

It was not anticipated that any original work could be done in these papers, the desire being rather to draw attention to the original documents and publications from which the history is derived and to read extracts from rare books not generally available to the ordinary student.

The Society regrets that owing to the lack of necessary funds it has been unable to publish a Transaction during the past year. Several papers, particularly those compiled from original papers, contain material which would warrant their publication.

In order to draw attention to current Canadian literature lists of books being published by Messrs. Copp Clark & Co., and the William Briggs Publishing House were furnished to the Secretary. These were posted at the meetings, special attention being directed to those of an historical character. Another branch of work undertaken by the Society is an endeavor to arouse a patriotic encouragement of our native manufactures. The need for this was laid before the Society by Mrs. Williamson in a most able address, in which the speaker emphasized the fact that the Society was not formed only for the study of past history and preservation of records and relics, but that, as they were also making history, a unity of national purpose and a high ideal of loyalty and patriotism in her people would alone sustain our country in her high position among the nations. Instances were quoted where goods actually manufactured in Canada were labeled "imported goods," and of retail dealers' assertion, that if labeled "Canadian" they could not sell them. The result of this appeal has been the receipt of a number of patterns of a great number of fabrics made by different home manufacturers, accompanied by most gratifying letters from the proprietors thanking the Society for their patriotic efforts to build up the country and wishing them every success in their good work.

The Society is also indebted to the editor of *The Canadian Home Journal* for the use of a page in that journal to be devoted entirely to the Society's interest and reports of their meetings or other publications. Through this medium it is hoped branch or other historical societies may be formed.

The Society is indebted to the Council of the Canadian Institute for valuable aid in permitting meetings to be held in their buildings. The room is small, the membership roll is increasing in length, and better accommodation than the building can furnish will be needed in the near future. To this end it will be necessary to make application to either the Government or the Provincial Society for aid.