

against giving up the land around the military ruins at Fort Erie to a neighboring club, asking that this spot as well as Fort George and Fort Mississagua may be put into the hands of the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners to improve, preserve and keep in order, as is the case with Brock's Monument Grounds.

Our last work has been the making a collection of pictures of the early settlers, either men or women, who have been in any way noted on the Niagara peninsula. The originals, whether oil painting, miniature, water color, silhouette or ambrotype, have been photographed and we now have a collection of over thirty framed in two large frames with a slight descriptive notice.

During the year we issued two pamphlets of about fifty pages each, containing the following articles, with three illustrations each:

No. 5.—Sermon, by Rev. R. Addison (about 1816). "Historic Houses," by A. Servos, J. McKenzie, C. Taggart, Palatine Hill; and "Evolution of an Historical Room," by Janet Carnochan.

No. 6.—Niagara Library, 1800 to 1820; "Early Schools of Niagara," by Janet Carnochan.

No. 7 is in the hands of the printer, to continue the series begun in No. 5, "Historic Houses."

And now for what we desire to do and feel to be imperatively necessary, but our funds will not permit. We fondly hope that the rich and prosperous Province of Ontario may seriously set itself to the task of assisting in historic work. In several States of the Union, notably that of Wisconsin, thousands of dollars are given annually for this purpose. We feel sure that this would be money well spent, yielding a rich harvest of valuable information, patriotic feeling, pride in our country. While we are justly proud of our brave Canadian boys, who have been writing history with their rifles and their swords, enduring so many hardships for the safety of our Empire, let us gather up what we can of the history of their progenitors, whether on battlefield, or mart, or lonely farmhouse, who did so much for the integrity of the Empire.

We should like, then, to be able to mark even with a slight memorial brass tablet or inscribed stone, various historic spots in our neighborhood, such as the first grave of Brock at Fort George, the site of King's Wharf, Government House, Navy Hall, Indian Council House, Brock's Stone, Rifle Pits, the spot near Fort Mississagua where so many fell defending their country on 27th May, 1813, and other historic spots fast fading from recollection. John Ross Robertson, M.P., has lately discovered the site of the graves of Gen. Prideaux