

The Wisconsin Historical Society has also published documents from the Canadian Archives covering 226 octavo pages, while the Vermont Society has printed a series relating to the obscure negotiations between General Haldimand and Ethan Allan in 1780-1, forming 200 pages of the second volume of its collection.

These extensive publications make the work of most Canadian societies seem insignificant in comparison.

The Nova Scotia Historical Society has, however, published four small volumes containing in the aggregate 724 pages, and in 1894 the New Brunswick Society issued the initial volume of its collections forming 152 pages. The Literary and Historical Society of Quebec has published four volumes, which, however, contain little of historical significance.

The Society for Historical Studies, of Montreal, has published Gerald Hart's essay on the "Fall of New France," and the Chateauguay Literary and Historical Society W. D. Lighthall's meritorious account of the battle of Chateauguay. The Government of Québec has printed no less than eight stout volumes of historical documents relating to French Canada. Several very valuable historical essays, both in English and French, have appeared in the transactions of the Royal Society.

Coming to Ontario we find that the Canadian Institute and the Canadian Military Institute, of Toronto, have printed several papers of value, but the purely historical societies with a single exception have accomplished little in the way of publication beyond the usual annual report. The Centennials Committee did good service in printing the list of United Empire Loyalists obtained from the Crown Land Office.

The formation of numerous local historical societies in affiliation with the Provincial Society is an encouraging sign. These may most effectually promote historical research by collecting and printing documents relating to their respective localities, and the preservation of records and objects of historic interest. An excellent example has been set in this direction by the publication of "Simcoe's Letter to Sir Joseph Banks," and "Capt. Littlehale's Journal," by your Honorary President, the venerable Dr. Scadding. A series of documents illustrating Canadian history published in a form similar to the admirable "Old South Leaflets," would be of great value and might well be undertaken by this Society.

The Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society has published seventeen numbers of its transactions containing several papers of much historic interest.

In forming an estimate of the work of individual authors the first place must unquestionably be assigned to Dr. Wm. Kingsford, whose valuable and comprehensive History of Canada is now approaching completion. Two smaller works from the same pen, "Canadian Archæology," and the "Early Bibliography of Ontario," also deserve attention.

The learned Clerk of the House of Commons, Dr. J. G. Bourinot has published a "Manual of the Constitutional History of Canada," "Federal