

tude of the undertaking and the amount of interesting material collected, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude, of saying that while I feel it a recognition of much labor, of persistent determination to make the Exhibition a success against many difficulties and discouragements, which no doubt had an effect, the successful accomplishment is due more entirely to the loyal support of the members of your Society, many of whom, though fearing failure, would not desert their Secretary. I thank you most heartily for thus enabling me to realize a long-cherished ambition.

Other societies—the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, and the Elgin Historical Society—in order to help, held local exhibitions on a smaller scale, and contributed a large amount of interesting material to the Exhibition at Victoria College.

Material aid in exhibits was also received from the Belleville, Niagara, Lundy's Lane, Simcoe, and Peterboro' Historical Societies; from Mrs. Holmstead, Dundas, and Miss Barr, of Windsor, where there are no historical societies organized; from St. Mary's Collège, Montreal; from the Public Library, the Universities, Upper Canada College and the Educational Department, Toronto; from Mr. James Bain, and the late Mr. Robert Jenkins; from the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, and the Military Museum, Ottawa. Exhibits were also received from Winnipeg, Man., and from Newfoundland. We are also indebted to the public press throughout Ontario and Quebec, particularly to the dailies in Toronto, for their influence in rousing an interest in the work, and to the Canadian Club, Toronto, for help during the Exhibition.

The result may be briefly summed up as follows: Undertaken on a capital of \$300, a nominal guarantee fund of \$1,000, and a free building, an Exhibition for which the expenditure was \$2,374, a large proportion of which was for freight, express charges, glass cases, advertising, printing and insurance, was carried out with marked success. The receipts were \$2,724; leaving a balance of \$350.

The object of the Exhibition was primarily to arouse an interest in and to encourage an appreciation of historic material, and to show the need of a permanent Historical Museum for the Province; secondarily to take the first steps toward supplying such need by devoting the proceeds or balance over the expenses to that object. The first has been accomplished, and if the amount for the second is less than our hope, it is at least on the right side of the balance sheet, and may enable future efforts to be made more successfully. A full report of the expenditure, receipts, etc., will be issued shortly by the Executive Committee of the Exhibition.

At the beginning of the year satisfactory arrangements were made with the proprietor and editor of the *Canadian Home Journal* to recognize it as the official organ of your Society, a full page, and frequently a portion of a second, being devoted to the reports and interests of your Society. For these your Secretary is responsible.