

historic relics, etc., should be held. Owing, however, to lack of funds and fear of incurring liability beyond the sum of \$50 voted for the printing of circulars, etc., no action was taken beyond a resolution that the Exhibition should be held under the auspices of the Ontario Historical Society. This naturally resulted in a deadlock. Reluctant to give up, the Committee, Lady Edgar (Mr. C. C. James having resigned the chair, but remaining a member), Miss Mickle, Mr. Brant-Sero and your Secretary met and decided to make an effort to procure funds sufficient to warrant the undertaking. A meeting was called on March 8th, 1899. It was attended by twenty-eight ladies and gentlemen, the former in the majority and all members of your Society.

The report of what had already been done was read and approved, and a resolution passed that "if the small balance in the hands of the Cabot Celebration Committee from the grant of \$1,000 made it by the Provincial Legislature, could be secured, a free building and a guarantee fund of \$1,000 against loss, obtained, the Exhibition should be held by the Women's Canadian Historical Society with the aid and co-operation of the present meeting. This action received the hearty endorsement of your Society at the regular meeting on April 6th.

Meanwhile, with the kindly exerted interest of the Hon. G. W. Allan, Mr. O. A. Howland, the Hon. G. W. Ross and the Rev. Provost Welch, the sum of \$265 balance from the grant above referred to was secured. With this, \$35 balance of the \$50 voted by the Ontario Historical Society, and the generous placing at our service of Victoria College, Queen's Park, by the Rev. Dr. Potts and his Board, your Society undertook to hold the Exhibition. *

On April 6th Mr. J. H. Coyne, President of the Ontario Society, addressed your meeting, and claimed that although the means for carrying out the Exhibition could not be provided by his Society, the committees named at the meeting of March 8th were but an enlarged committee of the original one appointed by his Society, and that the Exhibition must still be held under the auspices of the Ontario Historical Society. Your Society being affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society, and both working for the same ends, regarded this as immaterial, and consented.

From that date until, on June 14th, the first Canadian Historical Exhibition held in Canada was opened, and until its close, on July 1st, a large part of the work was done by members of your Society.

As many kind words have been said of my personal influence and share in the undertaking by Mr. Coyne, Lady Edgar, a number of the visitors from different parts of the Dominion, and others, who judged by the reports in the public press and the catalogue of the magni-

* A donation of \$5 from the Rev. Dr. Briggs, \$5 from Mrs. McLaren, Perth, and a grant of \$100 from the Ontario Government were received later, a few days before the opening of the Exhibition.