

In regard to the Museum, it seems to be the wish of the citizens to have it located in some central place, where strangers spending a few hours in the city can be shown many historical and interesting relics. It is an open secret that the Hamilton Association and Canadian Club could easily be induced to unite with the Historical Society in such a scheme. It has been suggested that a building be procured, large enough for the Museum and also for rooms for the Historical Society Ladies' Committee, and any other societies that may unite with them, and to have a large hall on the top floor, which could be used for open meetings of the various societies interested in the building, and could also be rented for lectures, concerts, etc. Association Hall is the only one in the city for that purpose, and it is not always available. I understand several citizens are willing to give liberal subscriptions for such a building, and no doubt many others would aid the cause.

I wish here to thank the gentlemen who so kindly responded to my request for suitable articles for this Souvenir Book. A sketch of Robert E. Land is very apropos at this time when Barton Lodge has paid him so much honor at their Centennial Anniversary. Mr. A. J. Ramsay is said to know more about the customs and history of the early Indians than any man in Canada. He has published several volumes of poetry relating principally to Indian themes. It was very good of him to take time to write on the Indians of 1812 for us, especially as he is preparing a book for publication at an early date. I also desire to thank Dr. J. W. Smith, of Dundas, for the two very interesting papers he has written for the book, and also for the trouble he has taken to gather so many rare and valuable relics for our historical exhibit.

Mrs. Fessenden intended to have written a longer article telling more of the early history of Ancaster, but sore family bereavement prevented her from carrying out her original plan.

I am requested to convey to Mr. Wm. Murray the thanks of the Historical Society for his poem on Hamilton dedicated to them, and which was written for this book. I need not thank our other citizens for the work they have done or for the articles they furnished. "Hamilton for the Hamiltonians" is our motto, and the historical and patriotic sketches and poems are interesting to every one of us, and each one who has done his or her part to provide matter for this book has done so much to strengthen and preserve the good name and record of our beloved city and county.

Perhaps the most interesting relic that will be shown in the Log Cabin will be Laura Secord's little dog, which followed her on her weary tramp to

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