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The Thorold and Beaverdams Historical Society held during the year a large number of meetings.

On the 24th of June, 1896, a public meeting was held to commemorate the Battle of Beaverdams. A programme of patriotic speeches and songs was provided. A banner was presented to the Boys' Brigade by Miss Fitz-Gibbon, and a very successful meeting was the result.

In 1897 no public meeting was held on the anniversary of the Battle of Beaverdams, all energy being concentrated on the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, which came so near the date of the battle that the Society judged it wise to hold no celebration this year.

The Society has during the year undertaken the preparation and publication of a history of the town and township of Thorold. This work, a somewhat ambitious one, is all complete with the exception of portions of three chapters. The Society hopes to have the work published and bound ready for delivery in autumn. The time of the Society has been taken up in reading the various chapters and investigating doubtful points. The Society received a grant of \$50 from the County Council to aid in bringing out the local history.

From the above you may glean such facts as you deem worthy of mention in your annual report.

Yours truly,

A. W. REAVLEY,

Secretary-Treasurer.