

REPORT TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

To The President and Members of The Royal Society of Canada :

GENTLEMEN,—“The Ontario Historical Society” is the new designation adopted by the organization formerly known as “The Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario” at a special meeting held at the Education Department, Toronto, on the 23rd day of May 1898.

At the same meeting the basis of membership was widened, and the scope of the Society's objects considerably enlarged.

As originally constituted the Society was composed of one delegate from each of the affiliated local pioneer and historical societies, now eleven in number, and was intended to unite these into “one central head or organization”. The number of delegates has been increased, and provision has been made for the admission of *ex-officio*, life, honorary, and corresponding members. *Ex-officio* members are :

His Excellency the Governor-General.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

The Minister of Education.

The Dominion Archivist.

All who have held any of the said offices.

All University Professors of History in Ontario.

The Directors of all Provincial or Municipal Archæological Museums in Ontario.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, acceded in the most cordial manner to the request that they should become *Ex-officio* members.

The Minister of Education is Honorary President of the Society, and thereby its relation to the educational work of the Province is indicated.

The Society's headquarters are in the Education Department Building, and the Provincial Archæologist, Mr. David Boyle, has identified himself with the organization by accepting what is perhaps the most onerous and responsible of its offices—that of Secretary. From our connection with the educational system of Ontario much mutual advantage may result.

By the recent amendments the Association has greatly enlarged its aims. It has resolved to undertake and prosecute as rapidly as its resources will permit the original investigation and publication of