

Governor-General of Canada showed in this, as in other matters, the deep interest he took in the development of the art, literature and science of the Dominion.

Having received an invitation from the honorary secretary of the Royal Society to send a representative of this association, with a general statement of its work and progress for presentation at the great annual meeting on the 15th of May last, at Ottawa, I prepared a report, which was duly presented by Capt. Cruikshank, delegate from the Lundy's Lane Society. I also sent an appendix, which was chiefly compiled from our last annual report, and which contained brief reports from all our local societies. I did this in order that each separate organization should appear as a living society zealous in its work. I beg to place before you a copy of that report.

It is a very gratifying pleasure on this occasion to mention the progress made in erecting in Canada monuments both of a national and of a personal or individual character, as expressions of a people's gratitude and loyalty. At Lundy's Lane a monument will be completed in a few weeks in memory of those defenders who fell in battle on July 25th, 1814. Similar memorials have been undertaken by the Dominion Government to be set up at Chrysler's farm, near Prescott (Nov. 11, 1813), and Chateauguay, Que., (Oct. 26, 1813.)

Kindly permit me, fellow-members, to suggest a few points for your consideration to-day.

1. How shall we seek best to promote a lively interest in the cultivation and study of local history, of provincial history and of the history of this continent since its discovery 400 years ago? Looking back in imagination during that period, over this continent, may not each one of us exclaim, "Behold what great things the Lord's hand hath wrought."

2. How shall we best seek to extend the usefulness of this annual convention held on the first Tuesday of June in each year, according to its constitution?

I suggest the following means:

(i.) By holding the annual meeting elsewhere than at the centre of the province, e. g., at Kingston and Belleville in the east; at Hamilton, Brantford, Woodstock, and London in the west.

(ii.) By the appointment of a committee of management to invite speakers and other guests on each occasion.

(iii.) By securing an annual grant from the Provincial legislature to meet necessary expenses.

3. How can we best proceed to enlist the sympathy of county councils and obtain their co-operation, as well as secure the interest of the literary societies that exist in connection with the high schools of the Province?

4. How shall we proceed to encourage the publication of useful pamphlets of local, provincial, or general interest, and to add them to public and high school libraries?