

documents and military commissions; and many historical facts in connection with them were brought to mind.

On the same day a great public demonstration was made by the Society, in planting trees on King and Queen squares and the old Burial Ground, in memory of the Loyalists.

This year, 1883, copies were made by a committee of the Society of all the inscriptions on tombstones in the old Burial Ground, which they published in 1887, in a book called the "Centennial Souvenir," which also contains a full account of all the celebrations and ceremonies of the centennial year.

Since May, 1885, the Society has occupied a room in the City Market building, granted for their use by the Common Council, in which their meetings are regularly held.

They have a small library, which is gradually being increased by donations and otherwise. Some of the books are rare and of great historical value.

The late Geo. James Chubb, in his life-time, presented to the Society the remaining volumes of the "Courier," but retained them in his own possession till such time as they could provide a place of safe keeping. In February, 1893, Miss Chubb kindly gave them into the custody of the Society, with the understanding that they be kept in some secure place. They are now in the vault in the City Building, till such time as a room with a vault or safe can be procured to keep these and other valuable books and documents.

For several years the Society had a grant from the Provincial Government of \$125 per annum, which was of material consequence to them in carrying on their transactions. Of late years this has been withdrawn, whereby the Society has been seriously hampered in the matter of publishing their papers, and they sincerely trust that the government may see its way in the future to restore the grant.

On the 6th April, 1882, an Act was passed by the Provincial Legislature incorporating the Society, as the "New Brunswick Historical Society."

The following are the papers read before the Society since 1882. Of those read previous to that date there is no record. It is proposed to have them published from time to time as the funds at our disposal will allow, the present publication being the first of the series:

Feb'y 28, 1882 — Fort Latour,.....James Hannay.

Nov. 28, 1882 — Proper Indian Name of the St. John River, ..

.....James Hannay. ✓