

Twenty-nine responded, expressing sympathy with and interest in the project. Of these seventeen attended the meeting. Officers were appointed, the aims and objects of the Society ably demonstrated by Mrs. S. A. Curzon and at a subsequent meeting a constitution and by-laws submitted and adopted.

The date of the annual meeting for the election of officers and other business was fixed for November 16th, the late Col. James FitzGibbon's birthday, in recognition of the services rendered to Canada and Toronto, during the first half of the present century by that officer.

The following preamble of the constitution adopted by the Society explains its aims and objects :—

"The rapidly rising status of Canada among the nations of the world, that a unity of national purpose and a high ideal of loyalty and patriotism in her people will alone sustain her in such high position ; that to this end a thorough acquaintance by her people, both native and immigrant with her heroic past is of the first importance. That her history, literature and archives, her poetry and art, are yearly becoming more valuable in affording the necessary knowledge ; that an intelligent and self-respecting national pride in Canadian literature needs to be awakened and encouraged ; that the value of documents, records and relics, both public and private as notes in the history of a people is not generally realized, and that the collection of them is most important.

Papers of incorporation were presented to the Society on February 14th, 1896, by T. H. Ball, Esq., Barrister, of Toronto.

The motto, "Deeds Speak," was chosen as that of the Society, taken from a Banner worked by Toronto women in 1812, and still preserved; and at the first regular meeting of the Society Miss FitzGibbon read the story of the banner in justification of her choice of the motto.

This story is published as Transaction No. 1, of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto. The Society now has a membership of upwards of 125. An honorary membership—which is complementary only,—of 34, including some of the most prominent writers and historians in the Dominion, all of whom have expressed their interest in, and desire to aid the Society in every way in their power.

The Council of the Canadian Institute have hitherto kindly given the Society the use of a room in which to hold their meetings. Arrangements are likely to be made by which the Society may acquire rooms in which the records and relics given them may be preserved in safety.

The Society proposes to take an active part in the Cabot Celebration and Historical Exhibition to be held in Toronto in the summer of 1897, and will ask the co-operation of all other Historical Societies in affiliation with the Provincial and Pioneer Historical Association.