

SIMCOE COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1897-8.

During this year the Society was fortunate enough to secure an interesting paper from Geo. Sneath, Esq., on "A few notes on the township of Sunnidale as I found it fifty years ago, and my journey to it." This was read on March 30th.

On April 11th several members made a trip to the Willow Creek Landing and found some relics supposed to belong to the time of the war of 1812-14.

Short biographical notes of the first residents of Barrie (1832-37) have been obtained from the oldest inhabitants and recorded with the aid of a stenographer. These notes have been filed in the Society's archives.

The officers and delegates for the current year are the same as in last year's report.

Members, 30.

OFFICERS.

Honorary President—Hon. J. R. Gowan, Senator.

President—Judge J. A. Ardagh.

Vice-Presidents—Judge Boys, Dr. C. E. Jakeway, Mr. G. H. Hale.

Secretary—Mr. A. F. Hunter.

Treasurer—Geo. Sneath, Esq.

Auditor—Mr. J. Darby.

Executive Committee—F. E. P. Pepler, Q. C., Alex. Smith, Esq., Wm. H. Hewson, Esq., Mr. S. L. Soules.

Delegates to Provincial Association—Rev Dr. W. R. Parker, Mr. A. F. Hunter.

ELGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The efforts of the Society have been directed exclusively during the past year to a continuation of the work of securing historical sketches of the school sections, villages and townships of the county. About fifty sketches have already been printed in the *St. Thomas Evening Journal*. This work will be continued until a history of every neighborhood in the county has been secured, when it is the intention of the society to have these sketches indexed and bound in volumes, so that we may have a comprehensive history of the county.