52
Balance now in Treasury.....	\$	67	07

HENRY MACKLIN, Treasurer.
 Per. F. A. M.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
 NAPANEE, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-8

HONORARY-PRESIDENTS... Rev. Canon Jarvis, John Gibbard Esq.
 PRESIDENT..... Clarence M. Warner.
 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Mrs. A. W. Grange.
 SECRETARY-TREASURER..... Mr. Ulysses J. Flach.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. H. T. Forward, Mr. Frederick Burrows, Uriah Wilson

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Esq., M.P., George D. Hawley, Esq., Sheriff, Rev. Alexander Macdonald.

Our Society starts with a representative membership. At a meeting held June 11th, 1907, a Constitution and set of By-Laws were adopted and twenty-seven citizens were enrolled as members. Several others have expressed a desire to join the Society.

The accessions to date have been numerous, and the friends throughout the County appear anxious to have everything of an historical nature deposited in our Archives.

The town has given us the free use of the upper floor of the Library Building, and a Committee is now working upon the problem of how best to furnish and decorate the room. Citizens have subscribed \$100 towards this work.

Our annual dues are \$1.00 for active members, and \$1.50 for active family members. By contributing \$15 to the funds of the Society, any one may become a life member.

CLARENCE M. WARNER, President.
U. J. FLACH, Secretary-Treasurer.

THE BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WALKERTON, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT..... Lt. Col. A. E. Belcher, Southampton.
SECRETARY..... Norman Robertson, Walkerton.

During the past year there has been published under the auspices of the Society, the "History of the County of Bruce", written by the Secretary.

A. E. BELCHER, President.
NORMAN ROBERTSON, Secretary.

THE FRONTENAC HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KINGSTON,
ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Dr. R. V. Rogers.
SECRETARY.....Abeir A. Chowan.



THE BOWMANVILLE WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS, 1907-1908.

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. W. W. Tamblyn.
VICE-PRESIDENT.....Miss Armour.
2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. James Reid.
SECRETARY.....Miss Bertha Tamblyn.
TREASURER.....Miss Edith Hillier.



ESSEX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WINDSOR,
ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Francis Cleary.
1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....A. P. E. Panet.
2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Rev. Thomas Natress.
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....A. J. E. Belle Perche.
CORRESPONDING-SECRETARY.....Miss Jean Barr.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Madame Panet, D. H. Belford, Jno. Barnett, Judge McHugh,
James McEwan, F. P. Gavin, Capt. Cheyne, Mrs. O'Shea.



HALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MILTON, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....David Robertson, M. D.
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....R. Coates.

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There has been an effort made to snatch the History of Milton from the shady past and fix it somewhat as we do the features of our friends by enlisting the printer's aid. This is the jubilee year of Milton's incorporation and an effort was made to celebrate the event with proper form and dignity. A short history was printed on "Grip Number" with several portraits of leading citizens and prominent residents. A better history is in preparation and will be completed shortly in the Milton Reformer.

DAVID ROBERTSON, President.
R. COATES, Secretary-Treasurer.

MEETINGS OF PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
AND ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Pioneer Association of Ontario.

Organized September 4th, 1888, at Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

1st Vice-President, Eli Crawford.

Secretary-Treasurer, W. H. Doel.

(Mr. Doel drafted the original by-laws.)

Rev. C. C. Johnston, chairman of committee, to arrange for a Provincial Association.

1890.

Wm. Rennie, Secretary, 1st report published.

York and Peel Pioneer Societies.

Lundy's Lane Historical Society. Organized 1887.

1891.

June 3rd, Brampton.

Name changed to Pioneer and Historical Association.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

Vice-President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Wentworth Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized Jan., 1889.

Grenville Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized May, 1889.

1892.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

1893.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.
President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.
July 18th, Centennial Celebration at Niagara and Toronto.

1894.

Canadian Institute, Toronto.
President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.
Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized November, 1891.
Thorold and Beaverdam's Historical Society. Organized June 5th, 1894.
Historical Section Canadian Institute.

1895.

June, Brampton.
President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.
Niagara Historical Society.
Kingston and Frontenac Historical Society. Organized, 1893.
Bay of Quinte District Historical Society. Organized, 1893.
Canadian Club Hamilton Historical Society. Organized, 1893.

1896.

June, Hamilton.
Rev. Canon George A. Bull.
Elgin Historical Society.
Women's Historical Society of Toronto. Organized November 9th, 1895.

1897.

June, Niagara.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
The Town and County of Peterborough Historical Society. Organized, December 7, 1896.
September, Industrial Exhibition, Toronto.
Re-organization Committee appointed.

1897.

September, Re-organization Committee.
Rev. Henry Scadding, Rev. Canon Bull, Rev. Dr. W. K. Parker, His Honor Judge Ardagh, Mr. A. F. Hunter, Mr. Eli Crawford, Mr. J. B. Reynolds, B.A., Mr. Wm. Rennie, Mr. George H. Mills, Mr. D. B. Read, G.C., Mrs. J. D. Edgar, David Boyce, Mrs. Curzon, Miss Mary Agnes FitzGibbon, Mr. James Bain, Professor Mavor, Rev. Prof. Wrong, Mr. C.C. James, Rev. P. L. Spencer, Very Rev. Dean Harris, L.L.D., Miss J. Car-

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nochan, Major Cruikshank, Rev. Dr. Teefy, Mr. J. D. Brant Sero, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers and Miss Sara Mickle.

1898.

March, Re-organization Meeting at Toronto and Ontario Historical Society formed.

1898.

June, Onswear—Six Nation Reserve.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
September, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1899

February, Special Winter meeting, Toronto.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

1899.

June, Canadian Historical Exhibition, Toronto.
September, Toronto Exhibition.

1900.

June, Hamilton.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
August, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1901.

June, Belleville.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
June 22, Unveiling of the Laura Secord Monument at Lundy's Lane.
August, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1902.

June, Peterborough and Lindsay.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
April, Ontario Educational Association.

1903.

June, St. Thomas.
President, C. C. James, M.A.
May 27, Unveiling Simcoe Monument.

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April, Ontario Education Association.
President, C.C. James, M.A.
June, Windsor.

1905.
June, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.
President, George R. Pattullo.
1906.
July, Collingwood.
President, Lieut-Col. H. C. Rogers.
1907.
July, Kingston.
President, Barlow Cumberland.

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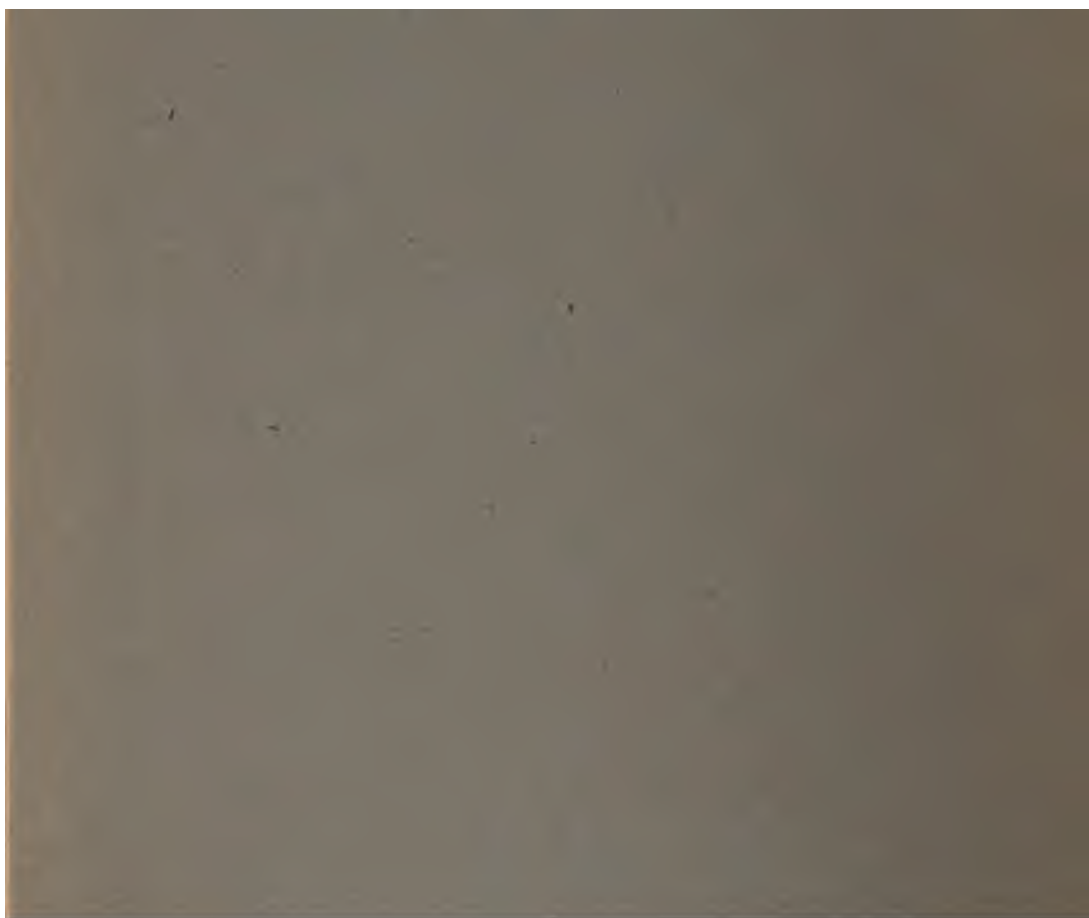
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Southworth, Thomas, Director of Colonization, Parliament
Buildings, Toronto
Spankie, W. S., M.D..... Public School Insp., Kingston
Squair, Professor John B.A..... University of Toronto
Steere, Honorable J. H., Judge... Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
Sydere, Arthur H..... Parliament Buildings, Toronto

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Wilson, James, C.E..... City Hall, Toronto
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Woolverton, Dr. S..... London
Wright, Arthur Walker B.A..... Mount Forest

Yeigh, Frank..... Parliament Buildings, Toronto
Young, Hon. James..... "Thornhill," Gait

***SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

In presenting the ninth Annual Report of the Ontario Historical Society, I think it might be interesting, not only to refer to the work of the past year, but what has been accomplished since the re-organization of the Society in 1889; for we have been working quietly along many lines set out in the Report of the Special Meeting held in Toronto on March 30, 1898. At that time a change was made from a membership consisting of delegates from eleven Historical Societies then in the Province to a paid membership which has increased to two hundred and twenty-eight with ten Honorary members and seven Corresponding members and twenty-two Ex-officio Members.

Many new Historical Societies have been started in the ten years. Some of them have done splendid work by rousing interest in historical research in their own neighborhood and by publications; others have after a short existence lapsed for lack of interest. This is to be regretted, particularly in the older counties, for the time is passing very quickly and much pioneer history will be lost, as the children of the original settlements are fast passing away.

Among the Societies which have done good work, we might refer to the Wentworth Pioneer and Historical Society in Hamilton, which has sent out its publications from time to time; the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, with the longest list of publications of any Local Society in the Province, of which Colonel Cruikshank's eight volumes of the "Documentary History of the War of 1812" will always remain as an authoritative book of reference to future students of that period. The Niagara Historical Society has in ten years issued fifteen publications. It has been the first Society perhaps in the Dominion to erect a building for the purposes of an Historical Museum and although the opening took place a little over a year ago, it has only a small debt remaining. It has had a large increase to its collections, and owes very much to its energetic President, Miss Carnochan, whose name is known from one end of the Dominion to the other for her splendid work in original research into the history of the first Capital of Upper Canada, the old Town of Newark. The Women's Historical Society of Toronto has also published original papers from time to time with an Annual Report. The York Pioneer and Historical Society of Toronto has also issued an Annual Report, but it is to be regretted that many of the valuable and interesting papers read at their meetings have not been printed so as to be available to the student of our history. The Thorold and Beaver Dam's Historical Society some years ago published a very good history of the Township of Thorold. The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute

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has issued a pamphlet, since its publication of Historical Sketches of the County of Elgin. The Peel Pioneers' Society of Brampton; the Oxford Historical and Pioneer Society of Woodstock, and the Grenville Pioneer and Historical Society have ceased to hold meetings. A good deal has been done by various Societies in the way of publication of papers in local newspapers. Societies then in affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society other than those referred to have not published either reports or original documents, but have held meetings from time to time, and it would be a very good thing if some steps could be taken to awaken interest in their work and to encourage them in the publication of papers relating to their own localities.

During the ten years we have issued eight Annual Reports, and eight volumes of Papers and Records. Among the valuable material published by us have been "The Early Church Records of Eighteen Different Parishes or Charges," covering many of the early churches in what is now the Province of Ontario. We have also from time to time published papers read at the Annual Meetings and referring to the history of the locality in which our Meeting has been held. There have also been a number of sketches of "Early Pioneers" published. In Vol. 4, our first President, Mr. James H. Coyne was translator and editor of "Galinee's Narrative and Map with the English Version including all the Map Legends." At the time of the publication of this paper, a Part Second containing many notes was promised, but owing to press of work this is not yet ready, and it is to be regretted as we constantly have letters asking for Part Second of Vol. 4 by Libraries and private individuals, who wish to have their publications bound. A list of our publications will be found in Vol. 8, and it has been a great pleasure to find that the demand for them is yearly increasing. We now exchange with forty-three American Societies, and thirty-four British and Canadian, as well as sending each year copies of our Papers and Records to all Affiliated Societies, and we exchange with many authors for copies of their own works relating to the history of the Provinces. During the past year we have received thirteen volumes in this way. Our publications are in many of the leading Libraries of the country, and it is a great pity that more Members of the Affiliated Societies are not Members of the Ontario Historical Society. I should like to say here that there are comparatively few Members of Affiliated Societies who are Members of the Ontario Historical Society and it is desirable that the Local Societies should be more largely represented in the Provincial Society. In the original constitution it was proposed to charge a small fee to each Affiliated Society.

This has never been done. The individual membership fee is only one dollar and in exchange each member receives a copy of the Annual Report and a volume of Papers and Records as well as being notified of the meetings, and we have the privilege of sending papers read before the Royal Society or kindred organizations to the members in addition to our own publication.

Since the re-organization in 1898, when we had eleven Affiliated Societies, twenty additional Historical Societies have been organized in different parts of the country. Some of them only existed for a short time; others have gone on with the good work, and to-day are to be congratulated on the progress they have made.

During the past year your President and Secretary have paid visits to some of the Societies. Mr. Cumberland attended a meeting of the Wentworth Historical Society in Hamilton, gave an address to the Lennox and Addington Historical Society at Napanee, and also was present at the last Annual Meeting of the London and Middlesex Historical Society. Your Secretary had the pleasure of visiting the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, and also of attending the Annual Meeting in London. Both your President and Secretary were present at the meeting of the Royal Society in Ottawa in May, and during the Tercentenary at Quebec. During the summer, while in Perth I tried to arrange for the formation of a Society for the old Bathurst District settled in 1816. There is a great deal of good material for publication in and around the old Town of Perth. This was one of the oldest military settlements, the records have been well kept, and nearly all the documents relating to it are now in the Archives Office in Ottawa. If a strong local Society could be founded in Perth, a very interesting centennial of the Settlement might be held. Perth has given many prominent men to the various Parliaments of Canada, to the judicial Bench of our own Province, and a very large number of prominent lawyers throughout the Dominion can claim Perth as their home town.

Last December the Society had the pleasure of presenting to our late Secretary, Mr. David Boyle, an illuminated address, referring to his long and arduous duties on our behalf, for much of the success of the Society has been owing to Mr. Boyle's untiring zeal and enthusiasm during eight years of faithful service.

During the year we have had the pleasure of welcoming two new Societies: The Tecumseth Historical Society of East Kent, and the Lennox and Addington Historical Society of Napanee. There has also been a new Society in Brantford, and

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the re-organization of the Kingston and Frontenac Historical Society. We have had an addition of twenty-three new members during the year, and a loss of seven members by death. It is with the deepest sorrow that I refer to the death of Dr. James Bain, one of our honorary members, and one to whom many of us owe a deep debt of gratitude for his great kindness and interest in helping us by his advice on our visits to the Reference Library in Toronto. It will be many years before Dr. Bain's place can be filled. No one had a profounder or wider knowledge of Canadian history or of the many valuable original papers in the Library in Toronto. We also have to regret the death of M. Gabriel Gravier of Rouen, France, who has been a corresponding member since the formation of our Society

A large number of letters have been written and circulars sent out. It is to be hoped that before long the Society will appoint a permanent Secretary, as I am very much afraid the proper progress is not being made. I think that if a strong energetic man is appointed to fill the office, the Society will benefit by the change. My connection with the Society has been a very pleasant one, and I have to thank the officers and members for their forbearance kindness to me during my very unsuccessful attempts to fill the place of Mr. Boyle. If the Society would allow me to continue my work with the Library, I would be very pleased to do so, to show my appreciation of the kindness shown me during the many years that I have had the pleasure of helping with the work.

We have also to regret the resignation of our very energetic and painstaking Treasurer who has been our faithful officer since 1899. We regret that Mr. Yeigh insists upon his resignation being accepted because he has certainly done splendid work in keeping the membership list in such a good financial position.

There is another matter of importance, which I think may be brought before the Society, and that is, the clause in the original Act of Incorporation of 1899. In clause 12 it reads :—

"In the event of any such Affiliated Society ceasing to exist, its library, museum and other property, if any, shall immediately become vested in the Ontario Historical Society which may by its officers in that behalf take possession of the same until a Society with objects similar to those of such former Society shall have been formed, in the same municipality, when the same shall be handed over to such new Society upon such conditions and provisions for the security of the same as may be agreed upon."

It is very important this clause should be understood by the members of our Affiliated Societies, for in the case of any

Society dropping the work which it has begun, the Papers and Records and Minutes of the said Society should be sent at once to the Secretary of the Ontario Historical Society where they should be kept safely and be of some use to the Parent Society, or could be returned in the case of re-organization to the locality from which they came. And I regret to say that in one or two cases where Societies have ceased to exist, material of this kind has been scattered and it is now impossible to trace it in any way. If this clause could be enforced it would be a protection to any of those who donate papers, books, pamphlets or such material to the Local Societies, and I think would increase the donations to the said Societies.

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The Council met on Oct. 11, 1907, in the office of the Deputy Minister of Education at half-past two o'clock, when those present were : Mr. Barlow Cumberland, President ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, acting Secretary ; Mr. J. H. Coyne, St. Thomas, ex-President ; Mr. Alex. Fraser, Toronto ; Miss Carnochan, President Niagara H. S. ; Mr. Wm. Rennie, President York Pioneers ; Mr. Justus Griffin, President Wentworth H.S. ; Mr. Frank Yeigh, Treasurer O. H. S.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Council Meeting on April 2nd and reported that she had sent copies of the Annual Report for 1905 and 1906 to the members of the deputation from the "Woman's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto," containing the report of the Historical Museum Fund which now amounted to \$339.33 and which the ladies of the W. C. H. S. thought had not been bearing interest.

Mr. Coyne and Mr. Cumberland both explained the position of the O. H. S. in connection with this Fund which could not be paid over until a museum had been built.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase for the Library the new Index to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society from Vol. 1 to 38, price \$3.00.

Moved by Justin Griffin and seconded by Miss Carnochan—That Mrs. Thompson be paid the sum of \$17.50 for work done from January to June, 1907.—Carried.

The Secretary reported on the number of publications on hand :

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- Vol. I is out of print.
- Vol. II—250 copies.
- Vol. III—300 copies.
- Vol. IV—500 copies.
- Vol. V—320 copies.
- Vol. VI—1150 copies.
- Vol. VII—600 copies.

Moved by Hr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Miss Carnochan—That the President and Mr. Coyne be a committee to prepare a resolution to be recorded on the minutes expressing the Society's and Council's appreciation of the services of Mr. David Boyle as Secretary of the Society from its organization in 1898 until the last Annual Meeting and to arrange that a copy of the resolution be suitably engraved and presented to Mr. Boyle.

The following resolution unanimously adopted at the Annual Meeting at Kingston on July 19th, was also ordered to be inscribed on the minutes. On motion of Mr. James H. Coyne, seconded by Miss Janet Carnochan—That in accepting the resignation of Mr. David Boyle, Secretary of the Ontario Historical Society from the re-organization in 1898 until the present time, this Society desires to record its high appreciation of the special qualifications the ability, energy and self-sacrificing devotion which he brought to the performance of his important duties, its grateful sense of the long and valuable service rendered by him to the Society and to the people of Ontario, and its best wishes for his future years, earnestly hoping that they will be attended in abundant measure with health, strength and prosperity.

That in placing on record this appreciation of Mr. Boyle's services, the Council is gratified to know that it is at the same time carrying into effect the wishes of the Society directed at the last Annual Meeting.

That a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed and signed on behalf of the Society, be presented to Mr. Boyle.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Justin Griffin—That the President be asked to write a letter of condolence to the family of the late Miss Jean Earle Geeson and that the Society place on record their appreciation of the work done by Miss Geeson in calling the attention of the public to the destruction of the Old Fort at Toronto.—Carried.

Mr. Cumberland laid on the table a copy of a circular letter written by him and to be sent to residents of Port Arthur and Fort William re the forming of an Historical Society to be called the Thunder Bay Historical Society (55 circulars sent). See scrap book.

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The Secretary was instructed to try and recover the scrap book containing the correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to the Old Fort which had been loaned to the late Miss Geeson.

The Council met on Tuesday, March 31st, 1908, at 2.15 p. m., in the Theatre of the Education Department, those present being: Mr. Barlow Cumberland, Pres. O.H.S.; Mr. David Williams, Second Vice-Pres.; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Secretary; Mr. Frank Yeigh, Treasurer; Mr. C. C. James, ex-President, Chancellor Burwash, Mr. Alex. Fraser and Members of the Council.

Letters were read from Col. Cruikshank, Miss Carnochan, Mr. C. M. Warner, Mr. Francis Cleary, Mr. J. H. Coyne, Lt.-A. Belcher, Mr. H. H. Robertson and Mr. Tamblyn regretting their not being able to attend.

Mr. Cumberland read the minutes of the Council Meeting on October 11th.

A letter from the late Secretary, Mr. David Boyle, was received, thanking the Society for the illuminated address which had been sent to him on Dec. 24th.

The resignation of the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Yeigh, was laid on the table to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Alex. Fraser—That the affiliation of the Tecumseh Historical Society of East Kent with the Ontario Historical Society be accepted and the Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the Tecumseh Historical Society of East Kent at Thamesville.—Carried.

Moved by Chancellor Burwash, seconded by Mr. C. C. James—That the affiliation of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society with the Ontario Historical Society be accepted and that the Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the Lennox and Addington Society, Napanee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Alex. Fraser, seconded by Mr. C. C. James—That several requests having been made in recent years on behalf of the London and Middlesex Historical Society that the Ontario Historical Society should hold its Annual Meeting in London, the Council agrees that the Annual Meeting be held there this year, provided the same be suitable to the Society in London, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14th and 15th. being the dates proposed, the President and Secretary to arrange the date after communicating with the local Society.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. David Williams—That the following be a committee to arrange for the

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Annual Meeting : President, Secretary, Mr. Alex. Fraser and Mr. Dearness of London.—Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Dr. McKenzie of the Tecumseh Historical Society of East Kent about papers from his locality for the Annual Meeting. It was also ordered that Col. Cruikshank be asked for a paper for the London Meeting.

Mr. Yeigh reported \$316 in the bank with a grant of \$800 to come in for this year.

The cost of Vol. VIII was \$596.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. Alex. Fraser—That \$5.00 be paid to Mr. Biggar for the estate of the late Miss Jean Earle Geeson.—Carried.

(Miss Geeson had paid for printing and postage in connection with the Old Fort. After her death there were a number of unpaid bills and each of the Historical and Patriotic Societies were asked to grant \$5.00.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. Alex. Fraser—That Mr. Cumberland be elected representative of the O. H. S. to the Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada at Ottawa in May and to prepare a report for the same.—Carried.

That the committee to revise the constitution be Mr. Cumberland, Mrs. E. J. Thompson and Mr. D. Williams.

That the proposed joint meeting of the O. H. S. and the Ontario Educational Association be not held this year.

That Mr. Cumberland, who reported re the Old Fort, draft a resolution to the Minister of Militia or Militia Department, asking for a military plan of the Old Fort and its buildings as they are at present.

That Mr. Cumberland and Mr. James be a committee to confer with the Department of Education respecting a re-arrangement of the present relations of the Society and its future direction and to report at the Annual Meeting.

An informal discussion took place as to the increase of membership and whether a fee should be collected from the Affiliated Societies. Only eleven Presidents of local societies are individual members of the Ontario Historical Society.

The Secretary was asked to enter the following list of Affiliated Societies and the date of affiliation in the minutes :

- 1869—York Pioneer and Hist. Soc., Toronto.
- 1884—Wentworth Hist. Soc., Hamilton.
- 1887—Peel Pioneer and Hist. Soc., Brampton.
- 1887—Lundy's Lane Hist. Soc., Niagara Falls.
- 1899—Woman's Wentworth Hist. Soc., Hamilton.
- 1891—Simcoe Co. Pioneer and Hist. Soc., Barrie.

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- 1891—Grenville Pioneer and Hist. Soc., Prescott.
 - 1893—Belleville and Bay of Quinte Hist. Soc., Belleville.
 - 1893—Kingston and Frontenac Hist. Soc., Kingston.
 - 1894—Thorold and Beaver Dam's Hist. Soc., Thorold.
 - 1895—Niagara Hist. Soc., Niagara-on-the-Lake.
 - 1895—Woman's Can. Hist. Soc. of Toronto.
 - 1896—Elgin Hist. and Scientific Soc., St. Thomas.
 - 1896—Woman's Elgin Hist. Soc.
 - 1896—Peterborough Co. and Town Hist. Soc., Peterborough.
 - 1897—Oxford Co. Hist. Soc., Woodstock.
 - 1898—Woman's Can. Hist. Soc. of Ottawa.
 - 1899—Halton Co. Hist. Soc., Milton.
 - 1899—Lambton Co. Hist. Soc., Sarnia.
 - 1901—Norfolk Co. Hist. Soc., Simcoe.
 - 1901—Perth Co. Hist. Soc., Stratford.
 - 1901—Victoria Co. Hist. Soc., Lindsay.
 - 1901—Prince Edward Co. Southampton.
 - 1901—Prince Edward Co. Hist. Soc., Picton.
 - 1902—London and Middlesex Hist. Soc., London.
 - 1902—Woman's Can. Hist. Soc. of Bowmanville.
 - 1903—Cobourg and Co. of Northumberland Hist. Soc., Cobourg.
 - 1903—Canadian Methodist Hist. Soc., Toronto.
 - 1904—Essex Co. Hist. Soc., Windsor.
 - 1904—Huron Institute, Collingwood.
 - 1907—Tecumseh Hist. Soc. of East Kent, Thamesville.
 - 1908—Lennox and Addington Hist. Soc., Napanee.
- The issuing of Vol. IX was left to the Editorial Committee, Mr. James, President and Secretary.
- The meeting adjourned at 4.20.
- On Thursday, April 23rd, 1908, a conference with Mr. Dearness and Mr. Edwards of London was held in Room 3 of Toronto University at twelve o'clock, when those present were:—Mr. C. C. James, President; Miss Carnochan, Mr. A. Fraser, Mr. Frank Yeigh, Mr. John Dearness, Mr. C. B. Edwards.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson acted as Secretary and read a letter of regret from Mr. Cumberland who was unable to be present.

The Secretary read an invitation from the London and Middlesex Historical Society to the Ontario Historical Society, to hold the Annual Meeting for 1908 in London.

Mr. Dearness explained that Mr. Lawson, the President of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, was absent from London when the notice of the Council Meeting on March 30th was received and regretted that London had not been able to send the invitation to hold the Annual Meeting in London to that meeting of the Council.

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Moved by Mr. Alex. Fraser, seconded by Miss Carnochan—
That the invitation to London be accepted for Sept. 10th and
11th, and that the Secretary write to Miss Mitchell, Secre-
tary of the local society, accepting the same.—Carried.

The following subjects were proposed for papers for the An-
nual Meeting :—

1. Naval Engagements on Lake Erie.
2. Moraviantown and Tecumseh.
3. Early London (Dr. Campbell).
4. Simcoe's Efforts to Make London the Capital of Upper
Canada.
5. The Dorset Settlement.
6. Canada Company.

The meeting adjourned at 12.45.

ELIZABETH J. THOMPSON,

Acting-Secretary.

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FINANCIAL REPORT, 1907-8.

Receipts—

July 11, 1907, cash on hand.....	\$ 62.29
Government grant, 1907-08.....	600.00
Membership fees.....	231.00
Interest on deposits.....	18.58
*Bal. due Treasurer, June 30th 1908.....	53.31
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	\$965.18

*This was a deficit for a day only, as the 1908-9 Government grant of \$800 was available on July 1st.

Expenditures—

Payment on account, Vol. 8, Papers and Records... ..	\$250.00
Printing Annual Report, 1906-7... ..	121.00
Secretary's Salary... ..	200.00
Services of Secretary before appointment... ..	17.50
Postage, express and petty expenses... ..	134.70
Binding account... ..	75.30
Engrossing address... ..	15.00
Printing (other than Report and Vol. 8)... ..	63.24
Photos, cuts and maps.....	36.50
Press clippings... ..	6.85
Travelling and other expenses of President and Secretary	45.00
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	\$965.18

Audited and found correct—

W. A. McLEAN,
J. J. MURPHY.

FRANK YEIGH,
Treasurer.

MUSEUM FUND, 1907-08.

June 30, 1907, balance on hand in savings bank... ..	\$348.25
Interest, 1907-08... ..	10.54
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June 30, 1908, cash on hand.....	\$358.79

Audited and found correct—

W. A. McLEAN,
J. J. MURPHY.

FRANK YEIGH,
Treasurer.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society was held in London, September 10th and 11th. The meeting opened in the Lecture Room of the Public Library at 11.20 with the President, Mr. Barlow Cumberland, in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Coyne that in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Thompson (owing to an accident), Miss Carnochan, President of the Niagara Historical Society, be asked to act as Secretary for the meeting.—Carried.

Those present were :—Mr. James H. Coyne, St. Thomas, President Elgin H. S. ; Col. Cruikshank, Ottawa ; Mr. Justus A. Griffin, President Wentworth H. S. ; Mr. Herbert F. Gardiner, Brantford ; Mr. David Williams, Secretary Huron Institute, Collingwood ; Mr. Thomas P. Hart, President Oxford Historical and Pioneer Society ; Mrs. E. Terrill, Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society ; Mrs. T. B. Coutts, Thamesville ; Mr. H. M. McColl, Strathroy ; Miss Carnochan, President Niagara Historical Society ; Mr. Francis Cleary, President Essex County Historical Society, Windsor ; Mr. Norman Robertson, Secretary Bruce County Historical Society ; Mr. W. P. Hart, Woodstock ; Mr. Thomas E. Champion, Toronto ; Mr. George Howse, Galt ; Miss Gilkinson, Brantford ; Judge Ermatinger, St. Thomas ; Mrs. Ermatinger, St. Thomas ; Mrs. James H. Coyne, St. Thomas ; Mrs. Symington, St. Thomas ; Mrs. J. H. Wilson, President Woman's Branch Elgin Historical Society ; Mr. Wm. Matheson, Lucan ; Mrs. David Williams, Collingwood ; Mr. C. B. Edwards, Mr. T. E. Leonard, Dr. Wolverton, Miss Priddis, Miss Fraser, Mr. G. F. Breakenden, Mrs. G. F. Breakenden, Mr. Henry Macklem, Mr. J. S. Pearce, Mr. Frank Lawson, Mr. A. M. Fraser, L. Gibson, Mr. Douglas Wright, Mrs. E. B. Smith, Prof. Dearness, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. R. J. Evans, Mr. Thomas Bryan, Miss F. Loughheed, Mrs. A. F. Campbell, Mr. W. H. Wimettt, Mrs. M. J. Gahen, Mr. Alex. McQueen, Rev. J. G. Stewart, Dr. C. E. Campbell, Miss F. A. Mitchell, Mrs. C. Healy, Mr. H. G. Caswell, Mrs. Anderson, and many others, London.

The hour before the meeting was spent in examining the interesting collection brought together by Dr. Wolverton, Mrs. Caswell, and Mr. Wright, consisting of Indian relics and weapons, books, papers and coins.

The President welcomed the delegates present and asked that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting be taken as

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read as they had been printed in the Annual Report for 1907.

It was moved by Mr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Mr. Macklem, that the minutes be taken as read.—Carried.

Letters of regret were read from the following: Mrs. Seymour Corley, W. C. H. S., of Toronto; Mr. Monroe, Woodstock; Mr. Alexander Fraser, Toronto; Canon George A. Bull, Hamilton Historical Society; Rev. E. A. Chown, Secretary Methodist Historical Society; President T. A. S. Hay, Peterborough Historical Society.

Mr. Hay regretted that the Peterborough Society was not making the progress it should. Correspondence was read from Dr. Fletcher, Secretary of the Royal Society, and Earl Grey's appeal for the Battlefields Commission; also a letter from Mr. Parmelee of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, acknowledging copies of the correspondence between Mr. Cumberland and Earl Grey, and thanking our Society for the interest we had shown in the preservation of the Plains of Abraham as a permanent memorial to great men and great events.

Also a letter from J. Geo. Garnier, Esq., Chairman of the National Battlefields Commission, acknowledging receipt of our circular referring to the restoration of the Plains of Abraham and thanking us for our interest.

An invitation from the President of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire to the President and members of the O. H. S. to be present at the hoisting of the "flag" at the Old Fort, Toronto, on Friday, Sept. 11th, by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Mortimer Clark.

A telegram of congratulation was sent to Mrs. Nordheimer, President of the Daughters of the Empire.

RESIGNATION OF TREASURER.

A letter from Mr. Frank Yeigh, resigning his position as Treasurer, was read, and it was accepted with regret as Mr. Yeigh had been a most efficient Treasurer for nine years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of the Acting-Secretary was read and adopted, and it was moved that with some verbal corrections it be accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer was then read and on motion

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of Mr. David Williams, seconded by Dr. Wolverton, it was adopted.

AFFILIATION.

The affiliation of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society of Napanee.

The Tecumseh Historical Society of Thamesville, which had been received at the Council meeting of March 31st, was confirmed.

Application was also received from the Brant County Historical Society.

Dr. Campbell of London and Mrs. Terrill of Belleville spoke of the necessity of publishing papers read at the annual meeting.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

The reports of the affiliated Societies were then called for and pleasure was expressed at the large number received this year and regret that some of the older Societies had failed to send in their reports in time for the meeting.

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Miss Carnochan read the report of the Niagara Historical Society.

ELGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mrs. James H. Coyne, Elgin County Historical Society.
Mrs. Symington, Woman's Auxiliary Elgin Historical Society.

HURON INSTITUTE.

Mr. David Williams, Huron Institute, Collingwood.

WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. Justus Griffin, Wentworth Historical Society, and the Stoney Creek Branch of the W. H. S.

At one o'clock it was moved by Mr. Dearness that the remaining reports be read later.

Those present then proceeded to the rooms of the Y. W. C. A., where a luncheon had been provided by the kindness of the London and Middlesex Historical Society.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

2 p.m.

At this meeting the President and members were welcomed to London by Alderman Armstrong in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor.

Mr. Cumberland replied, and after his address the meeting adjourned to accept a complimentary excursion to Spring Bank Park and the Banks of the Thames, by trolley, as the guests of the local Society.

SPRING BANK PARK.

Upon arriving at the Park the reading of papers was resumed in the Pavilion, the first being Dr. C. T. Campbell's on "The Beginnings of London," in which he traced the history of the locality from the visit of Governor Simcoe in 1830.

Mr. H. McColl of Strathroy followed with his admirable paper on "The Highland Pioneers of Middlesex."

These papers were particularly interesting as the railway and the Park follow the Banks of the River Thames and the visitors had pointed out to them the places mentioned in the papers, as also in passing through other parts of the city.

The party then returned to the trolley cars and were taken around the city, and later attended a garden party given by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard at their residence. Upon leaving, Mr. Cumberland, on behalf of the Society, thanked Mrs. Leonard for her kind hospitality.

EVENING MEETING IN NORMAL SCHOOL.

at 8 p.m.

The evening meeting was well attended and opened with an address from Mr. Macklem, President of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, who welcomed the Ontario Historical Society to London, and in his address referred to the similarity of names in London, England, and its Canadian namesake, namely, Middlesex, Westminster, Thames, Pall Mall, Black Friars, Lambeth, &c.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President's address followed, and is printed elsewhere in this report.

Letters of approbation and regret were read from Mr. A. H. U. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, and Mr. C. C. James, Past President.

Judge Ermatinger spoke of the history of the present Court House in London, which had been built at Col. Talbot's advice upon the model of Malahide Castle, the home of the Talbots in Ireland, and pleaded that it should not be destroyed in the city, but kept as an historical museum or an art gallery.

Moved by Mr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Mr. L. E. Champion—That a vote of thanks be given Mr. Cumberland and Judge Ermatinger for their excellent addresses.—Carried.

During the evening Messrs. Clark, Ashley, Harding and Hychard, gave a quartette, and Miss McBride and Mr. Cyril Dwight Edwards sang a number of patriotic songs which were enthusiastically received. There were also songs by ten little girls, attired in white. God Save the King brought the meeting to a close.

The Friday morning meeting opened in the Public Library at 10 o'clock with a paper by Mrs. Kathleen B. Coutts on "Thamesville and the Battle of Moraviantown."

Mr. Francis Cleary of Windsor, President of the Essex Historical Society, read a paper on "The History of Fort Malden" and made a strong plea for the preservation of this historic landmark.

Mr. Thos. E. Champion, of Toronto, then gave a paper on "The Pioneers of Middlesex," followed by Mr. H. F. Gardiner of Brantford who spoke on "The Brant Centennial."

Col. Cruikshank was to have read a paper on "The Nancy and Naval Operations on the Georgian Bay," but owing to the short time left, spoke instead of the Dominion Archives at Ottawa where he is now in charge of the military papers and records. He detailed the work he desired to do in collaboration with the Historical Societies and the greatly increased material which had been collected from the Imperial authorities and the French Government upon the early history of Canada. Col. Cruikshank paid a high tribute to the late Dr. Brymner.

The meeting adjourned at o'clock when lunch was again provided for by the local Society.

The meeting was resumed at 2 p.m. when the reports of the nomination and resolution committees were received.

The report of the Flag Committee by Mrs. Fessenden was presented and read by the President in the absence of Mrs. Fessenden.

Dr. Campbell conveyed to the meeting the regrets of Sir John Carling that he was unable to attend the meeting and

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Mr. Justus Griffin gave the same message from Canon Bull who for so many years has taken a deep interest in the Historical Societies of the Province.

RESIGNATION OF MR. YEIGH.

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. J. H. Coyne—That the thanks of the Society be sent to Mr. Frank Yeigh for his long and faithful services as Treasurer to the Ontario Historical Society.—Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF W. A. McLEAN AS TREASURER.

Moved by Mr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Miss Carnochan—That Mr. W. A. McLean of Toronto who for so many years was one of our Auditors, be appointed Treasurer of the Ontario Historical Society to succeed Mr. Frank Yeigh.—Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. J. H. Coyne, convener, Mr. Macklem, Mrs. K. B. Coutts and Miss Carnochan, presented their report as follows :—

HON. PRESIDENT—Hon. Dr. R. A. Pyne, M.D., LL.D., M.P.P., Minister of Education, Toronto.

PAST PRESIDENTS—James H. Coyne, M.A., F.R.S.C., St. Thomas ; C. C. James, M.A., F.R.S.C., Toronto ; George R. Pattullo, Woodstock ; Lieut.-Col. H. R. Rogers, Peterborough.

PRESIDENT—Barlow Cumberland, M.A., Dunain, Port Hope.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank, F. R. S. C., Ottawa.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT—David Williams, Collingwood.

EX-OFFICIO VICE-PRESIDENTS—Presidents of all affiliated Societies.

SECRETARY—To be appointed by Souncil.

TREASURER—W. A. McLean, Toronto.

COUNCIL.

COUNCILLORS—H. H. Robertson, Hamilton ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto ; Rev. Chancellor Burwash, LL.D., F. R. S. C., Victoria University, Toronto ; Alex. Fraser, M.A., F. R. S. C., Bureau of Archives, Toronto ; Frank E. Leonard, London.

MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto.

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Miss J. Carnochan, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, F.R.S.C., Ottawa.
H. F. Gardiner, Brantford.
Mrs. Kathleen B. Coutts, Thamesville.
Thomas E. Champion, Toronto.
Dr. S. Wolverton, London.

FLAG AND COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. C. Fessenden, Hamilton.
Judge C. O. Ernatinger, St. Thomas.
Geo. H. Hale, Orillia.
John Dearness, B.A., London.

HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

Clarence M. Warner, Napanee.
Adam Shortt, M.A., Ottawa.
Miss Priddis, London.
A. H. U. Colquhoun, I.L.D., Deputy Minister of Education, Toronto.
Alexander Fraser, M.A., Toronto.

AUDITORS.

J. J. Murphy and Frank Yeigh, Toronto.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Justus Griffin, convener, Thomas E. Champion, David Williams, Thomas O. Hart and Miss Gilkinson, presented the following report :—

1. The Committee on Resolutions recommend that a circular be addressed to the editors of the various daily and weekly newspapers throughout the Province, asking them to furnish the Secretary of the Ontario Historical Society with copies of their papers when they may contain articles of historical interest.

2. They further recommend that the affiliated Societies be urged by circular to recommend their members to join the Ontario Historical Society in order that they may obtain the books, pamphlets, &c., published by that Society relating to Canadian history.

3. They further recommend that (though they fully appreciate the work accomplished by Mrs. Thompson as Acting Secretary) the time has come for the Society to appoint a permanent official and that the Council make the appointment.

4. They also recommend that hereafter the rail expenses of the members of the executive attending Council meetings be defrayed.

5. They further desire that it should be placed on record that the Society cordially appreciate the warm welcome extended to them by the Acting Mayor, Alderman George A. Armstrong, and the members of the City Council, and the Society also desires to acknowledge the unbounded hospitality of the London and Middlesex Historical Society and of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard and that we desire to express our appreciation of the singing of Miss McBride, Mr. Cyril Dwight Edwards, Messrs. Clark, Ashley, Harding, Hychard, and the others who contributed to the musical programme at the evening meeting.

Moved by Mr. David Williams, seconded by Mr. Francis Cleary, that the report of the Resolution Committee be accepted.—Carried.

OLD FORT.

Moved by Mr. David Williams, Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Francis Cleary, Windsor—

The Ontario Historical Society representing Historical Societies in 29 counties of the Province at its annual meeting in session in London, 11th September, 1908, reiterates the following facts:—

1. That the Old Fort at Toronto is an historic landmark, agreed to be held as an historical memorial forever.

2. That the City of Toronto has as yet done nothing whatever toward the restoration of the Fort as agreed to be done, as part consideration for the transfer to it of the Garrison Common.

3. That before any transfer of the property from the Dominion is completed, distinct understandings should be given by the City for its restoration.

4. That plans are required to be submitted for such restoration in character satisfactory to the Government, and the Historical Society.

5. It is therefore resolved that the work of the President and Council of the Society during the past year is approved, and that it be referred to them to have the necessary plans prepared and submitted, showing the restoration which will be acceptable to the Patriotic and Historical Societies of the Province.

That copies of the resolution be forwarded to His Excellency, Earl Grey, the Minister of Militia and the Interior and the Mayor of Toronto.—Carried.

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Reports were also received from the following Societies :—

Essex County Historical Society, Windsor.

Norfolk Historical Society, Simcoe.

Canadian Methodist Historical Society, Toronto.

Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.

Women's Canadian Historical Society, Bowmanville.

Women's Canadian Historical Society, Ottawa.

London and Middlesex Historical Society, London.

Lennox and Addington Historical Society, Napanee.

Bruce County Historical Society, Walkerton.

Women's Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton.

The meeting then adjourned to visit the large private collection of Mr. James Tune and many availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting his collection.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

PROGRESSION OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

In holding the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society in London, this year, we are following the practice always followed, of meeting in alternation in successive sections of our Province.

Last year we met in the East at Kingston amid the surroundings of an ancient fortified City where grim guns still point out from stone ramparts and Martello towers rising from the water's surface tell of the days when an enemy's fleet lay outside the City Harbour. A place of military and naval recollections and of records of mortal strife, reaching far back into the days of Indian and French occupation when Cataraqui and Fort Frontenac were newly given names and native and successive nationalities held sway.

In the previous year we had been within the Huron country adjacent to Collingwood, visiting the hallowed fortifications of Ste. Marie on the Christian Island and hearing on the spot, of the closing days of the French Mission and the decimation of the Hurons by the relentless Iroquois.

To-day in meeting in London we come to a newer centre, not of such vivid and scintillating story, but yet the scene of as earnest and as keen a record of early fortitude and struggle, not of the war of man against his fellow-men, of shots and strife, of wounds and glory or despair, but in brave-hearted achievement in entering the fastnesses of uncultivated nature and winning fair fields and smiling competence from where erstwhile was naught but forest tangle. A contest for the supremacy over the soil, for the bringing of its products to the service and maintenance of fellow-men.

Yet the story of each strife is equally history and an honoured portion of the annals of our country's life.

It is by alternations of conditions such as these that the Ontario Historical Society comes into personal touch with the varied sources of knowledge of our country's beginnings, ascertains and develops their narratives, and records them for the benefit of wider information.

We aim too by arousing, or reviving, an interest in history by the general public in each of the districts in turn, to

strengthen the efforts of the Local Historical Societies who, in modest and unassuming way, are doing real work for our country's welfare by preserving the records and noting the lives and histories of the men and women who first led the way in opening up each new community, keeping alive the stories of our national development and leading our youth and ourselves to a fuller appreciation of the advantages we enjoy in home and patriot land.

THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Our Society is the Central Historical Society of the Province of Ontario, incorporated by special Act of Parliament with the Minister of Education as Honorary President and headquarters in Toronto. It is managed by a Council, elected by its members and representing the several portions of the Province.

Its members are nominated to, and elected by the Council. Affiliated with this Central Society are the County and Local Societies of the Province who thereby obtain the powers and advantages of incorporation, their Presidents become ex-officio Vice-Presidents and Members of the Council, and their delegates entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

The Societies are widely distributed at Brampton, Barrie, Belleville, Hamilton, Thorold, St. Thomas, Simcoe, London, Ottawa, Stratford, Southampton, Collingwood, Napanee, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Prescott, Kingston, Peterborough, Woodstock, Milton, Sarnia, Bowmanville, Cobourg, Lindsay, Brantford, Thamesville, Port Arthur, Fort William and Toronto.

It is evident that this parent organization can with energetic interest be made an implement of much value in the promoting of unity of work in the otherwise separated Societies, blending the information received in one with the results of local research in others, bringing their membership into touch and comparison for the stimulating of enthusiasm and the deepening of a sense of our responsibility in the maintenance of reverence for the days and for the men of the past and the lessons to be learned from the record of their history.

During this year three new Societies have been added in our affiliation: The Lennox and Addington Society at Snymanee. The Tecumseh Historical Society at Thamesville. The Brant Historical Society at Brantford. All these are in Counties of much early interest and from the evidences already produced will be the means of saving and placing in secure and accessible condition much of the hitherto scattered early materials of these localities.

The reports received from many of the County Societies show continued progress and widened endeavors, others would appear to be resting for a while from their labours, which is not to be unexpected for there are times of rest for the renewal of vigor. The field seems silent, but the seed is germinating under the surface, and later the new activity of harvest will come.

INCREASED MEANS NEEDED.

It is here I think that our Society will bear improvement. As at present constituted its means are too limited for the possibilities that vigorous action could evoke. The Department of Education has given us quarters in the Educational Buildings at Toronto where our Historical Library comprising some 3,000 volumes and receiving constant annual accessions, is open for public reference.

Our present income is entirely absorbed in the publication of the Annual Reports of this and the affiliated County Societies and the annual volume of the "Papers and Records of the Ontario Historical Society"; of these 8 volumes have now been issued, that of 1908 comprising 228 pages and many illustrations. These volumes contain selections from the papers read at the annual meetings, particularly those specially relative to the district then being visited. Also other contributed papers of historical moment, church records and family genealogies of early days as from time to time recovered and for the first time published. Members on paying the annual fee of \$1.00 are entitled to receive a copy of each of these issues, containing a compendium of local Ontario History and now being much sought after and becoming increasingly valuable.

Increased opportunity for visitation by the officers of the Central Society is greatly desirable to aid the activities of the County Societies, promote the interest of their meetings and advise and assist in the progress of their work. To do this efficiently means for travelling expenses for visiting members of the Council and for a permanent Secretary require to be provided, our present means being entirely inadequate.

THE WORK OF COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES.

To Local County Societies particularly belongs the making research and the collecting of local annals of their district. It is a search which can be best done by persons on the spot and by individual interest spurred on by personal enthusiasm.

How much better shall we and our youth esteem the advantages and privileges of our present day, if we have become

acquainted with the heroisms and trials of those who first opened up the 'side lines' in the bush. The wide tilled fields which spread so broad and fair before our eyes, dotted with orchards, nestling close to roomy barns and pleasant houses, speak of plenty and of comfort. We see the oft-thriving villages and busy cities with every indication of taste and enjoyment, thronged by a people who appear happy with their lot. Once the aspect was greatly different. With, now, so fair a country we are prone to forget the men who brought it into being, the women who worked beside them and made the forest cabin the beginnings of a home.

These are the heroes of our countryside, — these are the makers of our history.

HISTORY.

What is history? It is described as an "inquiry into the records of past days, a story of the moving causes and a gathering of the lessons which are to be derived from them and from the lives of those who moved in them."

What a rich mine of inquiry lies in searching the history of our first settlers—Who were they? Whence did they come? What did they do?

They themselves had no time to write history, for their lives were spent in hard and isolated toil, when the necessities of life were more difficult to obtain than are the luxuries of to-day.

From their courage and perseverance, their helpfulness to one another, and their ungrudging zeal in work for the public benefit, we have gained much; we may glean encouragement to emulate their self-denial, as we enjoy the fruits of their labours.

MATERIALS FOR HISTORY.

The County Society is the proper place in which may be collected and stored any records which they may have left. Old letters often contain information which fills in the missing links in other narratives. Individual search may be made for them, indeed those having them should freely offer them for the care of the Society. If there are any letters or documents with which the owners do not care to part, copies may be made and filed with the Society's papers. Old pamphlets, old newspapers, old drawings exist in many separate households which by themselves do not appear to have great general

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value, but when brought together, sorted and indexed will form valuable material for writers on early history. The records of the first school houses, their scholars and the teachers who in succession taught in them. So too with the churches and their registers and the first steps in magisterial and municipal workings. Collect the traditions of past times, seek information as to the customs and habits, the amusements, means of communication, dress and deportment of those early settlers. Many of these have passed away, but yet there are not a few left who have annals handed down to them from their predecessors. There is nothing more interesting than to take these narratives down in writing and add them to the records of your Historical Society. I have made these suggestions somewhere in detail, as help to those who have not yet entered into the enterprise and because of a rather prevalent idea that where there has been no warring strife of battles and adventures there is no history and therefore no historical work to be done.

Where can we get better examples of self-denial, self-help and stirring determination than in the manly vigor of our early men of the type of the "Backwoods' Hero" described by McLachlan, the poet of our Canadian Countryside :

"He hither came in days when this
Was all a howling wilderness
With little save his axe
And cut, and slashed, and hewed his way
And scarce a moment night or day
His efforts did relax.
He chopped, he logged, he cleared his lot
And into many a dismal spot
He let the light of day ;
The church, the school-house and the mill,
The store, the forge, the vat, the kiln
Were triumphs of his hand ;
And many a lovely spot of green,
Which peeps out there the woods between
Came forth at his command."

Each one joining your Historical Society may contribute some little circumstance to the general knowledge and certainly will be able to enjoy the evenings devoted to hearing the results of the labours of others. Thus shall we seek to do hon-

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or to our forerunners and learn lessons from their lives for the building up of our national spirit.

A most necessary portion of the work of a County Society is publication and the indexing of their scrap books, letters and collections as notably done by the Lennox and Addington Society. These and the special papers on local subjects should be printed and thus be available for the information of all the members and for exchange with other localities. The publications of the "Lundy's Lane" and "Niagara" Historical Societies are prominent examples to be followed. I would urge upon the citizens of each locality that they extend their cordial aid to research and publication by becoming members of their Historical Society and so provide the funds necessary for such purposes. Particularly I would exhort the instructors and the students in the High schools to enter actively into the membership and this historical work by which their courses of study will be put at once into practical use.

HISTORICAL MEMORIALS.

Among the notable works done during the year by the Affiliated Societies must be recorded the continued and admirable preservation of the historic landmarks 'at Stoney Creek.

Some years ago the Gage property which was in the heart of the midnight engagement of June 15, 1813, and in which the American generals were confined after their capture, was acquired by the "Women's Wentworth Historical Society," and their museum and headquarters installed in the homestead which was repaired and restored to its original condition as in 1812. This year by the energies of the ladies the mortgage was paid off and the land deeded to the Society in permanent memorial.

The County of Wentworth Veterans' Association negotiated for and purchased a part of the battlefield of Stoney Creek in which a number of the soldiers of both the contesting armies had been buried. Being thus recovered and set apart for sacred uses it was consecrated on 1st May by Bishop Dumoulin amid impressive ceremonies in the presence of a large concourse of people drawn from Hamilton and all parts of the county. By good works such as these, the heroism and sacrifice of our defenders is kept alive, respect shown to their memories and the spirit of our youth strengthened to emulate their valour.

Not less instructing and right worthily won, is the record on the granite monument recently erected at Vandeleur in the County of Grey on which is inscribed :—

**"To the Founders of School Section No. 11, Artemesia,
1857—1907"**

**"Whose courage, honest intention, and stability of purpose
converted the primeval forest into homes for them-
selves and those that come after them."**

All these are examples of a true appreciation of the makers of history in places of life and duty, far separated, yet equal in valour and importance.

They are also instances of practical historical work which may well be emulated in other localities.

DISCOVERY OF THE REMAINS OF VERENDRYE.

The finding of the remains of Verendrye and his companions which has just occurred is a most telling instance of persistent historic research, being at length crowned with success, and is worthy of being noted as resulting from the energies of the priests of St. Boniface College, Manitoba.

To the intrepid explorers of the French-Canadian period is due our first knowledge of the north-west of Canada.

Their names still extant are set like jewels along all the interlacing lake and river routes which formed the lines of their discoveries. Frontenac, Fort Rouille, Detroit, Sault Ste. Marie, Marquette, Duluth, Fond du Lac, La Salle, St. Louis, New Orleans, record how they swept far back into the interior of the Continent and encircling the English colonies which had clung to the borders of the Atlantic, joined by their discoveries the two main river systems of the continent, the St. Lawrence and the Mississippi. Over these two mighty waterways and the interior trade of their Canada and Louisiana they raised the fleur de lis ensigns of their kings.

It was of one of these adventurers that interest has been aroused and maintained.

The Seigneur of Varennes held for 22 years the position of Governor of Three Rivers, the central point of importance between Quebec and Montreal. His French-Canadian son, Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, had entered the French army and after serving in Europe where he was severely wounded at Malplaquet had returned. Seeking like so many other French-Canadians the freedom and adventures of the woods he adopted the additional name of "de la Verendrye" and sallying forth held appointment in command of the French post on Lake Nepigon in 1728. Here he conceived the idea of still further explorations to the West and presented his plan to the Marquis de

Beauharnois, the "Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the whole of New France, lands and country of Louisiana." Having obtained the approval of the Governor he received his commission and orders to proceed "for the discovery of the Western sea."

Verendrye started from Montreal in 1731, but as the French home government had refused to contribute to the expenses of the expedition it was undertaken by him at his own expense as a trading venture. How far he travelled and how energetically he established his trading posts may be judged by their list and position.

Fort St. Pierre in 1731 on the Rainy Lake and in the following year Fort St. Charles on the Lake of the Woods were the earliest expansions. The first was named after his own Christian name and the latter Fort in honor of Charles de Beauharnois, the Governor of Canada from whom he had received his commission.

RENE LAKE.

The origin of the name of Rainy Lake and River, as now given, has been the subject of much conjecture. Some consider that it is the translation of the French, "Lac de la pluie," a watery name given indiscriminately like Longue Pointe to many localities, others thinking it should be spelled "Rene," as said by tradition to have been after some French explorer. This latter derivation is the more reasonable, and we may consider that as Verendrye had given the Christian names of himself and of the Governor to two places in the neighborhood he had named the Lake in honor of "Rene, Gaultier de Varennes," his grandfather. It would be a pleasant thing that the present spelling which, although in pronunciation the same, is much objected to as being unsuitable to the locality and conveying a detrimental suggestion should be returned to the name which will preserve an historical memorial and which there is every reason to consider it was originally given. Some other instances of degradation of names in this Lake Superior District may be mentioned. The "Amagdeloid Channel" of Isle Royale has become in sailors' language "Mackelroys Channel" and the Indian name of "Waiska Bay" has been corrupted into "Whiskey Bay!"

Proceeding further inland Verendrye established during the subsequent six years, Fort Maurepas on the Winnipeg River, Fort Rouge on the Red River, now one of the principal residential localities of the City of Winnipeg and still retaining

the name, Fort Dauphin on Lake Manitoba, Fort La Reine on the Assiniboine, Fort Bourbon on Cedar Lake and Forts Poskoyac and La Corne on the Saskatchewan. Pursuing his explorations in search for the Pacific still further west by the head waters of the mighty rivers of the plains he was the discoverer, through his sons, of the Rocky Mountains, for which he was decorated with the order of St. Louis by his French sovereign.

Portions of Verendrye's journals have from time to time been discovered and one was published for the first time in the Canadian Archives Report of 1889. In this frequent mention is made of his efforts to attract the trade of the Indians from the English who were then seeking to divert the trade of this interior west from the French St. Lawrence to the English route of the Hudson Bay. The localities chosen for his Forts and Depots were admirably selected by him for the purpose, in fact, they have all developed into prominence and are the trade centres of the West to-day. If Verendrye had lived in later times he would have been a good authority on the selection of town sites.

Two centuries have since passed away, the then unknown country into which he penetrated has expanded to be the dominant source of food products seeking the sea. To-day the routes of the St. Lawrence and Hudson Bay, instead of being in contest under rival nationalities are being developed for combined advantage by the English and French speaking Canadians of our United Kingdom. We of the present day are heirs to the energies of both these great competitors, we reap where they have sown.

Verendrye in his diaries narrated the details of the terrible disaster when on June 8, 1736, his son, Jean Baptiste, a Jesuit Father Aulneau and nineteen French-Canadian voyageurs were massacred upon an island in the south-west angle of the Lake of the Woods by a band of Sioux Indians. In the following September he led a canoe expedition to the scene and relates that he discovered the heads of the voyageurs and the bodies of his son and the Jesuit priest and had conveyed them to his Fort, St. Charles, where the remains were reverently buried beneath the chapel of the Fort.

The memory of these martyrs has been carefully preserved by the Jesuit Fathers and during the past century many expeditions have been made in search of the site of Fort St. Charles, but without success.

As historical enquirers have delved among the documents and papers accumulated in European archives and by publica-

tion made them known, additional evidences have from time to time been added to assist in the persistent endeavor. Later discovery made some twenty years ago in a remote French village by two Jesuit priests gave hope of better possibilities, but the riddle still remained unsolved. This present summer the brethren of the Jesuit College of St Boniface continued the enterprise and search was made in a most systematic manner by the several parties they sent out. In July after closely comparing the French narratives with the traditions of the Indian tribes of the locality, and the ancient maps with the outlines of the shores, the places which appeared to present any likelihood were explored and trenches laboriously dug. At length a site which was apparently that of a Fort was discovered.

Further trenching (done with greatest difficulty through the closely growing trees) disclosed the foundations of these chimneys, the palisades and the positions of the buildings of the Fort as set down in the original narratives. Bones, old knives, nails, keys and buckles were taken out of the excavations and brought to Winnipeg.

In August last another expedition was sent out from the College and report has been made that after a further three days of hard work in excavating, at last the sacred burial site was disclosed. Nineteen separate skulls were found set close together. Next day remains of three skeletons lying separately were found and then the remnants of a box in which two skeletons were contained. The remains which lay separately are described by Father Dugas, the Rector of the College of St. Boniface in his interview with the Winnipeg Free Press, as being two of them younger, and the third older than would be those of the men sought for, but that the appearance and the marks on the two skeletons enclosed in the box indicate that they are the remains of Jean Baptiste and of Father Aulneau.

The discovery is of the utmost interest as verifying the records, and infinitely to the credit of the Roman Catholic clergy who have so affectionately pursued for so many years the search for the recovery of the relics of their martyred compatriots. Let us hope that full and detailed report will be published by the College authorities.

May we not note here the effect of individual inquiry upon collective knowledge. Step by step as widely separated letters have been disclosed, their contents made known and their information added to that already extant, the traces of the past history have been followed up and success at last arrived at. These are results which encourage Historical So-

cities to persevere in the collection of local material out of which perhaps there may come some gleams' of added knowledge which shall be a source of light to students in other localities and so aid in the solving of the history of past days.

OBITUARY AND RECOGNITION.

During this year two prominent members of our Society have passed away : Dr. James Bain, the Public Librarian of Toronto, was a man whose usefulness in the community will be greatly missed. His ripe knowledge, the result of a life-time spent among books, was cheerfully at the command of every student enquirer. As a Librarian he excelled not only in the choice of books, but in being an appreciative and capable guide to the varied contents of the great Public Library of Toronto, which had been mainly gathered under his charge. It would have been a pleasure had he been spared to see the completion of the new Library building for which he had so earnestly planned, but the Library to be stored within its walls will be his most telling memorial.

Miss Jean Anne Geeson, an efficient and much loved teacher in our Public schools, had done great service to the Society in her strenuous defence of the precincts of the Old Fort York from spoliation. Her letters and pamphlets on the Fort showed much research and were effective aids in spreading knowledge and widening interest in this historic spot to which she gave ungrudging and devoted labour.

As directed at the last annual meeting the Council presented to our retiring Secretary, Mr. David Boyle, an illuminated address, testifying to our high appreciation of his many years' service to the Society and received from him pleasing acknowledgement.

The publications of the Lundy's Lane Society have been among the most valuable and continuous of any of our County Societies. The Documentary History of the campaign in the Niagara Frontier 1812-14 contributed by Col. Cruikshank in eight volumes in successive years is of itself a notable achievement and forms a mine of information to those studying the military movements of that period. Col. Cruikshank has recently been appointed to the staff of the Canadian archives at Ottawa under Dr. Doughty to take particular charge of the military and war records in which his special aptitude and wide experience will greatly advantage the opening of these storehouses of information. The appointment is one

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which was well deserved and receives the fullest commendation. We congratulate our vice-president upon the enlarged scope opened for his proved ability.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

The annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada was held in Ottawa in May and a report of the proceedings of this Society was presented by your President. As this is the tenth year since the re-organization of the Ontario Society a resume was given of the progress made and of the general methods of working which was received with much interest. Our nine Societies in affiliation in 1898 have risen to thirty-two, established in almost all the counties of the early Province of Upper Canada and doing excellent historical work. I had the honor of being elected one of the vice-presidents of the Landmarks section of the Royal Society as representative for the Province of Ontario, and Mrs. E. J. Thompsan, a member of the Council. It is proposed by this Royal Committee to promote and secure the care and maintenance of historic landmarks in all parts of Canada under the charge of independent commissioners. Our Society has already urged the setting apart and restoration of Fort Malden, Fort Erie and Fort York, and it is to be hoped that as increased prominence is now being given to the patriotic value of these old memorials of stirring days that practical results will be arrived at.

THE RESTORATION OF OLD FORT YORK.

During the year your Council has been constantly engaged in defending attacks being made upon the Old Fort York at Toronto. The position taken by the Society is, that as the City of Toronto has agreed so long ago as 1898 to completely restore the Fort as a part of the consideration for the transfer from the Dominion of the 200 acres of the Garrison Common property the City ought now to be asked to give definite undertakings for its restoration before any deeds are issued for it.

An attempt was made to promote a Bill in the Ontario Parliament empowering the City to construct a street railway through the Fort, but without presenting any conditions for the restoration of the Fort itself.

Our City and County Historical Societies were communicated with and asked to take action and circulars giving full details were distributed. As a result the clause of the City's Bill was not proceeded with.

Copies of the plan of the Fort as it existed in 1816 have

been made by the Society and sent to each of the Affiliated Societies. This and other plans which have lately been obtained by Dr. Doughty from the Ordnance Department in Great Britain have been carefully compared, with the Fort and its buildings as now extant on the ground. We find that the Fort in its general outline is practically the same as of old and with reasonable expense can be completely restored to its previous condition. Correspondence has been had with the Mayor of Toronto. We ask that there shall be no further delay in deciding the plans for restoration and have offered to make and submit these plans in full detail. In the making of these we have the assurance of the advice and assistance of the military authorities. In our examination of the Fort property we find that there is evidence of considerable encroachments having been made upon the boundaries of Fort property, as it was originally set apart and arranged to be transferred as an historical memorial.

It is absolutely necessary that these boundaries shall be recovered. The attention of the City has been drawn to these encroachments and from independent legal search made on our behalf it would appear that there is a possibility of the City's acquiescence being obtained to the transfer of these boundaries as they now are, instead of as they originally were and ought to be.

A PARKS COMMISSION.

It will be remembered that in 1905 a proposition was made that this Old Fort York should be transferred to a Commission upon which the Historical Societies, the military authorities and the City were to be represented. It was considered by the Government that the negotiations for the transfer to the care of the City has proceeded too far to permit of any change being made then in the arrangement.

The record since then is that nothing whatever has been done for the restoration of the Fort, but only successive annual attempts to make use of it for the commercial purposes of a street railway without any definite plans or propositions for its restoration and maintenance. These attempts have each been defeated. Recriminations are being indulged in by the City as to why the Historical Societies did not take active interest in the Old Fort many years ago, and by the Societies for the want of consideration by the City of the patriotic duty towards this historical memorial situated in its midst and towards which it holds a sacred trust for the Province and the people of Canada.

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The time for recriminations is past and that for active development has come. I thoroughly believe that the best way for the preservation of Old Fort York whose precincts long antedate the creation of the City would be to place it in the care of a fully authorized Parks Commission. Its restoration would then be effected in a manner consistent with its past history and with its development for present utility. The uncertainty as to its future would thus be removed.

The Fort is the property of the whole country. The City in its negotiations undertook to "restore and maintain the Fort as an historical memorial forever." No deeds have yet been issued and when they are they should contain such conditions as shall clearly specify and secure the trust in which it is to be held for all the people of Canada.

If immediate steps are taken to regain its full boundaries, the Fort is worthy and capable of being fully replaced. It is the best example of an early stockaded Fort on the Continent, was the centre of the gallant defence of York in 1813 and has been in continuous military occupation for over a century. Its ramparts once more raised to their full height, its guns, some of which are distributed in other parks, replaced, its blockhouses and buildings restored, so that they may be used as museums and quarters for army veterans who may be the custodians of the precincts, and the means of access to it improved, which may be done without detriment to its historical unity—then this Old Fort will become a place of highest interest to visitors and of much pleasure to the citizens of the City. I would propose we should proceed at once with the preparation of the plans and incur the necessary expenditure.

THE TERCENTENARY OF CHAMPLAIN.

The most notable historical event of the year was the celebration of the Tercentenary of Champlain at Quebec. Graced by the presence of the Heir to the throne, attended by representatives of other nationalities and of our sister colonies it so grew in scope and ideality as finally to rise from being the celebration of the beginnings of an ancient city to become the heralding of an united Canadian nationality.

Conceived on a scale stupendous and carried out to perfection, announced by the armament of a fleet and the footfall of soldiers and sailors in thousands, with historic story spread out before the eye in successive pageants of native Indians, intrepid adventurers, devoted religion, stately dames and courtly men, the events of the first three hundred years of Canada's progress were blended in all their variance into the announcement of the one adolescent unity whose era is now begun.

A special meeting of the Royal Society was one of the features of the festival held in the buildings of Laval University. At this Professor Geo. M. Wrong, one of our members, was admitted to his fellowship and Rev. Principal Burwash, one of our Executive, read an erudite and admirable paper on "Champlain."

I had the honor of leading the deputation from the Ontario Society to present our homage to the Royal Society and to testify to our French-speaking Canadian countrymen the thorough fellowship of our Ontario Societies in the history of the earliest days of Canada as being a part of our own, and of our full hearted interest with them in the preservation of the memories of their forefathers and the historic landmarks on the banks of the St. Lawrence.

An interest which was evidenced by the fact that Ontario had granted \$100,000 towards the project of their recovery, a sum equal to that given by the Province of Quebec.

So long ago as June, 1899, at the meeting held in Toronto, this Society had passed a resolution advocating the preservation of the Plains of Abraham. Ever since the beginning of this present movement of the recovery of the Battlefields of Quebec the Ontario Society has given its earnest advocacy, its members have been active in their support, and we have received the commendation of His Excellency Earl Grey and of Sir George Garneau, the chairman of the Battlefields Commission.

The wondrous celebration has come and passed, but the memories and ideals evolved by it will long hold sway in people's minds.

Through it Canada has more than ever been made more widely known. Held in the ancient walled City whose annals antedate those of any other, at the place where the ocean tides are joined by the waters of the Key River to the trade of the interior and the far west of the Continent, the ancient history and the modern commercial possibilities of Canada were simultaneously projected into the problems of national progress.

A people of potentiality hitherto unnoticed or unestimated suddenly rose above the horizon.

The celebration of the Tercentenary of Champlain has presented Canada to the courts and peoples of the world.

WHAT WILL BE ITS EFFECTS ?

But what will have been its effects on ourselves ? This brings with it thoughts which may well receive the deepest consideration from our Historical Societies in their meetings

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during the coming year. Shall we be equal to our past and worthy of our possibilities ?

Assuredly the Tercentenary will have brought more acquaintance with the French period of Canada to many of our Western people.

Here, we English-speaking people are, as a community, so immersed in the whirl and struggle of development, expansion, and business success that we spare little time to studying the movements of our immediate history, much less of that of other portions of our country and still more less of what share we ourselves are taking in the moulding of it.

May we not learn something from our French-Canadians whose interest in their upbuilding and their forerunners is so unbounded ? Can we not note that from the earliest of their days their religion has ever accompanied them in their progress, and to-day is an integral part of their national life. Whether it be in their homes or in their schools consideration of the future life is as much a portion of the day's duty as is preparation for this.

The pioneers who came to New France were accompanied by the unselfish desire of spreading Christianity. With the arms of their king they raised aloft the Christian cross as signs of the new sovereignty then brought by them.

Thus is it not for the real happiness of our Quebec brothers that they have preserved these ideals and these memories and so display in their homes and among their families a cheerfulness and gaiety of heart, a regard for religion, a reverence for elders, a placidity of content which makes the living of life of equal consideration with that of working for gain. The study of their early history will enable us to better understand our brother Canadian and appreciate his point of view.

So also our French-speaking Canadian will, by the thorough earnestness in which we have joined with him in those celebrations of his patriot heroes, have learned that his fellow-countrymen of these later days of our country's history date the beginnings of our united Canada back to the prowess of their French pioneers.

It was Champlain who first explored our Province of Ontario. Lake Nipissing, the French River, the Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe, the Trent valley to Lake Ontario were all passed over to and fro by him in his explorations. We claim him as one of our own pathfinders.

We remember, too, that after the new allegiance, which our French-Canadian had acquired at the time when the blood

of the armies and Wolfe and Montcalm had re-baptized the soil, was put to the test, and he was assailed in 1776, by invaders from the revolted English colonies to the south, he remained true to the British colours. Thus by his honest valour he helped to keep the Union Jack flying over his own country and over our shores of Ontario where our United Empire Loyalists afterwards found refuge and new homes. Since then these two blended races have stood side by side.

Our loyalty to the Empire which won Canada, and for whom we hold it, is a loyalty of sentiment and descent—a loyalty of the blood.

His is loyalty, to the soil occupied for centuries by his forefathers, and a firm abiding faith in the new Kingdom and constitution under which those forefathers first acquired the liberties of free men—a loyalty of deep seated conviction. Both loyalties are equally true, both are centred on the same object. It will be for us later comers to see that we so bear ourselves toward him that we shall deserve from him that same faith and assured confidence in our dealings which he holds toward the Empire of which we with him form part. No thought of French domination or of English domination, but an amalgamation and union for the purposes and advancement of the whole. The joining of the two races in the Quebec Tercentenary shows that this has come.

THE BLENDING OF THE RACES.

This blending of the two races which are the component parts of our new Dominion in Canada is not a new problem in evolution. The study of the history of the British people of the old island kingdoms and its comparison with the phases of the annals of Canada presents wonderful analogies and leads to the strongest faith in the upbuilding here of a common nationality.

Time was that a Norman French king crossed the channel from France and conquering at Hastings brought the Saxon kingdom of England beneath his rule and impressed the laws and vitality of his race upon his new subjects. His descendants still sit upon the throne, and the lilies of France by reason of this descent were still on the arms of the British king when Wolfe won his victory at Quebec. Their Norman English king had come back to the Normans in Canada. It was but an alternation of the ruling allegiance. Thus also, in the Tercentenary celebrations, the heir to the throne of "Britain and the British dominions beyond the seas" in coming to Quebec was being welcomed by reason of his ancestry and by his own people.

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As the Norman and the Saxon races in the Old Land have by centuries of intermingling and the acquirement of what was best in each been fused into the united English nationality so there lies before us the capacity to grow similarly in harmony with our brothers in Quebec, the descendants of these same Normans of old. Thus there shall be created in Canada, sprung from this nation, a people which in spirit, in character, in righteousness which exalteth a nation, shall not be less worthy than the British nation in whom we hold united allegiance.

It is not in the bulk of territory, the magnitude of population or the wealth of possessions by which the greatness of a nation is to be estimated, but by the character of its people.

In the formation of the character of our people in this nation building epoch in Canada our Historical Societies have an Imperial duty to perform.

I commend to you the passing of a series of your meetings in laying before your members the successive epochs of the history of our Quebec and Maritime countries as well as those of our own Ontario. Obtain the interest and assistance of the teachers and students of your High and Public schools and so attracting the general public, we shall be fulfilling some of our duty in widening the knowledge of our people and in building up a united nationality.

REPORT OF FLAG AND COMMEMORATIVE DAYS COMMITTEE.

Though nothing of unusual importance has occurred during the past year, events show that we are progressing toward a more perfect understanding of the story of our flag and its import to us, the children of its promise.

Notably pleasing has been the exchange of flags between schools bearing the same name, or hailing from the same town in different parts of the Empire, London, Oxford House School at Highgate, England, signalized its exchange of flags with the Collegiate Institute, London, Ontario by a most interesting ceremony. The King being associated in the work of a telegram reading, "The masters and pupils of Oxford School House, unfurling the flag presented by the Collegiate Institute, London, in Canada, offer to your Majesty their duty." A cordial reply was received from the King thanking the school for their loyalty.

It is interesting to note how largely the names of English cities, towns and villages are reproduced in the Dominion and now that this flag exchange has received the Royal approval, we may anticipate its wide adoption, and that between the younger generations of our Empire new and fruitful associations will be set up between its members. In reply to the question, "What is our national flag?" Lord Knollys, who was written to, by the President of the Ontario Historical Society, has most assuredly made it plain that the Union Jack has paramount and to be used on all occasions as the flag of the Empire, though not to the exclusion of the British and Canadian ensigns on certain occasions.

Outside Imperial limits there would seem to be, more tolerance of our flag, while the ever conscious United States is not so assertive in his claims to fly the Stars and Stripes over the Union Jack on every jubilant occasion.

One of Canada's great commemorative days has been duly celebrated at Quebec. As patriots we appreciate its worth. There has been expressed a strong desire to incorporate the names of other great men and women in our national calendar of holidays, General Brock, Laura Secord, among others. Whether or no we are prepared to ask for another holiday, there can be nothing but good arise from the teaching of such life lessons as theirs on Empire day.

CLEMENTINA FESSENDEN.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

- PRESIDENT..... William Rennie, Sr.
- FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT... Eli Crawford
- SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT..... Capt. William McClain
- THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.. Alex. Gibb
- FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT Daniel Lamb
- FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT.. Lieut.-Col. McGillivray
- TREASURER..... John Harvie
- SECRETARY..... Rev. H. S. Matthews
- REGISTRAR..... Josiah Rogers

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT—Captain Jessop, Chairman ; John R. Bull, Esq. ; John Maughan, Esq. ; William Crocker, Esq. ; J. D. Næsmith, Esq. ; James R. Briggs, Esq.

AUDITORS..... W. A. Parsons and W. E. Griffith

With this Annual Report the York Pioneer and Historical Society have passed their thirty-ninth milestone, and with renewed strength and vigor. Membership has increased nearly double the past year—thanks to Mr. Crocker and others. The Society is now five hundred and seventy-four strong, composed of those who have done their individual part to make the County of York and City of Toronto what they are to-day. We have the satisfaction of knowing that the foundations were well and truly laid. We are naturally very proud of our County of York and City of Toronto, which hold such prominent positions in our fair Dominion of Canada.

Our monthly meetings, held at the Canadian Institute, 198 College St., on the first Tuesday of each month, have become exceedingly interesting and profitable. We usually have an address on some historical subject, followed by a discussion and five-minute speeches by all the new members present.

Our summer outing was held on July 25th to Scarboro Beach Park by invitation from the management. There was a large gathering of members, with their families and friends, who spent an enjoyable afternoon in visiting the sights in this new and beautiful park.

The day of days is "Pioneer Day" at the Canadian National Exhibition, and the centre of attraction is the old log cabin, wherg all are made welcome. Our regular monthly meeting is held on the lawn, as the cabin is entirely too small.

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After business, a pleasant time is spent discussing "old times" with Pioneers from a distance. An interesting feature is a chat amongst the oldest pioneers present. Our respected member, Mr. Laving, who is in his ninety-seventh year, is our oldest member at present. After a pleasant hour has been spent, adjournment is made to the lunch room, led by the band.

After lunch there is a short entertainment, composed of speeches, patriotic songs, etc., by prominent members of outside Societies. This day is looked forward to with pleasure.

In the summer of 1879 the York Pioneers erected a log cabin on the Exhibition grounds, and moved the old Simcoe cabin from Smith's farm, east of the Don River, where it was erected by Governor Simcoe in 1794. The new cabin, which was built of green tamarac logs, soon decayed, while those in the Simcoe cabin are perfectly sound, with the exception of the foundation logs, which had to be renewed. We have made an exhibit of old relics in the log cabin for the past twenty-nine years, free of expense to the Exhibition Association. On busy days the cabin is simply crowded with visitors. A large building has now become an absolute necessity in order to make a creditable display. We have a large collection of old Indian relics at the Norman School (for want of a suitable building in which to exhibit them). Our Society paid four hundred dollars for this collection thirty years ago.

During the past year fourteen of our members have been called to their long home. This is a larger number than usual, as might be expected on account of our increased membership: Elijah Westman died November 1st, 1906; R. W. Gouinlock died February 18th, 1907, 59 years of age; W. M. Briggs died April 12th, 1907, in his 88th year; Capt. Rufus Skinner died June 13th, 1907, 83 years of age; Alfred E. Hayter (Registrar of our Society) died May 15th, 1907, in his 85th year; Dr. Brunskill, of Thornhill, died September 2nd, 1907; Chas. W. Coleman, died September 6th, 1907 (on his birthday), 67 years of age; Major Manley died September 13th, 1907, in his 55th year; John Carroll died September 29th, 1907, 72 years of age; Geo. Vair (professional florist) died December 10th, 1907, in his 75th year; Dr. Philip Strathy died January 1st, 1908, in his 45th year; Edward Hælan (professional oarsman), died January 4th, 1908, 52 years of age; R. K. Freeman died January 24th, 1908; George Robertson died March 2nd, 1908, aged 66 years. As will be seen by the above list, three of the deceased had passed their four score years, one the three score and ten, and the other nine were under the allotted span.

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On the death of a member the York Pioneers' flag has been floated half mast on the St. Lawrence Hall, ever since the inception of the Society, as a tribute of respect. Members are requested to attend the funeral of a departed brother, when possible.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

To the Officers and Members of the York Pioneer and Historical Society :

Gentlemen,—I beg herewith to submit my report for the year closing on 31st December, 1907;

To Balance from 1906.....	\$234.40
Fees and Bank Interest for 1907.....	281.81
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	\$516.21
By expenses for the year.....	393.25
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To Balance in Bank, carried to 1908.....	\$122.96

JOHN HARVIE,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, beg to report that having examined the vouchers of Treasurer, find that there was a balance of \$234.40 up to 31st December, 1906. The total receipts for the year 1907 were \$281.81, making a total of \$516.21. The expenditure for same year being \$393.25, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer to 31st December, 1907; of \$122.96

(Signed) W. A. Parsons,
W. E. Griffith,

Toronto, 6th February, 1908. Auditors.

THE LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

- HONORARY PRESIDENT.. ..Rev. Canon Bull, M.A.
- PRESIDENT... ..Lieutenant-Colonel Cruikshank
- VICE-PRESIDENT.....Rev. Dean Houston
- SECRETARY-TREASURERJames Wilson
- COMMITTEE—Abel Land, Dr. Thompson, E. Morden, R. W. Geary, Major Vandersluys.

It is now twenty-two years since the Lundy's Lane Historical Society was formed, and, as outlined in the previous annual reports, the Society has been instrumental in having many improvements made, and better caré taken of the local

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battlefields, and has also given Christian burial to the bones of the brave who fell at these various points.

During the past year the Society has issued one more volume of Documentary History, containing 280 pages of most valuable and interesting documents bearing upon the War of 1812-14. This is the eighth volume of Documentary History compiled by our noted historian, Lieutenant-Colonel Cruikshank, covering the period from October to December of 1813, and like the former volumes is greatly appreciated by the historical authorities of both Canada and the United States.

Apart from this publication and the usual attendance to visitors to the local historical points of interest, no incident of importance has taken place.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 30, 1907, TO APRIL 30, 1908.

(Prepared in accordance with request of Department of Education.)

RECEIPTS.

April 30, 1907.	By Balance, cash on hand.....	\$286.77
April 30, 1908.	By Cash, membership fees	\$ 3.00	
	By Cash, sales of Society's publications	126.62	
	By Grant from Ontario Government... .. .	200.00	329.62
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			\$616.39

EXPENDITURES.

April 30, 1908.	To maps for Volume VIII Documentary History	\$ 28.00	
	To insurance on publications ..	10.90	
	To printing Volume VIII Documentary History... .. .	297.95	
	To postage, etc., on publications	24.60	361.45
To Balance, cash on hand.....		254.94
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			\$616.39

Certified: James Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer.
Niagara Falls, Ontario, December 12th, 1908.

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NIAGARA, ONTARIO.

- PRESIDENT..... Miss J. Carnochan
- VICE-PRESIDENT... ..Rev. J. C. Garrett
- SECRETARY... ..Alfred Ball
- TREASURER.....Mrs. S. D. Manning
- AUDITORS... ..W. J. Wright, Jno. E. Kersley
- CURATOR AND EDITOR... ..Miss J. Carnochan
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Mrs. T. F. Best, W. R. McClelland, Rev. J. P. Bench, F. J. Rowland, W. J. Wright, M.A.
- HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS—Mrs. Roe, Mrs .H. Clement, Chas. A. F. Ball, H. Paffard.
- LIFE MEMBERS—T. K. Thomson, Mrs. J. E. Wilson.
- HONORARY MEMBERS—Rev. Canon Bull, Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, F.R.S.C., Sir James Le Moine, John Ross Robertson, Hon. Wm. Gibson. Jas. Wilson, C.E., David Boyle, Major Hiscott, E. A. Lancaster, M.P., Dr. Jessup, M.P. C. C. James, F.R.S.C. Newton Ker, C.E., Hugh J. Chisholm.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1908.

In reviewing the work of this year as contrasted with last year, that of the opening of our building, which may be called the "banner year," when a fresh impulse was given and many new members added, it was feared that this year might seem unsuccessful in comparison, but we are glad to say that in nearly every respect the work has been in advance of former years. The regular monthly meetings were held from October to May and valuable papers were read as follows :—

- Early Shipbuilding in Niagara, Miss I. G. Gilkinson.
- Reininscences of Queenston, Miss Joanna E. Wood.
- Soldier Pensioners of Niagara, Miss Catharine Creed.
- Some Impressions of European Travel, Miss Joanna E. Wood.

Resemblances and Contrasts, Kingston and Niagara, Miss Carnochan.

The Origin of Some Words, Rev. J. P. Bench.

Last year the debt on the building was \$350, but this has now been reduced to \$200, although over \$50 has been expended in additional cases, etc. During the year nearly twenty new members have been enrolled and we now number 160 members, many in places far distant. In the new visitors' book nearly 2000 have entered their names since June 4th, 1907, and of course many failed to register. The contributions to the contents of the room have been numerous and valuable, altogeth-

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er over 4000 articles are now in the building. A coin case has been procured which is already nearly full. A fine bust of Sir Isaac Brock has been lately given and a flag of the 2nd Lincoln of 1830, also several valuable and rare books. Copies of maps lately sent to the Archives, Ottawa, from England, have been presented by Mrs. E. J. Thompson and many books and valuable pamphlets by Mrs. J. G. Currie, St. Catharines.

During the year we printed a full account of the opening of our building June 4th, 1907, which was sent to members, contributors to the building fund, Historical Societies, etc., and the paper read by Col. Cruikshank, "Ten Years of Niagara, 1780-1790," is now in the hands of the printer, and we are anxious to reprint 7 and 10 with corrections and additions, the edition of several of our publications being exhausted. More pamphlets were sold last year than in any previous year of our existence and in all over 600 copies were distributed. We now exchange with 35 Societies.

The usual visit was paid to the graveyards on 17th September, placing flowers on the graves of the worthies of the past. The President of the Society was the delegate at the annual meeting of the O. H. S. at Kingston, visiting with others the historic spots in the Limestone City, Forts William Henry, Frederick, the Military School, Art Gallery, University, these annual visits being always productive of some benefit to our Society.

We would like to draw the attention of the Government to the neglected condition of the Forts George and Mississauga and in especial to the encroachments of the lake on the Military Reserve which is year by year being washed away so that soon the foundation of the old fort will be undermined and this and other historic remains will disappear.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED BAILL, Secretary.

JANET CARNOCHAN, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$173.05
Members' Fees.....	60.50
Grants.....	125.00
Sale of Pamphlets.....	31.80
Donations.....	10.75

\$401.10

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EXPENDITURES.

Grant to Building Fund... ..	\$100.00
Insurance..... ..	30.00
Printing..... ..	81.05
Postage..... ..	21.25
General Expenses..... ..	54.27
Miscellaneous..... ..	20.12
Balance on hand..... ..	94.41
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	\$401.10

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Members last year... ..	125	Committee Meetings held. .	3
Members this year... ..	151	Books and Pamphlets in	
Public Meetings held... ..	8	Library... ..	630
		Added during the year.....	158

PUBLICATIONS.

- Count de Puisaye and Sir Isaac Brock.
- Report of Opening of Memorial Hall, June 4th, 1907.
- Twelfth Annual Report, October 13th, 1907.

PAPERS READ AND LECTURES GIVEN DURING THE YEAR.

- Personal Reminiscences, Jan. 15th, 1907, by Rev. J. C. Garrett.
- Ten Years of Niagara, 1780-1790, March 21st, Col. Cruikshank, F.R.S.C.
- Evolution of Our Building, June 4th, 1907; by Miss Carnochan
- Early Legislators of Niagara District, June 4th, 1907, by C. C. James, F.R.S.C.
- Old Pensioners of Niagara, November, 1907, Miss Creed.
- Early Boat-building in Niagara, Dec. 9th, 1907, Miss Gilkinson.
- Queenston Reminiscences, Jan. 18th, 1908, Miss Joanna G. Wood.
- Derivation of Some Words, March 9th, 1908, Rev. P. J. Bench.
- Resemblances and Contrasts between Kingston and Niagara, Feb. 11th, 1908, Miss Carnochan.

THE ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.

Organized April 29, 1891.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

PRESIDENT... ..James H. Coyne, M.A., F.R.S.C.
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTMrs. J. H. Wilson
 SECRETARY.....Herbert S. Wegg
 TREASURER.....William Murch
 CURATOR.....Mrs. W. S. Thomas Smith
 EDITOR.....Judge Ermatinger
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE--Judge Cotter, Samuel Price, F. Hunt, J. W. Stewart, K. W. McKay, Chas. D. Oakes, Mrs. J. S. Robertson, Mrs. C. O. Ermatinger, Mrs. Truman Duncombe, Mrs. C. St. Clair Leitch.

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Eight meetings were held during the year 1907-08.

Thirty-six new members were elected. The membership is now upwards of 170. Meetings were well attended, interesting papers and addresses were presented, and the Institute is in a flourishing condition.

During the summer of 1907 the members made their annual picnic excursion to the Southwold Earthwork and Port Talbot. A second picnic was held near Sarum on the invitation of Mr. Charles D. Oakes.

Captain John Price of Port Stanley presened to the Institute original papers relating to the institution in 1817 of the Talbot Anniversary.

The following were among the papers and addresses presented during the year :

By the President : Address on the romantic history of Colonel Talbot, with some account of distinguished visitors to Port Talbot. Address on a recent trip to the Rockies and Edmonton. Readings from proof sheets of the Talbot papers. Hardships of the Talbot settlers in 1816, as set forth by Singleton Gardiner in a letter to Henry Coyne. Original minutes of the first Masonic Lodge (No. 30) at St. Thomas, 1818 to 1822. Bill Kissane, a noted criminal connected with St. Thomas in its early days.

By Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Vice-President : Three Talbot letters recently discovered in the Dominion Archives.

By Mr. W. H. Murch : An address, delivered at the Southwold Earthwork on the Institute's first visit in 1891, and Mr. David Boyle's description of the fort.

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By Mr. Frank Hunt : On the Pioneers of Southwold.

By Judge Ermatinger : Address on his trip to Europe, with special reference to Belgrade, Dublin and the Castle of Malahide.

By Mrs. Dawson Kerr : History of Paul's or Turville's Hollow, St. Thomas.

By C. St. Clair Leitch : On the early settlement of Dunwich and Aldborough.

By A. W. Graham : Reminiscences of Manitoba, 1866-1870, including personal experiences of the writer as a prisoner of Louis Riel at Fort Garry, with extracts from diary.

The expediency of endeavoring to obtain permanent quarters for the Institute has been discussed, and it is hoped that something may be accomplished in the not distant future by a strenuous and sustained effort in this direction.

The Institute has become a member of the Canadian Landmarks Association. It will cordially co-operate with other organizations in promoting the object of the Quebec Battlefields Association, and thereby of the National Battlefields Commission.

JAMES H. COYNE,
President.

WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON, ONT.

Organized, January, 1889.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

- HONORARY PRESIDENT... ..Rev. Geo. A. Bull
 - PRESIDENT..... ..Justus A. Griffin
 - FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT... ..S. F. Lazier, K.C.
 - SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..H. H. Robertson, K.C.
 - CORRESPONDING SECRETARY... ..Mrs. R. G. Sutherland
 - RECORDING SECRETARY..... ..John H. Land
 - TREASURER..... ..John H. Land
 - AUDITOR..... ..Charles Lemon
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Charles Lemon, Jos. H. Smith, D'Arch Martin, John W. James, LL.B., C. R. McCullough, Mrs. Edward Martin, T. H. A. Begue, Lieut.-Col. A. H. Moore, Mrs. S. D. Biggar.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

(For year ending April 1st, 1908.)

Your Secretary-Treasurer begs to submit his report for the year just past, which, though not marked by public efforts or effects, as but one open meeting held, has, nevertheless, been a year of fairly effective work.

Our President represented the Society at the meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, held at Kingston, and reported it as most enjoyable and instructive, owing to the historical character of the locality, and the happy selection of subjects for the several papers read.

Rev. Canon Bull having called attention to the shameful neglect of the family burial plots of the pioneer families, notably that of Geo. Hamilton's family, situate at the head of Ferguson avenue, and now in possession of the City as one of its parks, the Society was instructed to make inquiries as to the Department controlling this spot, with a view to memorializing for its protection. The only tomb now recognizable there, is that of the late Dr. William Case, the first medical man to settle here. So far as can be learned, the Parks Board have jurisdiction, though nothing has been done in the way of improvements.

The Ladies' Committee has taken in hand the furnishing of rooms in Dundurn, commemorative of the visit of H. R. H. the Princess Louise.

We were so fortunate as to prevail on Miss Gilkinson, of Brantford, to read her paper on the early history of the G. W. R. and which included anecdotes and incidents connected with the prominent business men of those days. She also read a brief but very interesting account of the Joseph Brant Centennial Memorial.

The County of Wentworth Veterans' Association have purchased the pit on the Stoney Creek battlefields, known as "Smith's Knoll," where a number of those who fell in that battle were buried. The Executive Committee donated \$50 to the purchase money.

At the request of the united Historical Societies of Toronto, this Society joined in the protest against the demolition of the "Old Fort" in that city.

Following a visit by the President and Secretary, to Stoney Creek, a branch of this Society was organized at that place on the 17th February last, with E. D. Smith, M.P., and W. A. Corman, as Honorary President, and President, re-

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spectively, and Rev. W. A. Davis, Secretary (whose report is appended), and a list of officers whose names are a guarantee of good and enduring work, backed as they are by a large and enthusiastic membership.

A petition from the Veterans' Association and this Society, was forwarded to the Minister of Militia, asking for the erection of a suitable monument at Stony Creek, and an assurance from that Minister that a sum would be put in the estimates for that purpose gives encouragement to the hope that something may be done. Mr. Zimmerman, one of the members for Hamilton, was also interviewed, and promised to aid in the matter.

A deputation from the same bodies also waited upon the Ontario Government to ask assistance towards this object.

The Historic Landmarks Association was formed for the purpose of securing and tabulating information as to sites, documents, and relics, with a view to their preservation, and this Society has become affiliated with it, and it is expected that the members will report to the Executive, any localities, documents, relics, buildings, &c., worthy of being preserved and commemorated.

For the more convenient arrangement of our letters and documents, the Society was authorized to procure a three-drawer filing cabinet, which very slightly minimizes the inconvenience arising from the want of a place of deposit for our books, maps, etc., and a room in which to hold our meetings. The Library at Dundurn, in which a good many of our books are now, is only available, even to the officers of the Society, from May 1st to Nov. 1st. During the rest of the year our property might as well be at the north pole. An effort was made to secure a room in the Court House, our officers having waited on the Joint Committee for that purpose, but there did not seem to be any vacant. This is a matter that will have to be taken into consideration in the near future.

In view of the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec, it was decided to donate \$50 for the purchase of prizes to be awarded for the best essays on that subject, written by pupils in the county schools, this amount supplementing the grant from the County Council.

A meeting, at which this Society was represented by the President, resulted in the formation of a committee to raise funds in aid of the Quebec Tercentenary, and the purchase of the historic Plains of Abraham.

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Following the successful institution of the Stoney Creek branch, efforts were made towards getting Ancaster, Dundas, and Waterdown to follow suit, so far without success. Mr. Kendrick suggests that the matter should be introduced to the people of Ancaster through the medium of a picnic, a good idea, combining pleasure and business, and well worthy of being worked out, not only at Ancaster, but other fields as well.

On May 3rd the newly acquired plot on the battlefield of Stoney Creek, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Niagara. Many officers and men of the City Regiments, the 77 Cadets, as well as the Masonic and other Societies, the pupils of the Fruitland and Stoney Creek schools, the Veterans' Association, Historical Society, County and Township officials, clergy, &c., and a great crowd of deeply interested people, witnessed the interesting ceremony, a touching feature of which was the decoration of the graves with wild flowers, gathered and deposited there by the school children.

We have to note with deep sorrow, the loss by death of one of our vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Rose Holden, who died on the 14th April last. While we shall miss her sorely, the loss will fall far heavier on the Ladies' Committee, of which she was the active and competent President.

Our thanks are due to the officials of the Y. M. C. A. for their courtesy in placing this room at our disposal, and that of the Executive Committee, free of charge; to the Dominion Archivist, for recent publications; the Dominion Geographer, the Militia Council, the Royal Society, the Bureau of Labor, the Ontario Archivist, The 'Hydro-Electric Commission, the Women's Canadian Historical Society, the Library of Congress, the Ontario Historical Society, the Niagara Historical Society, for their respective publications.

The publication of a fresh volume of proceedings has brought our finances down below par, as the Treasurer's report will show. Forty-two copies have been mailed to corresponding Societies and members, as well as a supply to the new branch.

I have written 26 letters, and made the usual reports during the year.

The total membership is now 143, including the Ladies' Committee and the Stoney Creek branch.

The Stoney Creek section, notwithstanding its recent institution, has been very active, and shown great energy in assisting, indeed in doing almost unaided, all the work in connection with the protecting and beautifying the plot of ground

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purchased by the Veterans' Association as the site of the proposed monument.

The Township Council of Saltfleet contributed towards the expense of the permanent works, on the plot, and the members and their friends did the work, willingly sending their teams and men, and working themselves until the historic spot was put in beautiful order.

The members took an active part in the arrangements for the consecration of the ground by Bishop Du Moulin, and the decoration of the graves on the anniversary of the battle.

Steps are now being taken to have the monument erected. The Dominion Government, having made a grant for this purpose, and it is intended to have the foundation put in at once.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$251.31
Members' Fees.....	39.75
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	\$291.06

EXPENDITURES.

Rentals.....	\$ 2.00
Printing.....	191.35
Postage.....	4.64
General Expenses.....	20.00
Miscellaneous.....	55.00
Balance.....	8.07
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	\$291.06

Number of members last year, 53 ; number of members this year, 76 ; public meetings held, 2 ; committee meetings held, 3.

Publications issued—Vol. 5 of our Journal, Transactions II papers, as per list of contents in volume, with 16 illustrations.

Lectures during the year—(1) Jan. 5, 1907, subject, "Canada in the 20th Century," with illustrations, by Mr. Frank Yeigh ; (2) Nov. 29, 1907, subject, "The Great Western Railway, its description and completion," by Miss Augusta Gilkinson.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TORONTO.

Organized in 1894.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.. Lady Mortimer Clark
PRESIDENT..... Mrs. Forsyth Grant
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. Mrs. J. A. Paterson
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT..... Miss Fitzgibbon
RECORDING SECRETARY Miss Vandersmissen
TREASURER..... Mrs. Stupart
AUDITORS..... Mrs. S. M. Grant Macdonald, Mrs. Torrington
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. H. M. Hill, Mrs. J. Bain, Mrs. Corley, Mrs. Gordon Mackenzie, Miss Josephine McCallum.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Members' Fees..... \$ 86.00
Grant, Provincial Government..... 100.00
Queen Victoria Memorial Fund..... 3,777.89

EXPENDITURES.

Rentals..... \$ 22.00
Printing..... 122.85
Postage..... 2.47
General Expenses..... 13.50
Books Purchased..... 15.75
Pictures Framed..... 10.00
Fees to Local Council of Women..... 2.00

Number of members this year, 229 ; number of public meetings held this year, 6 ; number of committee meetings held, 11.

The Society also held an exhibition of original drawings, water color paintings of the wild flowers of Canada loaned by the artist, Miss Agnes Chamberlain. 338 drawings were exhibited in the east hall of the University. A lecture on botany was given by Prof. Scott of the Normal School, the proceeds being devoted to the Memorial Hall Fund. A lecture by Mrs. Elliott Brown with limelight illustrations was also given at the evening meeting. A number of old prints, original sketches and papers have been given to this Society during

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the year. The Library has been added to both by gift and purchase and the usual exchanges from sister Societies and Libraries received.

PUBLICATIONS.

Transaction No. VIII.

Life and Letters of Lord Sydenham, by Mrs. Gordon Mackenzie.

Letters and Memoirs of Brock, by Capt. Freer, A. D. C. to H. R. H. the Duke of Kent and Military Secretary in Canada, 1812-14.

PAPERS READ DURING THE YEAR.

Arthur Washburn Treasure, Miss Muriel Merrill.

"The Perce Rock," with illustrations, by Miss C. N. Merritt.

"Extracts from Memoirs of Capt. Freer," A. D. C. to H. R. H. the Duke of Kent, &c.

"Simon Fraser, the Discoverer of the Fraser River," by Mr. Alex. Fraser, Provincial Archivist.

"Toronto's Share in Canadian Letters," Marjorie MacMurchy.

"Cape Breton," by Miss Richardson.

M. AGNES FITZGIBBON,

Secretary.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

Organized 1899.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

- HONORARY PRESIDENT.....Lady Laurier
- HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT... ..Mrs. G. E. Foster
- PRESIDENT..... ..Mrs. T. Ahearn
- FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT... ..Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall
- SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTLady Ritchie
- SECRETARY..... ..Mrs. Braddish Billings
- TREASURER..... ..Mrs. Redmond Quain
- AUDITOR..... ..Mr. J. D. Fraser
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Sedgwick, Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall, Miss Read, Madame Lelievre, Miss Horsey, Mme. Marcil, Mrs. D. H. McLean, Mrs. Geo. E. Perley.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.....	\$ 71.27
Expenditures.....	45.93
Balance.....	\$ 25.34

Number of public meetings held this year, 6 ; number of committee meetings held this year, 6.

LECTURES DURING THE YEAR.

- Early Bibliography of Ontario, by Mrs. Billings.
- Early Fur Trade, by Miss Rothwell.
- Rideau Canal, by Mrs. Billings.
- Cornwall and Williamsburg Canal, by Mme. Rheaume.
- Trent and Murray Canals, by Mrs. Simpson.
- Kingston and its Harbor, by Mrs. G. E. Perley.

ELLA O. QUAIN,
Secretary.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF ELGIN COUNTY HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Organized 1901.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

- PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. H. Wilson
 - FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..Mrs. Jas. H. Coyne
 - VICE-PRESIDENTS... ..Mrs. Duncombe and Mrs. Robertson
 - CORRESPONDING SECRETARY... ..Miss Helena Travers
 - SECRETARY-TREASURER Mrs. Graham Symington
 - ASSISTANT TREASURER Miss F. McLachlin
 - REPORTER..... Mrs. F. A. Fessant
 - CURATOR.....Mrs. R. H. McConnell
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. Jackson, Anderson, Coughell, Doherty, Green, Hutchinson, McLachlin, Cameron, Finlay, McKay, Miss Fitzgibbon.

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During the year nine regular and several committee meetings were held.

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Papers prepared and read were as follows :—

An excellent description of a trip to the Pacific Coast and report of the meeting of the National Council of Women held in Vancouver, Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Mrs. Lousia King.

History of the County of Haldimand, Mrs. Coulter.

History of Brantford, Mrs. R. H. McConnell.

History of the Life of Marguerite de Roberval, Mrs. J. P. Finlay.

History of The Bannerman Place, Mrs. J. A. Kains.

Early Recollections of St. Thomas, Miss Ermatinger.

History of the Island of Anticosti, by Lady Edgar, loaned by the Toronto Society, and read by Miss McAdam.

History of Alma College, Mrs. R. J. Warner.

History of St. Peter's Church, Tryconnell, Mrs. C. St. Clair Leitch.

History of the Blackwood Family, Miss Ella Sinclair.

It is the intention to publish the papers in book form.

Six social gatherings were enjoyed by the Society during the year : a picnic to Col. Talbot's old home at Port Talbot, a delightful afternoon at the home of Mr. Chas. Oakes, New Sarum ; a reception in honor of our President, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, on her return from the West ; the annual social evening at Stevenson's parlors ; a picnic at Port Stanley on the grounds owned by the late Col. Bostwick, the founder of Port Stanley, and a pleasant afternoon at Hotel Invererie, Port Stanley, when the Society were entertained by the management of the hotel.

Numerous valuable relics were received during the year, and the Society hope to secure new quarters, where these objects of historic interest may be placed, and open to the inspection of the public.

The membership continues at one hundred, to which it is limited, with a goodly number on the waiting list.

The Society has to its credit \$135.18 in the Southern Loan & Savings Co.

BELLE SYMINGTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$104.17
Members' Fees.....	25.00
	<u>\$129.17</u>

EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses.....	\$ 37.76
Balance.....	91.41
	<u>\$129.17</u>

Number of members last year, 100 (limit) ; number of members this year, 100 ; number of public meetings, 8 ; number of committee meetings, 3.

THE NORFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Organized Feb. 9, 1900.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908.

PRESIDENT..... Frank Reid
 SECRETARY-TREASURER .. H. Frank Cook
 AUDITORS... .. Walter C. McCall and J. D. Christie, B.A.
 COUNCILLOORS, His Honor Judge James Robb and Elias Boughner.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$114.85
Members' Fees.....	11.50
Interest.....	3.36
	<u>\$129.71</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Printing.....	\$ 1.25
Postage.....	.22
	<u>\$ 1.47</u>

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Number of Members last year.....	65
Number of Members this year.....	64
Number of Public Meetings held this year.....	3

H. FRANK COOK,
Secretary.

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WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMIL-
TON, ONT.

Organized 1894.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907.08.

PRESIDENT..... ..Mrs. John Calder
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..Mrs. John S. Hendrie
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTMrs. R. R. Waddell
THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..Mrs. J. M. Gibson
FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT.... ..Mrs. John Crerar
RECORDING SECRETARYMrs. Bertie Smith
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY....Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet
TREASURER..... ..Miss Ethel McKay
AUDITOR..... ..W. H. Ballard

Efforts have been made to induce the local authorities to devote more attention to the preservation of historic points and landmarks, but we find it hard to awaken an interest in the minds of the powers that be.

The Ladies' Committee has taken steps towards furnishing in a historical manner certain rooms in Dundurn Castle to commemorate events in connection with its history.

In November last Miss Augusta J. Gilkinson read before this Society a very interesting paper on the inception and building of the Great Western Railway, which was full of incident and gave in detail an account of the celebrations in Detroit and Hamilton on the occasion of the opening of that road. Miss Gilkinson also presented a short paper on the Brant Centennial.

The County of Wentworth Veterans' Association having undertaken to purchase the plot on Stoney Creek battlefield, known as "Smith's Knoll," where a number of those who fell in that battle are buried, this Society donated \$50 to the purchase fund. We also joined with the Veterans' Association in petitioning the Dominion Government to erect a suitable monument at Stoney Creek and have received a communication from the Minister of Militia, informing us that in response to the petition of this and other Societies, the sum of \$5,000 has been voted for that purpose.

We have during the year affiliated with the Historic Landmarks Association and appointed a committee to make and forward a list of places deserving of being marked.

In view of the celebration of the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec, this Society offered in each of the ten municipali-

ties in Wentworth County, three prizes for essays on the founding and history of Quebec. Nearly forty essays have been sent in from eight municipalities. These all show that the students have absorbed much information in their study of Canadian history and several of them display real talent. The principal of the High school at Dundas, who is also president of Wentworth County Teachers' Association informs us that in his opinion nothing ever before awakened such an interest in history among either teachers or scholars and he predicts that both will be thereby stimulated to a better study of the subject.

Last winter the President and the Secretary attended a meeting at Stoney Creek, of gentlemen interested in the preservation of the spot where the British soldiers fell and were buried after the battle of Stoney Creek. As a result a branch of the Wentworth Historical Society was formed there on Feb. 17th, with E. D. Smith, M.P., as Honorary President; W. E. Corman, President, and Rev. W. A. Davis, Secretary.

This branch has devoted its energies to work in connection with the burial plot before mentioned, working in conjunction with County of Wentworth Veterans' Association, and joined with that Society in sending a deputation asking from the Provincial Government a grant toward a monument. By means of several "Bees" in which many members participated, the materials for the retaining wall were procured, the grounds levelled and beautified, a flag pole erected and everything put in shape for the consecration ceremony, which was performed by His Lordship, the Bishop of Niagara, assisted by Rev. F. E. Howitt, chaplain of Veterans' Association, and Rev. W. A. Davis, rector of Stoney Creek, on Sunday, May 3rd.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Grants..... \$300.00

PUBLICATIONS.

Historical Sketches and Souvenir of Military Encampment and "Ye Olden Tyme," both compiled and edited by Minnie Jean Nisbet, and containing original articles by well-known writers.

Souvenir of Stoney Creek Battlefield, by Minnie Jean Nisbet.

MINNIE JEAN NISBET,

Secretary.

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HURON INSTITUTE, COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

Organized April 26, 1904.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-1909.

HONORARY PRESIDENT... ..F. T. Hodgson
PRESIDENT..... ..John Lawrence
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..M. Gaviller, C.E.
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.. .. Miss F. E. Redmond
SECRETARY..... ..David Williams
TREASURER..... ..A. H. Cuttle
CURATOR..... ..James Morris
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Officers and P. Paton, Col. G. W. Bruce, G. W. Winckler, F. F. Telfer, Dr. J. H. Irwin.

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This Institute enters upon its fifth year under most favorable circumstances. Since its inception it has continued to grow in favor, the work it is doing being appreciated by the public even if the interest some of us would desire is not manifested by active co-operation. The year just closed has been the best in the history of the Institute, being prolific of much good work. Two departments, namely, Historical and Civic Improvement, have been especially active.

During the year fourteen meetings were held, eight regular, four executive, and two open, one of the latter taking the form of an excursion to Christian Island and the other that of an exploration picnic to the site of the Indian village, St. Mathias, and the rock reputed by Rev. A. E. Jones, S.J., to be "The Standing Rock" of the Petuns, who occupied the territory at the eastern base of the Blue Mountains to the west of the town.

The attendance at the several meetings was larger than in previous years, the average at the regular meetings being about twenty-one, while the majority of the members of the executive were present on the four occasions the committee was summoned.

At six of the regular meetings papers were read on subjects pertaining to the history of this part of the Province, five of these dealing with as many of the local churches. The first, "The Roman Catholic Church," was read by Miss Minnie Howard. This was followed in order by "The Presbyterian

Church," by Miss Eva Mitchell ; "The Methodist Church," by Miss Mae Switzer ; "The Anglican Church," by Mr. M. Gaviller, C.E., and "The Colored Church," by Miss Ella Hilborn. The papers gave evidence of much study and research and proved interesting to those who were privileged to hear them or afterwards read them in the press of the town.

Another paper, "Where is the Standing Rock of the Petuns?" was prepared by Mr. John Lawrence, vice-president. This covered a wider field than any of those already mentioned, and was a well thought out series of arguments respecting the location of this much discussed landmark of the early Indians who lived within the shadow of the Blue Mountains. By this paper Mr. Lawrence throws new light on the subject which, if taken advantage of, may ultimately result in a definite conclusion being arrived at. Not only does the writer of the paper set forth strong arguments anent the location of "The Standing Rock," but he gives the result of his observation and explorations respecting the various villages that are believed to have been located toward the northern end of the Blue Mountains in the vicinity of the present village of Craigeith.

Taken altogether these papers are valuable additions to the historical data already in the archives of this Institute and which at some future time, let us hope, may prove of value and interest to the historian of this part of the Province.

While the regular and executive meetings were wholly given up to the material side of the Institute, this was varied by the two open meetings referred to. The excursion to Christian Island was by the Northern Navigation Company's steamer City of Midland, upwards of four hundred ladies and gentlemen taking advantage of the outing. On invitation, Rev. Father A. E. Jones, S.J., archivist of St. Mary's College, Montreal, and a recognized authority on the history of the Huron Indians, accompanied the members on the visit to the historic Island, the scene of so many stirring events during the Indian struggles of the first half of the seventeenth century. At the Island, in the little Roman Catholic church, Father Jones interested quite a number with a brief address in which he reviewed the history of the Huron race, bearing particularly on the last stand made by the remnant of the tribe during the winter of 1649 on the Island to which they had fled when driven by the Iroquois from their villages on the mainland.

Many of the members and excursionists visited the ruins of Fort Ste. Marie II, prettily situated in a little grove, but a short distance from the beach lapped by the blue waters of

the Georgian Bay. It was found to be sadly neglected and it is to be regretted that more active efforts have not been made to preserve the historic site. Your secretary would urge that this Institute take up the matter of its preservation with the Sites Preservation Committee of the Ontario Historical Society and with the Historic Land Marks Association. Unless some concerted action is soon taken it may be lost altogether to the historical sites of the Dominion.

The exploration picnic was attended by between forty and fifty of the members and as in the case of the excursion proved profitable, educational and enjoyable. The destination as already stated was "The Standing Rock," but on the way thereto the party made a stop at the site that has been located as that of the Petun village of St. Mathias, where pieces of pottery bearing marks that unquestionably identify it as the former habitation of the Petuns, also beads, pipes and other articles, were found within the area marked by the changed color of the soil as the location of the once populous village. At "The Standing Rock," beside the little stream that like a silver thread winds its way down the steep incline, the party picnicked, studying the while the landscape and discussing the history of those who lived and roamed in the present counties of Grey and Simcoe years before the hand of the white man touched the forest that then covered the land.

During the year the Civic Improvement Department undertook a Lawn Competition which was carried to a highly successful conclusion, arousing as it did much interest amongst the property-holders throughout the town. To our honorary president, Mr. F. T. Hodgson, who very kindly donated \$10 for prizes, must be given the credit for initiating the idea, but those in charge of that department deserve praise for their splendid work in connection therewith. The donation was supplemented by the Institute by a grant of \$10 and by upwards of 100 or more shrubs donated by Messrs. Stone & Wellington, The Capital Nurseries of Ottawa, and Messrs. Brown Bros. of Toronto.

Upwards of thirty citizens entered the competition and quite a rivalry arose, the several competitors exerting their best efforts to capture the highest awards. The interest was retained until the close of the season, when the prizes were awarded, Mr. W. Carey securing the first, Mr. H. Lamont the second, and Mr. C. Telfer, third. Each of the other competitors received awards of one or more shrubs.

This competition proved of more than passing importance inasmuch as it not only affected those who were in the competi-

tion, but many others who, seeing the improvement being made by their neighbors, were inspired by pride to go and do likewise. The result was a marked change for the better in the lawns and home surroundings. No plans have yet been announced for the ensuing year, but it is to be sincerely hoped that the good work so well commenced will not be permitted to lag, but that some comprehensive scheme will be prepared and submitted to the Institute as early as possible.

The Botanical, Zoological and Geological Departments have not been quite as active as the others, although the latter added to the museum several important specimens secured through the efforts of the director.

Of the museum it is necessary to say but little in this report, the curator having furnished reports to the Institute from time to time of the additions thereto. In passing it is worthy of note that some valuable relics, documents, maps and books have been received during the year. The space is well occupied, nevertheless if the people of Collingwood will add to the already large collection, room will be provided. There are many articles of value, the majority donated, and our museum has to-day quite a high reputation among those of the smaller class.

It is my pleasure to again report that the work of the Institute continues to be recognized by the Ontario Government and that the annual grant of \$100 is again included in the estimates of the Department of Education. Reports were filed by your secretary during the past year with the Minister of Education and also with the Ontario Historical Society, these being included in their respective published volumes.

While the Institute has been devoting its energies almost wholly to local matters, its influence has been more far-reaching, and to it some of the credit is due for the taking up of the question of a publication of a history of the County of Simcoe by the County Council. Some of the members have been urging this upon members of that body for some time and it is gratifying to know that the efforts put forth in that direction will in all probability bring about the desired end. A committee has been appointed to formulate a plan and present a report at the June session of the council.

Your secretary has, acting in accordance with a resolution of your executive, commenced a scrap book and already considerable matter relating to the history of Collingwood and the

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ounty of Simcoe has been collected. In this work the mem-
bers are urged to lend their assistance.

The publication of a volume containing the several papers
read before the Institute has been under consideration by
our executive, but definite action has as yet been deferred.
Should the scheme looking to the re-organization of the On-
tario Historical Society now under consideration become a fact,
publications will be one of the factors in determining the an-
nual grant from the Provincial Government. Other items that
will also be taken into consideration will be membership, re-
search and possibly additions to the museum.

DAVID WILLIAMS,
Collingwood, March 19th, 1908. Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$163.43
Members' Fees.....	23.00
Grants.....	100.00
Excursion.....	34.25
Donations.....	10.00
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	\$340.73

EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses... ..	\$ 67.00
Miscellaneous, prizes.....	20.00
Balance on hand.....	253.73
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	\$340.73

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Members.....	63
Public Meetings held.....	10, 8 regular and 2 open
Committee Meetings held.....	4

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THE LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LONDON, ONT.

Organized Oct. 22, 1901.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

HONORARY PRESIDENT... ..Hon. Sir. John Carling
 PRESIDENT..... ..Henry Macklin
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..Mr. Frank Lawson
 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTMrs. Brickenden
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY... ..C. B. Edwards
 RECORDING SECRETARY.....Florence A. Mitchell
 TREASURER..... ..J. Dearness, M.A.
 AUDITORS... ..J. Pearce and A. Fraser
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Miss Macklin, J. Dearness, J.
 Pearce, Cl. T. Campbell, M.D., A. Fraser, Miss Priddis, Dr.
 Woolverton, Miss Cannell, Mrs. Brickenden, Mrs. Graham.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....\$127.32
 Members' Fees..... 7.50
 Grants..... 100.00

EXPENDITURES.

Printing.....\$ 4.75
 Postage..... 16.00
 Miscellaneous..... 131.50

Number of members last year, 30 ; number of members this year, 30 ; number of public meetings held, this year, 7 ; number of committee meetings held, 8 ; number of books and pamphlets in library, 75 ; added during the year, 15.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Founding of London, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell.
The Pioneers of Middlesex, Sir John Carling.

LECTURES DURING THE YEAR.

Oct. 15, 1907, Life of Jos. Wilcox, by Dr. Woolverton.
Nov. 19, 1907, two papers on Life of Ruskin as a Painter, Architect, Historian and Educator, by Miss Barliam and Mr. F. Lawson.

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- Dec. 17, 1907, Rudyard Kipling, by Mr. Irwin.
- Jan. 21, 1908, Career and Trial of William Townsend, the Early Highwayman, by Dr. Woolverton.
- Feb. 18, 1908, Three Historic Days on the Niagara River, by Mr. J. Sheppard of Queenston.
- March 17, 1908, Reminiscences of the Early School Days of London, by Mr. W. D. Eckert.
- April 28, 1908, Annual Meeting and History of the Baconian Club, by Mr. C. G. Jarvis ; The Seven Edwards of England, by Mr. Macklin.

FLORENCE ASHFORD MITCHELL,
Secretary.

ESSEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WINDSOR.

Organized January, 1904.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

- PRESIDENT..... Francis Cleary
- VICE-PRESIDENTS, A. Philip E. Panet and Rev. T. Nattress
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.. Miss Jean Barr
- SECRETARY-TREASURER A. J. E. Belleperche
- AUDITORS... F. P. Gaven and Judge McHugh
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Officers and Judge McHugh,
Alex. Bartlett, D. H. Bedford, Jas. McEwan, Fred Neal,
Capt. Cheyne, F. P. Gavin and Mrs. A. Philip E. Panet.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 90.26
Members' Fees and Sundries.....	9.05
Grants.....	100.00
	\$199.31

EXPENDITURES.

Rentals.....	\$ 1.50
Printing.....	5.50
Tablets.....	117.00
Postage, Etc.....	1.75
Balance.....	73.56
	\$199.31

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Public meetings held, one ; committee meetings held, one formal, several informal.

Lectures during the year : Battle of Windsor, F. Cleary.

A. J. E. BELLEPERCHE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THE LENNOX AND ADDINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
NAPANEE, ONTARIO.

Organized May 9, 1907.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

HONORARY PRESIDENTS—The Rev. Canon Jarvis, and John Gibbard, Esq.

PRESIDENT..... Clarence M. Warner

VICE-PRESIDENT... Mrs. Alexander W. Grange

SECRETARY-TREASURER Ulysses J. Flach

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The five Officers and Mrs. H. T. Forward, Mr. Fred Burrows, Uriah Wilson, M.P., George D. Hawley, and Rev. Alexander Macdonald.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Members' Fees and Subscriptions.....	\$139.50
	<u>\$139.50</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Balance on hand.....	10.00
Finishing and Furnishing Hall.....	110.25
General Expenses.....	\$ 19.25
	<u>\$139.50</u>

Number of members this year, 45 annual, 2 life ; public meetings held, 7 ; number of books and pamphlets in library, about 300 ; number added during the year, about 300.

No books have been issued, but full reports of our meetings with most of the papers read at the meetings and several other interesting documents have been printed in the local papers.

LECTURES DURING THE YEAR.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland, "Historical Societies."

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- Mrs. Alexander Macdonald, "A Trip to the Coast."
- Prof. Adam Shortt, "The First Visits of Europeans to the Vicinity of Kingston.
- Miss Chauncey Tocque, "Early History of Prince Edward Island."
- Mr. E. R. Checkley, "Yarker and Vicinity."
- Mr. W. S. Herrington, "The Origin of Some Local Names."
- Miss Jessie Chrysler, "At Chrysler's Farm."
- The Rev. Canon Jarvis, "Some Notes of Early Ecclesiastical History."
- Mrs. J. Conger Allen, "Memories of Spain."
- Mr. C. C. James, "The Making of the Province."
- Clarence M. Warner, "Some Early Amusements of the County."

U. J. FLACH,
Secretary.

THE HALTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MILTON,
ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....D. Robertson
SECRETARY.....R. Coates

Several years ago the Halton Historical Society was organized with D. Robertson, M.D., now Registrar of the County of Halton, as President; Dr. Richardson of Burlington (since deceased), W. H. Young of Oakville, H. P. Moore of Acton and some other gentlemen as Vice-Presidents, and your humble servant, Secretary.

There was an effort made to gather a few relics of interest which was not a very great success. However, one document of interest was rescued from the dust heap and cremation viz., The Notes of Session of the Presbyterian Church in the Neighborhood of Milton. This record covers a period from A. D. 1820 to 1857. It is in a good state of preservation and has given much pleasure and satisfaction to the older men and women who have perused it.

There has also been found and preserved in typewritten form a letter written by one James Laidlaw to his friend, James Hogg, known as the "Ettrick Shepherd." Mr. Laidlaw lived on the spot now occupied by the Metropolitan Church in Toronto. The letter was written in 1819.

At one of the county fairs held here in Milton there were gathered together several implements of household use, a wheel for spinning flax, an old-fashioned frying pan with its wooden jack, an old fire shovel and tongs, a pair of andirons,

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a pair of brass candlesticks and pair of snuffers, a half-bushel bake-kettle, a Dutch oven (tin reflector) for baking bread before an open fire, an iron dung fork, a wooden hay fork, and several other relics of a past generation that were objects of sober inquiry by the younger people." What are they for anyway?"

As Secretary I sent out to many of the older people in the county for interesting accounts of what had been done in the early days of the settlement of the county. I got only three responses, one from Benjamin Walbrook of Oakville about the early settlement of parts of Trafalgar and many interesting reminiscences of the stave rafting days, etc., etc.; one from the late C. P. Preston relating specially to the naming of the village of Hornby, the story being well told, and one from William McCrancy about the early settlement of Oakville and its pioneer settlers, more particularly about the Chisholm family.

The general excuse I got from the parties to whom I sent my circular was, "Oh, I can't write anything that would interest anybody, but So and So or So and So can tell you all you want to know," but I found So and So just as unable to tell me what I wanted as the first applicant. What is wanted to get this unwritten history is an enthusiast who has the leisure and the interest or taste for the work and much could yet be gathered ere it be lost forever.

R. COATES,
Secretary.

BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WALKERTON.

Organized September 16, 1901.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

PRESIDENT..... ..Lt.-Col. A. E. Belcher
SECRETARY-TREASURERNorman Robertson
AUDITOR..... ..W. M. Dack

No meetings were held during the year, except the annual meeting in January for the election of officers. A number of interesting records have been added to the library, and also some articles illustrating the life of the first settlers of the county.

NORMAN ROBERTSON,
Secretary.

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THE WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOWMANVILLE.

Organized December 17th, 1901.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

PRESIDENT..... Mrs. W. W. Tamblyn
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. Miss J. Galbraith
 SECRETARY..... Bertha L. Tamblyn
 TREASURER..... Miss E. Hillier
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Miss M. Allen, Miss Fairbairn,
 Miss Hillier.

Number of members last year, 18 ; number of members this year, 19.

BERTHA L. TAMBLYN,
 Secretary.

OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WOODSTOCK, ONT.

Although we have not been holding meetings for the past two years, interest has again been renewed, largely through the efforts of our Secretary, Mr. Munroe, who has secured a room in the Carnegie Library Building soon to be opened in Woodstock.

This room will be used by the Society to hold meetings and also for a museum. Through the influence of Mr. G. R. Pattullo a series of articles are being printed in 'The Sentinel-Review' on the History of Norwich Township by a daughter of the late Mr. Trefry, an early settler of the above township.

W. P. HART,
 THOS. P. HART,
 Acting Delegates to the O. H. S.

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THE CANADIAN METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Organized November 30, 1899.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

PRESIDENT..... ..Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D.
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT..C. C. James, M.A., F.R.S.C.
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTRev. A. Carman, D.D.
THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.Rev. R. Cade
SECRETARY-TREASURERE. A. Chown
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEThe Officers of the Society

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand..... ..\$ 9.40
Members' Fees..... .. 3.50

\$ 12.90

EXPENDITURES.

Printing, postcards..... ..\$ 2.50
Postage..... .. 1.00
Balance on hand..... .. 9.40

\$ 12.90

E. A. CHOWN,
Secretary.

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MEETINGS OF PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Pioneer Association of Ontario.

Organized September 4th, 1888, at Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

First Vice-President, Eli Crawford.

W. H. Doel, Secretary-Treasurer.

(Mr. Doel drafted the original by-laws.)

Rev. C. C. Johnston, chairman of committee, to arrange
for a Provincial Association.

1890.

Wm. Rennie, Secretary. First report published.

1890.

York and Peel Pioneer Societies.

Lundy's Lane Historical Society. Organized 1887.

1891.

June 3rd, Brampton.

Name changed to Pioneer and Historical Association.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

Vice-President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Wentworth Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized January, 1889.

Grenville Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized May, 1889.

1892.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

1893.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

July 18th, Centennial Celebration at Niagara and Toronto.

1894.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized November, 1891.

Thorold and Beaver Dam's Historical Society. Organized June

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5th, 1894.

Historical Section Canadian Institute.

1895.

June, Brampton.

President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Niagara Historical Society.

Kingston and Frontenac Historical Society. Organized, 1893.

Bay of Quinte District Historical Society. Organized, 1893.

Canadian Club, Hamilton, Historical Society. Organized, 1893.

1896.

June, Hamilton.

Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Elgin Historical Society.

Women's Historical Society of Toronto. Organized, November 9th, 1895.

1897.

June, Niagara.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

The Town and County of Peterborough Historical Society. Organized, December 7, 1896.

September, Industrial Exhibition, Toronto.

Re-organization Committee appointed.

September, Re-organization Committee.

Rev. Henry Scadding, Rev. Canon Bull, Rev. Dr. W. K. Parker, His Honor Judge Ardagh, Mr. A. F. Hunter, Mr. Eli Crawford, Mr. J. B. Reynolds, B.A., Mr. Wm. Rennie, Mr. George H. Mills, Mr. D. B. Read, G.C., Mrs. J. D. Edgar, David Boyce, Mrs. Curzon, Miss Agnes Fitzgibbon, Mr. James Bain, Professor Mavor, Rev. Prof. Wrong, Mr. C. C. James, Rev. P. L. Spencer, Very Rev. Dean Harris, LL.D., Miss J. Carnochan, Major Cruikshank, Rev. Dr. Teefy, Mr. J. D. Brant Sero, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers and Miss Sara Mickle.

1898.

March, Re-organization Meeting at Toronto and Ontario Historical Society formed.

June, Onswicken—Six Nation Reserve.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

September, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1899.

February, special winter meeting, Toronto.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

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June, Canadian Historical Exhibition, Toronto.
September, Toronto Exhibition.

900.

June, Hamilton.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
August, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

901.

June, Belleville.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
June 22, Unveiling of the Laura Secord Monument at
Lundy's Lane.
August, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

902.

June, Peterborough and Lindsay.
President, James H. Coyne, B.A.
April, Ontario Educational Association.

903.

June, St. Thomas.
President, C. C. James, M.A.
May 27, Unveiling Simcoe Monument.

904.

April, Ontario Educational Association.
President, C. C. James, M.A.
June, Windsor.

905.

June, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.
President, George R. Pattullo.

906.

July, Collingwood.
President, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers.

907.

July, Kingston.
President, Barlow Cumberland.

908.

September, London.
President, Barlow Cumberland.

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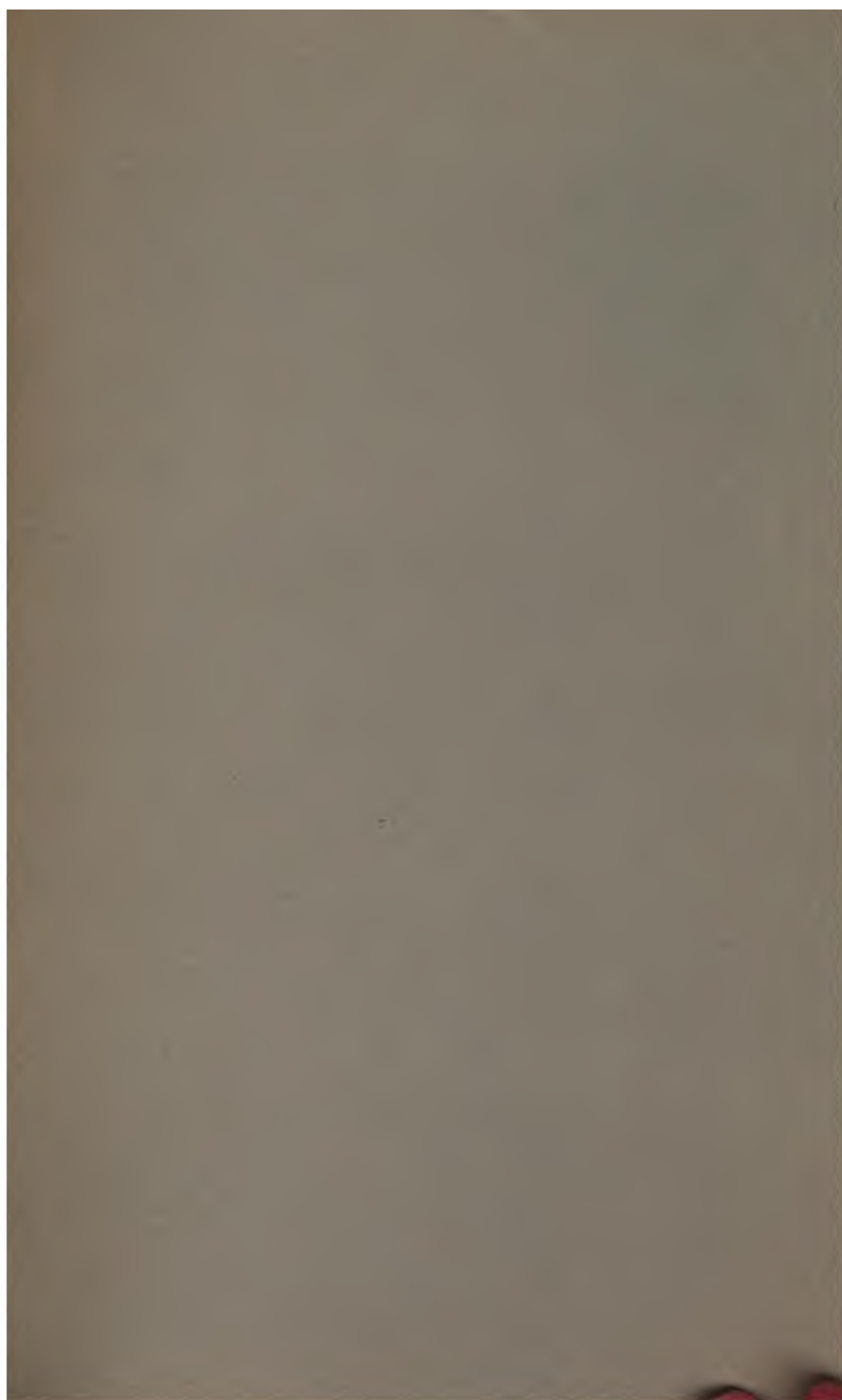
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