

Indian deputation, and also a motion asking the sympathy and assistance of the Association in regard to the project of erecting a monument of some kind in commemoration of the landing of the United Empire Loyalists on our shore. A grant of fifty dollars was made to form the nucleus of a fund.

At our annual meeting, on the 17th September, addresses were given by our Patron, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Coyne, the President of the Provincial Historical Association, Mr. Boyle, the Provincial Archaeologist, and Mr. Brant-Sero, of Hamilton. Mr. McKenzie, of Toronto, read part of a fine drama on the capture of Fort Niagara in 1759 by Sir Wm. Johnson. The special subject of discussion was the project of erecting some memorial at the landing place of the U. E. Loyalists and the speeches all referred to this.

The graves of some of those who fell in battle here on the 27th May 1813, were again decorated.

Since November 1896 the historical room has been open to the public for two hours every Saturday, and over four hundred visitors have recorded their names; many from distant cities. This has materially benefited our Society, affording an opportunity for the sale of our pamphlets, and has led to numerous contributions to our collection, and increased interest. We have now on our walls eighty frames containing pictures or documents. There are at present about eight hundred articles, some of them very valuable relics, nearly all relating to this neighborhood, but some have been sent from Manitoba, Wisconsin and Scotland. Our collection is particularly rich in pictures of the town, papers, pamphlets and books printed here in early days.

A short historical article has appeared each week in the local paper, with list of articles contributed. Cases and frames have been donated, and to Mr. Boyle, of the Ontario Archaeological Museum, Toronto, we are indebted for much valuable advice and assistance.

Two pamphlets have been issued during the year, making three since our formation, and a fourth is in the press, each containing illustrations. A grant from the Provincial Government has been given us, also a small grant from the County Council, otherwise we would not have been able to publish as extensively as we have done.

A partial catalogue has been printed and five hundred circulars sent out to members of the U. E. Loyalist families *re* monument, and we intend to petition the Dominion and Provincial Governments for assistance. The circulars ask advice as to form of monument, and it

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