

policy. Provisional organization took place on Feb. 1, 1893, and the officers were elected on Feb. 15th. They included Sanford Evans as President, James Ferres, Thomas Morris, Jr., and George Lynch-Staunton as Vice-Presidents, Stuart Livingston as Literary Correspondent, J. H. Land as Treasurer and C. R. McCullough as Secretary. Some of the pioneer members of the Club were Adam Brown, F. H. Whitton, A. T. Freed, F. R. Hutton, Lieut.-Col. J. S. Hendrie, A. H. Heming, Kirwan Martin, W. A. Sherwood, Dr. Douglas G. Storms, F. M. Pratt, Senator Sanford, the Rev. J. H. Long, Dr. Thos. O'Hagan, J. L. Lewis and R. E. Land. The Presidents since organization have been as follows:

1893 W. Sanford Evans, M.A.	1900 A. E. Manning.
1894 Dr. Douglas G. Storms.	1901 R. A. Robertson.
1895 Charles R. McCullough.	1902 J. S. Gordon, O.S.A.
1896 Stuart Livingston, M.A.	1903 D. M. Cameron.
1896 Rev. J. H. Long, LL.B., M.A.	1904 D. M. Cameron.
1897 Kirwin Martin, M.A.	1905 John T. Hall.
1898 Kirwin Martin, M.A.	1906 J. H. Smith, P.S.I.
1899 F. F. Macpherson, B.A.	1907 W. M. McClelland

From Hamilton in this connection radiated an ever-increasing influence. Early members of the Club, such as E. W. B. Morrison, moved to Ottawa, and no doubt aided in the formation of the Club there. As a matter of fact seven former members of the Hamilton organization were included in the charter list of the Ottawa society. So with Mr. James Ferres in Montreal, Mr. J. P. Casey in St. Catharines, Mr. W. Brooks in Galt, and Mr. Sanford Evans in Toronto, and afterwards in Winnipeg. The Hamilton Club was incorporated on June 25th, 1894, with the following as its announced platform, though the permanent room idea was abandoned after a brief trial: "The purpose of the Club is the encouragement of the study of the history, literature, art, music and natural resources of Canada, the recognition of native worth and talent, the fostering of a patriotic sentiment, and the maintenance of club rooms or permanent headquarters in premises owned or leased by the Club." Starting upon a small scale the Club soon had 700 members, though those figures are now greatly reduced. Renewed activity in 1907, however, added somewhat to the Club membership. Its earlier speakers included many local men of high standing, and later on, men of the rank of Sir Oliver Mowat, Hall Caine and Sir Gilbert Parker, together with prominent French-Canadians such as R. Lemieux, J. G. H. Bergeron and J. Israel Tarte, addressed the organization. An exhibition of Canadian pictures was held, various essays were read covering a wide range of subjects, a steel flagstaff was presented to the City and Mr. J. H. Smith initiated a plan for the flying of flags upon the school-houses of Wentworth County.

In 1897 Mr. Sanford Evans came to live in Toronto and at once endeavoured to organize a Canadian Club in that city. It