

BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

BELLEVILLE, May 30th, 1900.

This Society was organized on February 11th, 1899, with a membership of forty. The following office-bearers were elected:

<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. W. N. Ponton.
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mr. A. McGinnis.
<i>2nd Vice-President,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. E. G. Tyrell.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. May.
<i>Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mr. E. F. Milburn.
<i>Assistant Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Lister.

It was decided that meetings should be held every fortnight, when papers would be read on historical subjects in connection with the County of Hastings, Prince Edward County and the Bay of Quinte. These meetings have been held and well attended; many interesting discussions have been held and instructive papers been read by the following members:

Mr. Arthur McGinnis—On early missionaries, churches, and the origin of the names of "Belleville" and "Quinte."

Lieut.-Col. Ponton—On "First Public Fairs," "Early Newspapers and Local Names," also some of the Local Military History.

Miss M. Holden—On "Canadians in London," and "The Queen."

Mr. J. Dempsey—"Old Buildings in Belleville," with photographs.

Mr. D. Barrager—"First Settlers near Bay of Quinte and in Belleville."

Mr. T. W. Casey—"First Representatives in Parliament."

Mr. J. Frith Jeffers—"Some Phases of Canadian History."

Mrs. E. G. Tyrell—"On the Historical Exhibition in Toronto in 1899."

Mrs. M. W. Maclean—"History of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Belleville."

Mr. James Anning—"Picton and Its Surroundings."