

T. F. Fotheringham was President and J. W. Cassidy Eastern Secretary, and T. W. Nisbet Secretary for Ontario and the West.

When it was rumoured that the Earl of Aberdeen, our esteemed President, was likely to be appointed Governor-General of Canada, the Brigade workers here hoped and prayed that it might indeed be so, for we felt sure he would be a tower of strength to the movement; and we have not been disappointed. His Excellency's coming among us directed attention to the Brigade throughout a much wider circle, and the influence which he at once publicly exerted in its favor set people everywhere asking "What is The Boys' Brigade?" and when he announced that he had invited Mr. W. A. Smith to visit this country, we were encouraged to expect that the work would receive a great impetus. We were not disappointed, for wherever he held meetings warm friends were raised up to support the work.

The first result of Mr. Smith's work among us was the holding of a conference in Toronto on 26th March, 1895, at which there were present representative Officers from St. John, N.B., Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Ottawa and Sarnia, Ont., and letters of regret and concurrence were read from Montreal, Que., St. Catharines and Berlin, Ont., and Victoria, B.C. The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham was elected Chairman, and T. W. Nisbet Secretary of the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Rev. John Young, of Toronto.

The Constitution of the parent Brigade, with some slight alteration, was adopted as the Constitution of The Boys' Brigade in Canada.

The following Officers were then elected:

President—His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., St. John, N.B.; Rev. J. H. Dixon, Montreal; Hon. Senator Allan, Toronto; Major Walker, Calgary.

For Manitoba and British Columbia (the President was asked to nominate men to fill the office for these Provinces).

Brigade Secretary and Treasurer—T. W. Nisbet, Sarnia.