

REPORT OF MONUMENTS AND TABLETS COMMITTEE.

137 AVENUE ROAD,

TORONTO, June 4th, 1900.

In presenting our second annual statement it is regrettable that better progress has not been made towards the erection of a monument to Laura Secord. At our last meeting in September we had received \$307.96, and now have \$451.71, including \$162.70 from historical societies, \$58.81 from the one cent collection in schools, and \$44.00 from various regiments and military societies. There is also a sum of \$300.00 in the hands of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Toronto. Owing to illness since December last the Convener has been unable to do anything towards increasing this amount, and we shall now have to decide whether the monument will be erected with the money on hand or try to increase the amount to \$1,000.

Again we refer to the letter written by Mr. M. M. Fenwick, B.A., on July 26th, 1887, in the *Toronto World*, and to his having collected the first money (in the Niagara Falls South High School) towards a monument to be erected over the grave of Laura Secord, and also say that all the money recently collected has been for the erection of a monument *over the grave of Laura Secord in Lundy's Lane cemetery*, as Mrs. Curzon intended and as it was promised her should be done. Other monuments should follow to mark the battlefield of Beaver-Dams, when the names of the brave FitzGibbon and Laura Secord may be united.

May we direct the attention of the Ontario Historical Society to the approaching year 1912, and ask what we are prepared to do towards the celebration of that centennial? Are we to let it find unknown the memories of the many brave men who fought for Canadian freedom? Is the victor of Queenston Heights, General Roger Sheaff, never to have a suitable memorial? Why cannot a beautiful fountain be erected at Queenston to his memory? Fort Malden, where the first battle of the war was fought, is still