

## INTRODUCTORY.

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Since the commencement of the present series of the Society's publications several of the old members who took an active interest in the proceedings of the Society and its objects have died.

Gilbert Murdoch, C. E., a former vice-president, died on the 28th May, 1894. Mr. Murdoch took great interest in historical research. He was for many years chief engineer of the water and sewerage department of the city, and was a very valuable member of the community.

Alfred H. DeMille, barrister, died December 4, 1895. Mr. DeMille was interested in old city history, and a contributor to our Historical records. Shortly before his death he read before the Society a very interesting paper on the "Martello Tower," in Carleton.

G. Ludlow Robinson, died February 13, 1896. Mr. Robinson was a descendant of a prominent old Loyalist family—his paper in the "Loyalist Centennial Souvenir," issued by the Society—on the "Mayor who died in office" (Hon. John Robinson), is a valuable contribution to city history.

Robert W. Crookshank, died October 17, 1897. He was one of the founders of the N. B. Historical Society. Universally respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens. He was greatly interested in the objects of our Society, and in its early days was most diligent in endeavouring to place it on a successful footing.

Wm. K. Crawford died March, 1898. Mr. Crawford was a very worthy citizen—descendant of a Loyalist family in Kings County, but engaged in business in St. John from his early youth. He was for many years treasurer of the Society, and did much to place its finances on a substantial basis.

During the past few years the Society has increased its membership, and has actively carried out the purposes for which it was organized.

Many papers of valuable historical reference have been read at their meetings—a list of which is given herewith, and which will be published from time to time as circumstances will permit.

The members have also interested themselves in all subjects of a historical nature in the city and elsewhere in the province.