

WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HAMILTON, June 12th, 1899.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Committee of the Wentworth Historical Society, held last May, the members decided to sever their connection with the Wentworth Historical Society, and become an independent society, and to change their name to the Women's Wentworth Historical Society. The officers for 1899-1900 are :

<i>Honorary President,</i>	-	-	-	Mrs. W. E. Sanford.
<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	Mrs. John Calder.
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	-	-	-	Mrs. John S. Hendrie.
<i>2nd " "</i>	-	-	-	Mrs. R. R. Waddell.
<i>3rd " "</i>	-	-	-	Mrs. Alex. McKay.
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	Mrs. J. V. Teetzel.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	Mrs A. T. Freed.
<i>Historian,</i>	-	-	-	Mrs. J. R. Holden.

Through the prompt and energetic action of the President, Mrs. Calder, the Society has secured the historic Gage house where Generals Winder and Chandler had their headquarters, and four and one-half acres of land where, it is said, the hottest part of the battle of Stony Creek raged. We can claim the honor of being the first in Canada to secure for permanent preservation any place connected with our early history. The ladies are having the house put in first-class order and furnished with old furniture, pictures, etc. One room will be used as a museum for old relics, etc. The Society also intend to form a Canadian library, to contain as far as possible the works of Canadian authors and also historical books. The men of Stony Creek have given most valuable aid in clearing up the grounds, cutting a new road, etc., and have turned the place into a handsome public park. Edward Corman was captain of a band of willing workers who not only gave their services, but furnished teams, ploughs, etc., although this was a busy time with the farmers. It is a singular coincidence that Edward Corman should have been in charge of these improvements, as it was his grandfather, Peter Corman, who furnished the American countersign to Col. Harvey which enabled him to surprise the Americans and win the battle of Stony Creek.