

Registrar ; C. O. Ermatinger, Q.C., Junior Judge ; K. W. McKay, County Clerk, and W. Atkin, Inspector of Schools, have exerted themselves to popularize the study of the early records, with the result that the County Council, the Public School Teachers, and the Pupils, are very extensively interested and the general public are taking an increasing interest from year to year in the objects of the Institute.

Mr. Atkin, the President, in his official visits to the School Sections, is zealous and active in stimulating the teachers and students to collect and record the reminiscences of the early settlers, before it is too late.

The attention of the officers of the Institute being largely engrossed with these local histories, during the past year only one paper was read by a member of the Institute, "The First Exploration of Lake Erie," being a topographical paper on Galinee and Dollier de Casson's route along the north shore in 1669-70, identifying the important places mentioned by the former in his narrative, by James H. Coyne, B.A.

The officers of the Institute for the year 1896 7, are as follows:—

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The first pioneer in the County of Elgin having settled in Aldborough in 1796, it is proposed to commemorate the event in a suitable manner.