

Barlow Cumberland Again President Of the Ontario Historical Society

Convention Concluded Yesterday
—Interesting Paper on the
Middlesex Pioneers.

The annual convention of the Ontario Historical Society closed yesterday afternoon, and the delegates who attended are unanimous in stating that the meeting was one of the most interesting and instructive that has been held.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland, of Port Hope, the able and energetic president, was again elected to fill that office, and was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for the splendid manner in which he has carried on the work.

The selection of the remaining officers was left in the hands of the executive committee, who met again in two weeks.

Interesting Papers.

A number of most interesting papers were read during the day, among others being "Thamesville and the Battle of Moravianburg," by Mrs. Catherine B. Coutts; "A History of Fort Malden" by Mr. Francis Cleary, president of the Essex Historical Society; "The Essex Centennial" by H. F. Gardner, of Brantford, and a paper on the "Pioneers of Middlesex" by Mr. Thomas Champion, of the Toronto Telegram.

During the early part of the afternoon, the delegates visited the home of Mr. J. Tane, and were greatly delighted with his splendid collection of relics and specimens.

Before closing the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Resolution of Thanks.

"This society in convention wishes to record its appreciation of the warm welcome extended by the acting mayor of the city of London, George W. Armstrong, and members of the city council for the warm manner in which they were officially received as guests of the Essex Historical Society, and to acknowledge the unbounded hospitality of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, and of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Leonard for the personal interest which they have both taken in the entertaining of the visitors.

"We would further express our appreciation of the singing of Mr. Cyril Dwight-Edwards, Miss McBride, the Huron College Quartet, and the little girls who sang at the Normal School."

Pioneers of Middlesex.

Mr. Champion's paper on "The Pioneers of Middlesex" was as follows: London, often spoken of as the Forest City, from the fact that when it was first laid out and for many years after it was first laid out, indeed, until a period well within living memory, there was a wide expanse of unbroken forest up to the very site which the beautiful city of the west now occupies.

In the year 1826 Thomas Talbot, Major Burwell, James Hamilton, Charles Ingersoll and John Matthews were appointed commissioners to erect county buildings in the town of London, in the Province of Upper Canada, which had been named as the county town of the county of Middlesex in the same Province.

Before going any further, a few words may be said about some of these commissioners. Thomas Talbot was the famous Col. Talbot, who came to Canada with Governor Simcoe in 1793, and eleven years later, in the year 1803, founded the town of St. Thomas. It would occupy more time than the Ontario Historical Society has at its disposal for the whole of its meeting to attempt to give any history of the famous Thomas Talbot. His whole life is bound up with the city of St. Thomas with the early settlers on Lake Erie, with the Talbot Settlement and the county of Elgin. He is one of the most notable characters of the early days of Upper Canada, in Ontario, and one could only deal efficiently with the circumstances of his advent in Canada and his subsequent sojourn here in a long series of papers.

Early Pioneers.

Mahlon Burwell, another of the commissioners, was a colonel of militia. He was one of the very earliest settlers on the shores of Lake Erie, the town of Port Burwell receiving its name from him.

James Hamilton was a member of the famous Niagara family of that name. They were 80 years ago greatly interested in the lake trade; built several steamers themselves and exercised a wide influence in the Province.

Charles Ingersoll was the founder of the town of Ingersoll, in the county of Oxford, where he was a very large land owner. Of John Matthews I do not possess any very accurate information.

Every student of Canadian history is aware that Governor Simcoe when he first visited Upper Canada had it in his mind to plant his capital on the River La Tranche, on the site now occupied by London. This idea, though, was speedily abandoned, and it was quite 30 years after Governor Simcoe's visit before the present city of London was founded.

In 1828 the first survey was made for the proposed town. The work was carried out by Col. Mahlon Burwell, assisted by Freeman Talbot and Benjamin Springer as chainbearers.

Everything must have a beginning, and the first beginning of the present city of London was very modest indeed, some two or three log cabins being the first houses erected.

Col. Talbot.

Col. Talbot had a very great deal to do with settling the place, he was apparently land commissioner, the patents all being in his hands, but it must also be admitted that the conditions entitling a proposed settler to a tract of land were not very rigid. They were the payment of the fee of £8 currency, or £12, upon the extent, with the additional condition that they built the house, the quality not being specified, though the size was to be 24 feet by 18. There were no stipulations as to it being a one or two story building, and it goes without saying that there were no sanitary regulations enforced, all the settler had to do was to pay the patent fee and build any kind of

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES BARGET IN COWS.

GOOD YIELD OF WESTERN WHEAT

Ninety Per Cent of Grain Along
Lines of the C. N. R. Has
Been Cut.

Winnipeg, Sept. 11.—The C. N. R. issued a crop report today showing that 90 per cent of the grain is cut along the road and thrashing is progressing rapidly. Grain is very satisfactory and turning out better than was expected.

The ballasting of the Brandon-Begina line of the C. N. R. will be completed in a month, and the road will then be handed over to the construction department and will be ready for operation," said Mr. William Mackenzie, president of the road, this morning after returning from a tour of inspection. Speaking of the Goose Lake extension, the president stated that there were between 20 and 40 miles of steel laid, and the line was surveyed for a distance of 120 miles to a point south of Solomon Lake.

"We also have a gang of workmen on the Oak Point line now, expect to have between 16 and 20 miles completed this fall. Work is also proceeding on the Thunder Hill line, which runs west from Swan River between the main and Prince Albert lines of the Canadian Northern."

Regarding crops, the president said he would not say the total of the wheat went well up to 120,000,000 bushels, but he would make no estimate, as he was not prepared to do so. He said there were plenty of cars and plenty of power on his line to handle all the crops grown in that section of the country. A remarkable change has occurred in the labor market during the past few days, following the commencement of thrashing, and now, instead of a surplus of men, there is actually a scarcity, and many points are unable to obtain sufficient to man the thrashing crews. Many points are wiring here for from twenty to forty men, but there are none here to send out.

The situation which caused so much adverse criticism when the harvesters were arriving is directly attributable to the policy of the farmers, who will not engage a man until the work is more than ready, preferring to let the opportunities pass to paying a few days extra wages.

It is evident there should have been no scarcity of employment for the harvesters when they arrived if the farmers had not been so parsimonious.

Mr. J. E. Dalrymple, assistant freight traffic manager of the G. T. P., said today that wheat is being marketed at twenty points along that line.

Portage La Prairie, Sept. 11.—The returns from the thrashers are better than anticipated. No yield has gone below twenty bushels, and the sample is No. 1 Northern.

MADE THEIR FEET SWELL.

Army Veteran Played at Doctor and the Law Got After Him.

Hamilton, Sept. 11.—A. T. Colville, an inspector of the London Life Insurance Company, was fined \$25 at the police court this morning for practicing medicine contrary to the Ontario medical act. It was shown that he gave medicine to two women and whose homes he had called in collecting insurance. After taking the medicine their feet began to swell, and the medical council, hearing of the case, started a prosecution. Colville, who served with the British army in India, being shot in a battle, claimed that his medicine was compounded of Indian herbs. He said that he did not prescribe for the women or attempt to diagnose their cases, but simply recommended his own medicine for which he charged \$1 per bottle, including six weeks' treatment. The magistrate did not think it a flagrant violation of the act, and gave him time to pay his fine, which is the smallest that could be imposed.

FOSTER AND WIGLE

Addressed Audiences at Essex and Leamington Yesterday.

Essex, Sept. 11.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster addressed meetings here and at Leamington today. Mr. Borden's lieutenant stuck to his usual line of talk, alleged graft and corruption in Government circles. He was accompanied by the Conservative nominee for South Essex, Darius Wigle, the combination is not an attractive or strong one, and drew small audiences, the attempt to arouse some enthusiasm falling flat.



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Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m., *3:40 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:23 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).

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