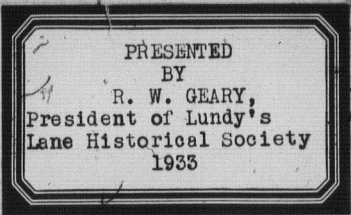


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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Lundy's Lane

Historical Society.

The Executive Committee beg to present the following report of the Society's proceedings since the last anniversary, and to give expression of steadfast loyalty to both Queen and Country.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Society held no open meetings during the past winter, but have been enabled to publish another most important pamphlet of 114 pages, entitled "Butler's Rangers, and Settlement of Niagara." For the first time the story of the battles and marches, the privations and sufferings of the founders of our Province is told from a truthful and sympathetic point of view.

We affirm that an important blank in the history of the Revolutionary period has now been filled. The work is based on unpublished and official documents, and contains a complete history of the formation and exploits of the famous corps of "Butler's Rangers."

The Committee are pleased to observe an increasing demand for the Society's publications, and must soon proceed to issue new editions. To the Society's able contributors of literary work sincerest thanks are accorded. To them the Society is wholly indebted for its prominent position among the Historical Societies of Ontario. It is right, therefore, that we here place on record the names of Capt. Ernest Cruikshank, of Wm. Kirby, Mrs. Curzon, Miss Carnochan, Rev. E. J. Jessenden, as able and faithful writers of Canadian History.

The Committee would, however, still urge upon the Provincial Historical Society of Ontario the duty of assuming the publication of such books, for obvious reasons, aided, as doubtless it should be, by an annual grant from the Provincial Legislature.

MONUMENTS.

The Committee regret to report that no action has yet been taken towards the erection of a Monument on Lundy's Lane Battle Ground of 1814. The Committee also regret that the fund for the Laura Secord Monument is insufficient in order to proceed with its erection at this time. The co-operation of School Inspectors, Teachers and children of Lincoln and Welland Counties has been too feeble to admit of any worthy action by the Society. We still live in hope, and trust that ere long our men of Parliament, our fellow subjects, and our school children will learn more to appreciate their grand country, its pioneers and founders, for then will honor be felt — and given to whom honor is due. Monuments of a national character or of individual renown are expressions of a people's gratitude.

The Treasurer of the Laura Secord Monument fund reports the following statement of receipts since December last:

Alex. Muir, Toronto.....	\$ 1 00
Rev. Canon Bull, M.A.	1 00
A. Lawrence, Welland.....	1 00
Toronto Lodge No. 2, Sons of Canada.....	5 00
Chippawa Public School.....	5 00
Lundy's Lane Public School.....	1 17
Mrs. Daintry and daughters, Cobourg.....	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Reaveley, Port Robinson.....	50
Rev. T. I. Nichol, New York.....	5 00
School Section No. 7, Falls View.....	3 00
High School, Niagara.....	2 50
Port Robinson Public School.....	4 00
Ridgeway Public School.....	6 00
Previously deposited in Imperial Bank, Welland, for Monument.....	62 65
Total.....	\$98 82

PATRIOTIC BENEVOLENT FUND.

The President of the L.L.H.S. has been acting Treasurer of a Patriotic Benevolent Fund, and on this occasion desires us to say that he has received special donations from Toronto Public School teachers to the amount of \$40, and a friend \$30, making a total of \$70, which amount has been accepted by two infirm granddaughters of the heroine—Laura Secord of 1813. Chas. A. Clarke, Esq., Guelph, has kindly presented the above amount to those ladies.

OLD FARM BURIAL PLACES.

A few of our Society's zealous young men are desirous of forming Observation parties for the purpose of obtaining notes of old places of burial—such as the Peter Servos, Col. Butler, Peter Ball, Hamilton family grounds, etc., in Lincoln and Welland counties. One report has lately been received by us, and published.

A SECOND DISCOVERY OF A BURIAL TRENCH OF 1814.

On April 22nd last a discovery of soldiers' remains of 1814 was made by Thomas Bowman and nephew William Bowman, on Mrs. Lowell's grounds, opposite the post office at Lundy's Lane corner. In digging a post-hole they found remains of three men of the Royal Scots Regiment, as plainly indicated by several buttons then gleaned from the sand. The Society, through its zealous Vice President, John A. Orchard, has given careful attention, as on a former occasion, in order that a respectful re-interment be made in the presence of members and friends of the Society to-day.

RELICS.

Since the last anniversary several relics of 1812 have been added to our collection, as cannon balls, bayonets, muskets and swords.

LUNDY'S LANE NEW OBSERVATORY.

The Committee desire to state that the Society has encouraged the organization of a Joint Stock Company, limited, for the erection of an observatory at an elevation of 103 feet, on ground opposite the cemetery. The Committee cannot fail to remark that the new observatory will prove of very great benefit to the Society, not as a monument, but as a place from which the Lundy's Lane Battle Ground and the whole country for miles around can be viewed—a panorama including the Falls and River, vineyards, orchards and gardens, pretty residences and charming grounds of the village and Stamford. Besides, the Society will now be able to establish a museum of relics of old times, and to place on sale the various publications as issued from time to time.

What splendid lessons of loyalty of the past are suggested to British-Canadians looking out upon the land around the famous hill and from the high ground of Lundy's Lane, and from the fine tower now erected. The fields, vineyards, gardens and pretty grounds are now full of July vigor and beauty, and providential peace and prosperity reign here. What a fervent spirit of gratitude should be stirred up within us to the first settlers of 1783 in this district, and to the heroes of 1812-14, that will far exceed words to express.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUNDY'S LANE, July 25, 1893.