

part of the Society the gift was accepted by Sir Oliver Mowat, who spoke feelingly and in the most laudatory terms respecting the historical labors of Dr. Scadding, who replied briefly, thanking those present for the hearty reception given to himself, and to the references regarding him in Sir Oliver's remarks.

The brass band in attendance played "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Maple Leaf Forever," after which all present marched to lunch at an adjoining booth. After luncheon the President proposed the healths of the Queen, the Governor-General, and the Lieut.-Governor, to all of which Sir Oliver Mowat responded in appropriate terms.

A very cordial resolution of welcome to Sir Oliver was carried.

After returning to the tent, Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture read an excellent paper on "Early Fairs in Upper Canada," referring also to the holding of fairs in the other provinces, and in the United States.

A resolution was passed expressive of gratitude to the Minister of Education for the institution of Empire Day, and thanking Mrs. Fessenden, the Corresponding Secretary of the Wentworth Historical Society, for having so happily originated the idea of such a day, as well as for the representations she has made so urgently on the subject, through the press, to school boards and to national and patriotic societies for the purpose of moving public sentiment in this direction.

It was also resolved that the Secretary should communicate with the various societies concerned relative to the moneys that have been collected or set apart for a Laura Secord monument, with a request that all such moneys be placed in the hands of the Finance Committee of the Ontario Historical Society, to be either expended or held at current rate of savings bank interest, until there is a sufficient sum collected to carry out the object of the fund; and that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and report at next meeting of the Society.

The advisability of forming a Provincial Historical Museum was considered, and a motion was carried appointing a committee to take such steps as might appear necessary to accomplish this object.*

The attention of the Society was called to the fact that no steps had been taken to preserve historical landmarks in the Niagara peninsula, and it was affirmed that certain privileges granted to a railway would encroach on the Fort George enclosure. A resolution

* It was on the basis of this resolution that steps were taken to hold the historical exhibition of 1899.