

THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN CANADA.

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ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN TORONTO ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1896.

The Council met in the rooms of The Upper Canada Bible House at 3.15 p.m., on Wednesday, 9th September.

Present :—His Excellency, the Earl of Aberdeen, President, in the chair ; Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., St. John, N.B. ; Rev. J. H. Dixon, Montreal ; Rev. W. A. Hunter, Toronto ; Rev. John Young, Hamilton ; Rev. F. H. DuVernet, Toronto Junction ; and Messrs. Geo. Menzies, Owen Sound ; W. H. Draper, Hamilton ; Wm. Black, Belleville ; W. G. Blake, St. Catharines ; R. J. Webster, Glencoe ; C. J. Atkinson, Arthur J. Martin, W. B. Geddes, and Lt.-Col. R. B. Hamilton, Toronto, and T. W. Nisbet, Brigade Secretary.

At the request of the chairman, the meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. J. H. Dixon.

The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Executive Committee, as follows :—

The Executive Committee, in presenting their first Annual Report, think it well to put on record a short account of the history of The Brigade in Canada prior to their election to office, and of the circumstances which led thereto :—