

WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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It is very satisfactory to be able to report a most prosperous and successful year. Our membership has steadily increased, and every work attempted has been heartily sustained by our members. We have paid one thousand dollars on the Stoney Creek Battlefield Park, and have made many repairs and improvements to the historic old house. Our citizens have contributed liberally, both money and furnishings; while the people of Stoney Creek have donated many useful and rare old articles. The men of Stoney Creek turned out in large numbers to clear up and improve the grounds, even making a new road for the Society. The property has been placed in the hands of three trustees, William Hendrie, Esq., John Calder, Esq., and A. T. Wood, Esq., M.P., who hold it in trust for the Society. A grand opening was held in October, when Mayor Teetzell, followed by the Countess of Aberdeen, declared the Park open. Speeches were made by the Honorable Speaker Bain, Hon. Dr. Montague, O. W. Howland, H. Carscallen, M.L.A., Mrs. J. F. Wood, Toronto, Alexander Muir, and others. In November we were favored with a visit from Sir John Bourinot, who gave a lecture under our auspices on Pioneer U. E. Loyalists. In March we had the pleasure of entertaining Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, at the battlefield. In Easter week we gave an Olden Tyme historical entertainment in the Armory, which proved very successful. The souvenir book published in connection with it has received many complimentary notices. We were represented at the meeting of the Royal Society in Ottawa this year by our President, Mrs. Calder. We feel that not only our Society but all Canada owes a debt of gratitude to our President, Mrs. John Calder, for her energy and patriotism in acting so promptly in securing this historic property, the key to Canada's success in 1813. When she learned the property was about to be sold she purchased it on the