

HALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MILTON, May 12th, 1900.

In May last the Society was organized in Milton. Shortly afterwards the President, Dr. Robertson, County Registrar and the Secretary visited Oakville and organized a branch. This branch proposed to search for the early history of the town of Oakville. The founding of its piers, its harbor masters, vessels built there, origin of the name, dates and persons who constituted the first churches, etc. The meeting was very pleasant and full of reminiscences of seventy years ago. The same day, in the evening, we went to Burlington and formed another branch. At this place is to be found much relating to the celebrated Indian chief, Joseph Brant. The members were quite enthusiastic in taking up this matter, as at Oakville; they suggested tracing the first churches, schools, councils, societies and clubs formed in and about the place.

Acton was the next point to be reached. Here we met a few very zealous friends who had heard of what had been done at points at the front of the county, and were quite eager for the work. Here there were several good starts made for the Society. There had been a beginning made to collect the history of the churches and Sabbath schools, and several other items of more than local interest were indicated by D. Henderson, M.P.

We closed our round of organization at Georgetown, where we found that a good start had been made as in Acton by getting the church history into shape for preservation. Here was suggested the advisability of asking the Legislature to make it the duty of the boards of the public libraries to provide some place where valuable papers could be kept permanently. This was very favorably considered. Societies, cricket, curling and ball clubs were to be included, with reports of games and prizes won.

The President and Secretary returned to Milton feeling that there