

any) I wish briefly to speak of two useful societies—the Canadian Institute, of Toronto, and the Hamilton Association—whose publications on art, science and literature, hold a very high place of merit. I fear, however, that the printed results of the work of these organizations are too little known outside their respective districts or circles. They are highly valuable and should find ready entrance into the public libraries of Canada.

The local historical societies now in affiliation with us are:—

1. The York Pioneer and Historical Society, Toronto, established 1869.
2. The Peel Pioneers' Society, Brampton, 1887.
3. The Niagara Historical Society, Niagara.
4. The Lundy's Lane Historical Society, Niagara Falls Village, formerly Drummondville, 1887.
5. The Wentworth Pioneer and Historical Society, Hamilton, 1889.
6. The Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society, Barrie, 1891.
7. The Grenville Pioneer and Historical Society, Prescott, 1891.
8. The Kingston and Frontenac Historical Society, Kingston, 1893.
9. The Bay of Quinte District Historical Society, Trenton, 1893.
10. The Canadian Club, Hamilton, 1893.
11. The Thorold and Beaverdams Historical Society, Thorold, 1894.

These societies, we are assured, are doing their own local share of work, a work interesting and profitable to the public, and are greatly aided in their efforts by the local press, without exception. To confirm this statement I need only read from the *Hamilton Spectator*, of May 25th, Senator MacInnes' remarks made at the recent annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada at Ottawa. In presenting the report of the Wentworth Historical Society, he stated: "One of the objects which the society has had in view is to create an interest in the history of Canada. That a greater interest has been awakened is evidenced by the fact that kindred associations are now formed. The Canadian club, composed of rising young men of the community, is very active in disseminating information by frequent lectures and the reading of papers concerning the history of the country, especially of Upper Canada, now the province of Ontario."

In recounting these numerous societies of Ontario and thinking of those of other provinces, it has occurred to me that there is a grand field at once open for the publication of a monthly British Canadian magazine devoted to the history and biography of the long past and the hopeful present of the Dominion. An editor would be needed in each province properly to carry out the idea of such a magazine.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

It is a pleasure and a duty to refer to this wider and more influential organization, as its name denotes. It is akin to the British Association of England, whose members bear distinguished names or are zealous in the study of art, science and literature. The Royal Society of Canada was founded in 1881 at Ottawa by the Marquis of Lorne, who during his administration as

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