

Other encouragements we have had. The Mayor kindly allowed the use of his office for our first meetings. The town council granted the use of the old library room. A large case was presented by Mr. Long for our collection of curios, our large table by Mrs. Servos, a case for weapons by Mr. Jno. D. Servos, chairs by the members and other articles. Contributions have come in rapidly; such valuable historic relics as General Brock's cocked hat, obtained from Mrs. Herbert Ball, through the kindness of Mr. Alfred Ball; and the sword surrendered at the Taking of Fort Niagara by our troops in 1813, from Mr. Alexander Servos; papers printed in Niagara 1794, presented by Mr. C. Ball, and many other articles form the nucleus of what we hope may become an extensive and valuable collection. Our curator, Mr. Wilkinson, has nobly performed his task and deserves our hearty thanks. The work of correctly and neatly labelling and entering 250 articles is no slight one.

In collecting I have taken as my special work the books, papers, pamphlets printed in Niagara in early days, and am happy to say that so far I have been very successful, though much is yet to be done.

And now for what we hope to do. The respected president of the L. E. H. S., Canon Bull, has assured us that the greatest cause of its vitality is its publications, and thus it has earned the right to receive grants from the county and the province, has thus disseminated useful and valuable historical information. It has also honored the names of brave men, has put in order the cemetery, the scene of the battle, has by its persistent efforts obtained from the Dominion Government the erection of the handsome monument to those who fell for their country. Canon Bull, in his address a year ago, advocated the erection in Niagara of a memorial of the landing of the U. S. Loyalists, with the names of the refugees, at the spot on the beach where many of them landed, and this would be a legitimate work for us. The preservation of our forts and historic spots is another worthy object of our ambition, and we rejoice that already a step has been taken in that direction. That our constitution should be printed is almost a necessity, and we hope some day to print a catalogue of the articles in our collection. The Provincial Historical Association which met this year at Hamilton is to meet in Niagara next year in June, and this, it is hoped, may stir up a greater feeling of interest. Let us unite to give them a hearty welcome. We hope to obtain from the County Council and the Provincial Government a small grant for printing purposes, as we already have other historical documents to print. It may thus be seen that we have much work before us. Let us all then enter on this new year with renewed zeal, each trying to advance the interests of the Society, helping it to make history, to encourage the young, to inspire the old, to develop love of country. Let us sink minor differences and follow our motto, "The Love of Country Guides." The great apostle gives in the same breath the command, "Fear God, Honor the King," and Moses and Paul breathed out the truest patriotism when they wished to perish to save their country. We are not asked now to die for our country, but let us work for her, let us live for her. We feel that as a Society we have much reason for thankfulness for what we have been able to accomplish in less than a year, and should the same zeal, the same hearty support be given in the ensuing year as in the last we shall have reason to feel ashamed of our record.