

WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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In presenting a brief report of the Wentworth Historical Society, the eleventh of its history, we are pleased to be able to note the substantial progress that has been made in forwarding the objects for which this Society was organized. This Society, since its inception, has been endeavoring to secure the erection of monuments at Stoney Creek and Burlington Heights in commemoration of the signal victory won June 6th, 1813. The unceasing efforts of our past president, Mr. George H. Mills, and the Executive Council, have at length been rewarded, and Parliament has made an appropriation for the desired object.

During the year we have published the second volume of our transactions, and have forwarded copies to public libraries, to historical societies, and to individuals whom we knew to be interested in the history of our country.

It gives us pleasure also to note that the new institution in connection with the schools of this country, Empire Day, has this year been duly inaugurated. The enthusiastic way in which it has been introduced, and the judicious manner in which it has been conducted, give promise of good results. The Wentworth Historical Society has a particular interest in this subject on account of the prominent part which its Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. Fessenden, has taken in presenting it to the Government and to Public School boards.

During the year seven general meetings were held by this Society. One, a special meeting on the 17th Oct., 1898, was held to protest against the erection of a monument to Gen. Montgomery at Quebec. A formal motion of protest was passed, and a petition in accordance therewith was forwarded to the Government.

Four of the meetings were open to the public, and at these addresses were given and papers read, as follows:

December 13th, 1898—An address by Hon. Dr. Montague, and a paper read by Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden, entitled, "Burlington Beach, Bay, and Heights in History."

January 12th, 1899—An address by Mr. H. F. Gardiner, editor *Hamilton Daily Times*, and a paper read by Miss Agnes FitzGibbon, of Toronto, entitled, "King William's War, and what it had to do with Canadian History."