

We of course do not aim to build particularly for outsiders, but it is well to keep this point in mind. If a Society is successful everyone looks to it for help in obtaining historical information and everyone receives the help desired. When outsiders ask for aid it encourages those who give it to make an extra effort to have it accurate and complete, and one feels a certain pride in having been consulted on the subject, and should the records of the institution consulted be incomplete, the secretary will not be satisfied until the gap is filled. Every society, investigated in collecting material for this paper, which showed a high degree of development, owned its own building.

It is my opinion that this Society should inaugurate a movement at this meeting with the object in view of building an Historical building in the City of Toronto just as soon as it is possible to raise the funds required for the work. We should name a strong evenly balanced committee of about five members representing all parts of the Province. Two from Toronto, one each from the North, East and West, together with the President and Secretary would be ample to do this work. That committee should be given full power to raise funds to provide for a building to cost approximately one hundred thousand dollars and for an endowment of one hundred thousand dollars, and to ask the City of Toronto to provide a free site. I believe the Provincial government of Ontario, providing certain concessions were made relative to a fair government representation on our board of management, would grant the hundred thousand dollars if we show them that we intend to make a careful effort to raise the endowment and do not intend to relax our efforts until we have the entire amount subscribed.

In conclusion let me add that I think this Society could easily have a membership of two thousand of our citizens had we a well constructed fire-proof building in which to house our collections and to hold our meetings. And I believe that many other organizations with kindred aims would join their collections with ours and be glad of a suitable meeting hall — one associated with history. The Annual Meeting would be of much greater interest to many of our members if held in the City of Toronto every third year, and there is a strong probability that our membership in that city will increase very rapidly when the building is built.

We shall need the help and co-operation of our friends, and we cordially invite all to assist us in this noble work.

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