

YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Niagara, June 2nd, 1897.

The annual meeting opened at 2 p.m. The President, Dr. Scadding, in the chair. Fifteen members present.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

President.—Rev. H. Scadding, D.D.

Vice-Presidents.—1st, Wm. Rennie. 2nd, Eli Crawford. 3rd, D. B. Read. 4th, W. H. Doel. 5th, C. McCaffry.

Treasurer.—E. M. Morphy.

Secretary.—Rev. W. W. Colpitts.

Executive Committee.—Dudley Jessop, Chairman, John Wilson, George Charlton, T. W. Elliot, T. E. Champion, Capt. W. McLean, John R. Bull, A. Wilson.

For the past year the average attendance of members at the monthly meetings was 24, being two, monthly, above the past year. The number of deceased amount to eleven, as follow:—Thomas Taylor, John Duncan, T. W. Anderson, Sidney Hamilton, Thos. Humbers'one, J. Iredale, Quetton St. George, John Baxter, S. H. Defries, J. C. Fitch, and John Fipps. The new members that have joined the Society during the year amount to 23: their names are Jas. McMillan, E. H. D. Butler, Neil McEachren, Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, Robert Lawson, John Kemp, Wm. Kelly, J. G. Hodgins, Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, Col. R. B. Hamilton, B. B. Hughes, Wm. Greenside, H. J. Gray, Capt. W. Fahey, James Eagin, C. A. Denison, Wm. Close, James Cruikshank, R. T. Coady, W. J. Bull, A. Barker, and W. Anderson.

At the April meeting the question of the proposed monument in honor of Governor Simcoe was introduced. Mr. D. B. Read read a paper by the President, entitled "A Prelude to the Story of Castle Frank, Toronto." It was announced at the May meeting that the Government had voted \$2,000 towards the erection of a monument in honor of Governor Simcoe.

The President, at the June meeting, mentioned that the day of our meeting was the birthday of King George the III, being the 4th of June.

The annual excursion took place on the 18th, when the society enjoyed a very pleasant outing at Lorne Park. At the June meeting Mr. Charles Durand gave a brief but most interesting address on his reminiscences of public life in Canada since 1820. He was listened to with attention and highly applauded.