

YORK PIONEERS' SOCIETY.

Report of the Secretary of the York Pioneers' Society at the annual meeting, held in Toronto, 6th March, 1900, a copy of which is respectfully forwarded to the Ontario Historical Society.

This, the last annual meeting of the York Pioneer and Historical Society for the present century, cannot fail to hold more than usual interest to those who have in their own lives witnessed wonderful changes in the world at large, and, may it not be added, still more wonderful changes in what we are all proud to call "This Canada of ours."

Many of the visitors that thronged the old cabin at the Exhibition grounds last September were particularly struck with the great difference between Governor Simcoe's Council House of a hundred years ago and the present Council House of Ontario.

Whilst the century, upon whose outer verge we now stand, has seen powers that once were strong, and took important parts in the world's great drama, go down in the strife, it is a matter for profound gratitude that the Empire to which we are so ardently attached, and never more loyally than at the present moment, has been making steady progress in all that goes to make a nation great and good.

The York Pioneers, as a friendly Society, bound together with a golden thread of present recollections, early struggles and early success, has had nothing very unusual in its year's history. Four of our honored members have preceded us to "The country from whose bourne no traveller returns," one, removing from the country, has withdrawn. The names of six good and worthy men have been added to our roll.

Our exhibit at the Industrial Fair was well patronized this year, as it was last, and was in several features considerably improved. It was, however, a matter of regret that the usual gathering on "Pioneers' Day" was somewhat lessened by the heavy rain, preventing invited guests and many old friends, who in early days would have thought little of a wet jacket, from being with us.