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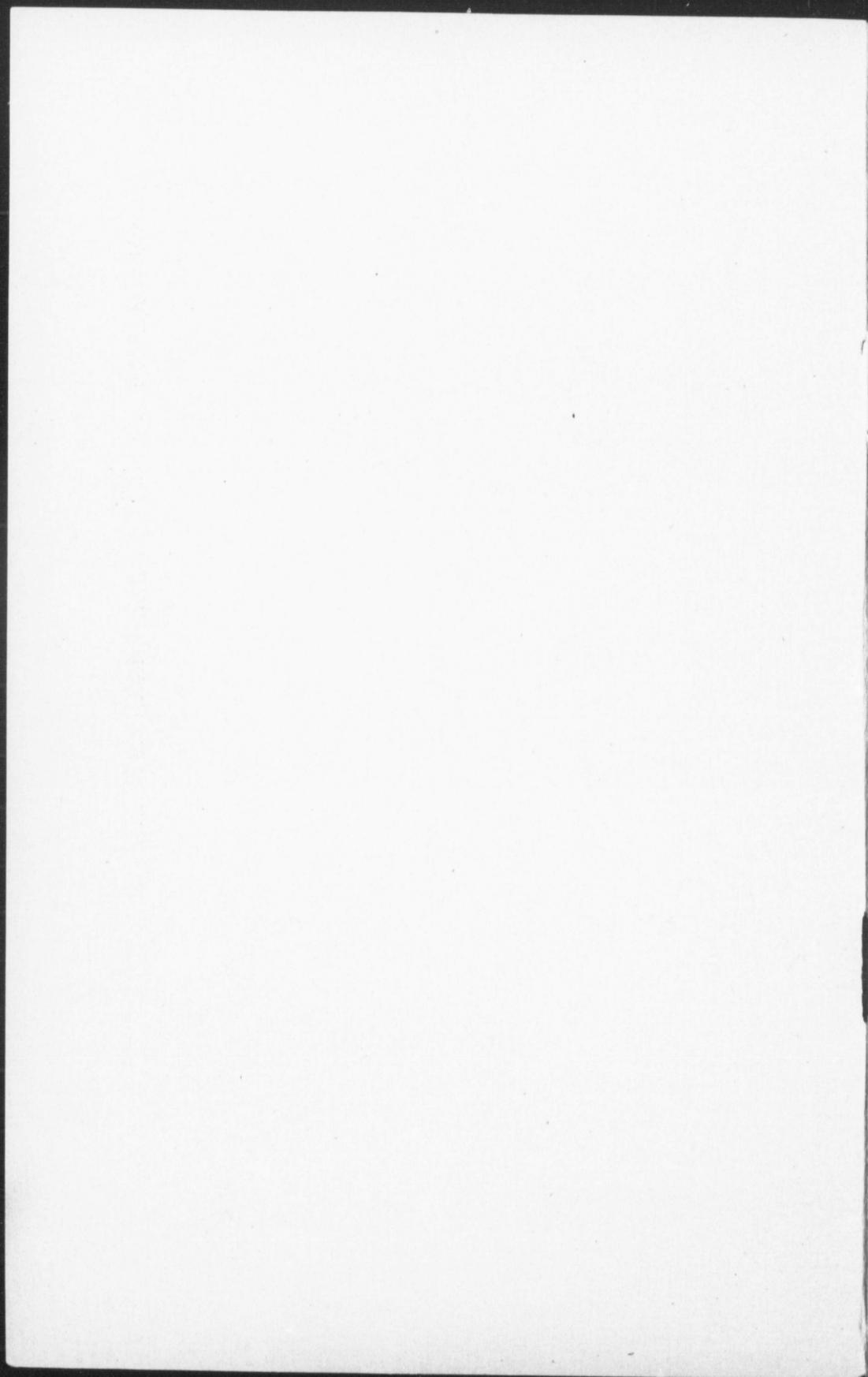
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JOSEPH J. GREENE, HAMILTON.
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Auditors.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

EMBODYING THE CONSTITUTION AND
BY-LAWS OF THE

Royal Canadian Humane Association,

Held in the School-room of the Centenary Methodist Church, in
the City of Hamilton, Ontario, on Thursday, the
10th of December, 1896.

PRESENT: Mr. Adam Brown, President, in the chair; Mr. J. W. Murton, Hon. Secretary; Major H. McLaren, Treasurer; Mr. Richard Fuller, of Hamilton; Mr. Jos. J. Greene, of Hamilton; Mr. Charles Black, of Niagara Falls; Rev. Dr. A. Burns, of Hamilton; Rev. J. V. Smith, D. D., of Hamilton; Rev. Thos. Geoghegan, of Hamilton; Mr. Geo. Roach, of Hamilton; Mr. John Crerar, Q. C., of Hamilton; Mr. Geo. A. Young, of Hamilton; Capt. Campbell, of Hamilton Beach, and a number of ladies and gentlemen of the City and of Toronto, besides several of those who had formerly received medals, and several other parties who were there to have medals and certificates conferred upon them.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and, on motion, confirmed.

Letters of regret were read by the Secretary from J. Geo. Hodgins, L.L. D., of Toronto; Mrs. S. G. Wood, of Toronto; W. D. Andrews, of Toronto; Jas. W. Commeford, of Toronto; also from a number of others, excusing themselves for not being present to receive medals, etc., which they were to have received this evening.

A telegram was read from Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Premier of Canada, consenting to present a number of medals and certificates to parties residing in Ottawa and Hull.

An extract from a letter written by the Honorable Mrs. Lambert, of Ottawa, was read, showing that a boy who had been apparently drowned was resuscitated by a man who had learned the method of doing so from one of the posters of this Association.

The Secretary then read his report, which was as follows :

To the Governors of the Royal Canadian Humane Association :

Your Executive Committee have to report that since the 21st May last, the date upon which was held our last meeting, and which took the place of the annual meeting, that ought to have been held in December, 1895, the Association has faithfully prosecuted the humane work.

This period has covered that part of the year in which may be expected many accidents, being what is generally known or termed "the drowning season," and the past summer has been no exception in this respect.

There have been, during these seven months, as the list below will show, a large number of cases of heroic and devoted conduct brought under the notice of your committee, the most of which they have been enabled to present to the Board of Investigating Governors for their decision, and these gentlemen have examined into them most carefully, and have awarded the actors in them in a manner, we think, will meet with the approval of every member.

We have again to report the generous gift of the Hon. W. E. Sanford of the "Sanford Gold Medal," and also of Lady Grant, of Ottawa, of a beautiful silver medal; these are included among those awards mentioned above, and have been given to those whose acts of bravery and heroism were considered by the Governors as deserving of special consideration.

We have applied for grants to the Dominion Government, and have also made special appeals to the Local Legislatures of the various Provinces of the Dominion for assistance in our good work, and we have every reason to hope that our appeals will not be in vain.

As the work of this Association is co-extensive with the whole Dominion, and is one which must meet with the hearty approval of all just and generously-inclined men, we confidently expect that our patrons will be as numerous and as liberal in responding to our wants as the very many calls which are made upon us for recognition demand.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MURTON,
Hon. Sec'y R. C. H. A.

Hamilton, Dec. 10th, 1896.

**Cases of Awards made by the Investigating Governors
between the 23rd April and 1st December, 1896.**

NO. CASE.	DESCRIPTION OF CASES.	AWARDS.
51	MISS BLANCHE LAWLESS, MR. F. A. DIXON AND MR. GEO. R. CLELAND, of Ottawa, for prompt action and brave conduct in saving from drowning Miss Burbridge (daughter of Judge Burbridge), in the River Ottawa, June, 1896.	Bronze Medal to each. Presented by Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Premier.
52	WILLIAM TEBO, of Bruce Mines, for gallant conduct and bravery in saving William D. Fremlin from drowning, in an accident by falling through the ice when crossing from Markville, St. Joseph's Island, to Bruce Mines, December, 1895.	Bronze Medal. Presented by Rev. J. McConnell, of Bruce Mines.
53	<p>ETHEL SMITH, a young nurse girl, of Toronto, and GEO. A. McDUFF, of Orillia, for gallant conduct and pluck on the part of McDuff, and heroic courage and devotion on the part of the young girl in saving from perishing two children—a young lad of 9 years named Allan Galbraith, and a 13 months' baby girl named Patterson—when adrift in a small skiff, at the mercy of a terrible storm on Lake Simcoe, on the night of the 22nd July, 1896.</p> <p>Honorable mention is made of the conduct of the crew of the Barrie steam yacht, "Annie C. Hill," who patrolled the lake shore the whole night, and to the YOUNG LADY who pluckily volunteered and did accompany the mother of the baby on this boat, and who cheered and comforted her during her long and anxious hours of suspense. Also to ARTHUR CUDDAHY and JOHN STEEL, who patrolled the shore all night long on foot, and who found the boat before the occupants were discovered.</p>	Sanford Gold Medal to Ethel Smith. Presented at Annual Meeting by Adam Brown, Esq., President, and Testimonial on Parchment to McDuff. Presented by the Mayor of Orillia.

NO. CASE.	DESCRIPTION OF CASES.	AWARDS.
54	THOMAS BOYTER, SENIOR, and THOMAS BOYTER, JUNIOR, of Little Current, Manitoulin Island, for gallant conduct in going to the rescue and saving the lives of Herbert R. Herriman and William Helson, of Lindsay, from a capsized sail-boat, on Georgian Bay, 25th Oct., 1892.	Testimonial on Parchment. Presented by Isaac Turner, of Little Current.
55	JOHN GRANVILLE, of Southampton, for gallant conduct and bravery in jumping into the water with his clothes on, and at the risk of his life, saving a boy named Douglass Henry Moore, of Guelph, from drowning in Lake Huron, 24th July, 1895.	Bronze Medal. Presented by the Mayor of Southampton.
56	MASTER HARRY SCOFIELD, of Port Dover, for gallant conduct and bravery in saving (at the risk of his own life), from drowning in Lake Erie, at Port Dover, a little boy named Gordon Duthie, of Toronto, on 17 July, 1896.	Bronze Medal. Presented by the Mayor of Pt. Dover.
57	WILLIAM NABB, of Port Rowan, a youth of 18 or 19 years old, for prompt action and gallant conduct in going to the rescue of and saving from an upturned boat in Lake Erie, J. Warner Freure, his wife, young son and his cousin, a young woman, on 16th July, 1896.	Testimonial on Parchment. Presented by the Mayor of Pt. Dover.
58	HERBERT KINGSTONE and GEO. STRATHY, lads of 11 and 12 years, respectively, of Toronto, for prompt action and bravery in jumping into Lake Rosseau, with their clothes on, and saving a little girl Muriel Strathy, from drowning on the 8th August, 1896.	Bronze Medal to each. Presented at Toronto by Mrs. S. G. Wood.

NO. CASE.	DESCRIPTION OF CASES.	AWARDS.
59	PERCY and KENNETH BROAD-HEAD, of Hull, P. Q., lads of 10 and 12 years, for prompt action and gallant conduct in attempting to save a little boy named George Marston, who was drowned in the River Ottawa on 10th April, 1896.	Testimonial on Parchment to each. Presented by Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Premier, at Ottawa.
60	CHARLES RUMSEY, a young sailor of the Schooner Charlotte, of Jersey, for very prompt and brave conduct in jumping from his schooner into the sea at Gaspé, with all of his clothes on, and swimming to a drowning boy named Elias Couture, and saving him on 5th Sept., 1896.	Lady Grant Silver Medal.
61	MALCOLM C. MCINTYRE, of Mosa, for risking his life in endeavoring to save from his burning barn a tramp (who had evidently set the said barn on fire), and instead of trying to save his property, rushed into the flames to save this man, thereby nearly losing his own life, being very severely burned and laid up for many weeks, 17th Oct., 1893.	Bronze Medal. Presented by P. A. McDermid, J. P., Alvinston.
62	EDMOND JOLY DE LOTBINIERE, of Point Platon, P. Q., for prompt action and brave conduct in jumping into the sea, with all of his clothes on, and saving one named Edmond Lanageaux, who had fallen into the sea, 12th Sept., 1896.	Bronze Medal. Presented by His Hon. Governor Chapleau, of Quebec.
63	LOUIS BEAUCHAMP, of Hull, P. Q., for prompt action and gallant conduct in jumping into the canal in Ottawa, and saving one Joseph Lessard, who had been knocked into the canal by a load of laths falling on him, 5th May, 1896. Also for similar conduct in saving many other lives from drowning in previous years.	Bronze Medal. Presented by Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Premier. Testimonial on Parchment. Presented by Hon. Wilfred Laurier, Premier, Ottawa.

NO. CASE.	DESCRIPTION OF CASES.	AWARDS.
64	<p>ROLAND MAY, of St. Catharines, for very prompt action and gallant conduct in jumping into the canal at St. Catharines, and saving a lady named Mrs. Lindsay, of Ottawa, who had fallen from the Steamer Lakeside into the canal, on the night of 8th Sept., 1896.</p>	<p>Special Silver Medal. Presented by Charles Black, of Niagara Falls.</p>
65	<p>JOHN BERLINGHOFF and JOHN BURKE, of Bay View, Hamilton Bay, for prompt action and pluck in going to the rescue of four young men and saving them from drowning from their upturned boat in Hamilton Bay, 21st April, 1896.</p>	<p>Testimonial on Parchment to each. Presented by Adam Brown, Esq., President, at Annual Meeting.</p>
66	<p>HERBERT BLASKILL, of Burk's Falls, a lad of 15 years, for prompt action and brave conduct in jumping into the River Magnetawan, with his clothes on, and saving from drowning a lad named Percy Peck, on 26th June, 1896.</p>	<p>Bronze Medal. Presented by James Sharp, Esq., Burk's Falls.</p>
67	<p>MISS ISABELLA BARRY, of Trafalgar, for prompt action in going to the rescue of an old man named Solomon Castor, who had fallen into the River Credit, and would have drowned had it not been for the prompt assistance of Miss Barry, 29th April, 1896.</p>	<p>Testimonial on Parchment. Forwarded by Registered Letter to the Lady.</p>
68	<p>JOHN HAZELL, FRED. DEPEW, RICHARD HUTCHINSON, DAVID MCGILLIVRAY, of Hamilton, for their prompt and plucky conduct in going to the rescue of and saving of 9 men from drowning by the capsizing of a sail-boat, in Hamilton Bay, 17th May, 1896.</p>	<p>Testimonial on Parchment to each. Presented by Adam Brown, Esq., President, at Annual Meeting.</p>

On motion made by Mr. Sheriff Murton, seconded by Major McLaren, the Secretary's report was received and adopted.

The Treasurer, Major McLaren, then read his report, which was as follows :

**Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure of the Royal
Canadian Humane Association, from 1st Jan.,
1896, to 1st Dec., 1896.**

RECEIPTS.

8 Annual Subscriptions from Affiliated Societies.....	\$ 40 00
9 Annual Subscriptions from Yearly Governors	45 00
2 Donations.....	6 65
Balance from last year.....	191 36

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EXPENDITURE.

Stationery, Printing and Reports.....	\$29 93
Postage and Express.....	4 27
Medals and cases for same.....	22 32
Engraving Medals and Engrossing Certificates.....	32 30
Office Expenses.....	3 75
Investigating Governors' Expenses.....	14 28
Annual Meeting in Toronto	18 75
Lantern Slides	16 69
	\$142 29
Balance on hand 1st Dec., 1896	\$140 72

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) ALFRED POWIS,

Auditor.

On motion made by Major McLaren, seconded by the President, the Treasurer's report was received and adopted.

Report of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association, 21st May, 1896, to revise the Constitution, was received, submitting the following draft of a Constitution and By-laws, which was adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This organization shall be called the "Royal Canadian Humane Association." It shall consist of its own officers and the presidents of, and three representatives from, each local affiliated Humane Society, or Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, in Canada, as shall be nominated by the Society which they represent; of Governors of the Association for the year, and of Governors for life, who shall pay to the funds of the Association the prescribed fees.

2. § 1. The object of this Association is to meet for consultation with a view to procure unity and concert of action as will promote the purposes common to the societies for the prevention of cruelty, under whatever name they may be known; to exert its influence and aid in the establishment and encouragement of local humane and kindred societies throughout the Dominion; also to recognize and seek to procure suitable rewards for such acts of bravery, personal risk and hazard of life as are recognized by humane societies.

§ 2. To reward all persons who, with promptitude and bravery, and at personal risk or hazard of their own lives, saves, or makes strenuous efforts to save, the lives of others, in any of the following cases:

1. That of drowning.
2. That of boat accidents.
3. That of railway accidents.
4. That of accidents at fires.
5. That of ice accidents.
6. That of freezing exposure.
7. That of asphyxia in mines or wells.
8. That of attempts at life saving of persons struck by lightning or by dynamic electricity (live wires, etc.)
9. That of other unenumerated cases.

§ 3. Nature of the Association rewards:

Medals—of gold, silver and bronze.

Certificates—of parchment or vellum.

Money—rewards with certificates.

NOTE.—The medals shall have the words "Royal Canadian Humane Association" engraved or embossed on one side, and the name of the recipient and his act of bravery, personal risk and hazard of life inscribed in brief on the other. The certificates shall also have the particulars of the act for which they are given engrossed upon them.

3. The government of the Association shall consist of a President, and, as Vice-Presidents, the Presidents of the local affiliated societies; a Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive

Committee of seven members, who shall be elected at the annual meeting, and hold office for one year and until their successors are elected, with such powers and duties as shall be prescribed in the By-laws. Vacancies occurring in the Executive Council of the Association during the interval of the annual meetings may be filled by vote of the Council itself.

4. The Association shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in December in each year, and at such places and at such an hour as shall be determined at the preceding annual meeting, or by the Executive Council. The Council shall have power to change the time and place appointed for any annual meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President, on the requisition of five Governors.

5. Committee of Investigating Governors : There shall be a Committee of Five Governors of the Association—one of whom shall act as Secretary—who shall inquire into the particulars of all acts of bravery, personal risk or hazard of life in saving others, or attempting to do so, which may be reported to them, or on whose behalf application for reward for such bravery, risk or hazard has been made. This Committee, or any three of them, shall have full power, upon due enquiry, to decide upon all cases brought before them, and may make awards upon all such cases at their discretion. The particulars of each case of award shall be fully reported to the Association.

6. No officer, or agent, or member of this Association is authorized to incur any expense, debt, or pecuniary liability, on the part of this Association, without instructions from the Executive Committee.

7. No Article of this Constitution shall be amended or changed except by a vote of at least three-fourths of the delegates present at any regular annual meeting.

8. There shall be a Patron of this Association, who shall be Her Majesty's representative in Canada for the time being.

9. Honorary Governors may be elected at any annual meeting of this Association, on the recommendation of the Council.

10. An auditor shall be elected at each annual meeting of this Association.

11. The financial resources of this Association shall consist of subscriptions, donations, fees of members and legacies. The fees payable to this Association shall be :

- 1st—By affiliated humane and like kindred associations,
\$5.00 per annum.
- 2nd—By Governor of the Association for the year,
\$5.00 per annum.
- 3rd—By Governor of the Association for life, \$50.00.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President is the chief executive officer of this Association, with the usual powers and duties of such officer. In case of the absence or inability of the President to act, any one of the Vice-Presidents, or the chairman of the Executive Council, shall act in his place, or, in the case of the absence of such officers, then any member may be elected as chairman.

2. The Secretary shall perform the usual duties of such office.

3. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and payments, in books open at all times to the inspection of any member. He shall pay all orders of the Council upon presentation of the same; but no money shall be paid out by him excepting upon orders signed by the President or Acting-President, and Secretary. His accounts shall be audited annually.

4. The Executive Committee shall have full power to do all lawful things pertaining to the duties or objects of the Association not in conflict with the Constitution and purposes, except that they shall not incur any debt beyond the funds in the Treasury, or do any matter or thing to render the Association or any of its members liable. Four members shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman, or of the President of the Association, who shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees. Said Committee may appoint a Sub-Committee of its members, which Committee shall in all cases report to the General Committee.

5. The usual Parliamentary Rules shall apply to all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Council and Committee on Rewards.

6. The Association and the Executive Council have power to appoint committees within or outside of its number, to aid in its work.

7. Any By-law may be amended at any meeting by a majority of the members present.

On motion it was resolved that the next annual meeting be held at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Moved by Mr. Richard Fuller, seconded by Mr. Jos. Greene, and resolved,

That the following be elected for the ensuing year:

Adam Brown, President.

J. W. Murton, Sheriff of Wentworth, Secretary.

Major Henry McLaren, Hamilton, Treasurer.

Executive Committee: Officers of Association; Mrs. S. G.

Wood, Toronto; Henry De G. Robinson, Niagara Falls; J. M. Robertson, Galt; Mr. James Goldie, Guelph; Very Rev. Dean Innes, London; Mrs. Lake, Ottawa; Hon W. E. Sanford, and the Presidents of all affiliated societies. Carried.

Moved by Major McLaren, seconded by Mr. J. W. Murton, and resolved,

That the following be elected Investigating Governors for the ensuing year, Mr. Charles Black, of Niagara Falls, to be Secretary: H. P. Dwight, Toronto; A. S. Irving, Toronto; Joseph J. Greene, Hamilton; Richard Fuller, Hamilton; Charles Black, Niagara Falls. Carried.

Moved by Mr. George Roach, seconded by Mr. Charles Black, and resolved,

That the following be the Auditors of this Association for the ensuing year: J. J. Greene and Alfred Powis.

The President then delivered his address, in which he stated that the awards to parties in Ottawa would be presented by the Premier, Honorable Wilfred Laurier, and at other places by prominent gentlemen.

The following presentations of awards were made:

A certificate to John Burlinghoff, presented by Rev. J. V. Smith, D. D.

A certificate to John Burke, presented by Geo. Roach, Esq.

A certificate to Miss Barry, handed to Major McLaren to be forwarded to her.

A certificate to J. Hazel, presented by Rev. Dr. Burns.

A certificate to Fred. Depew, presented by Charles Black.

A certificate to D. McGillivray, presented by R. Fuller.

A certificate to Richard Hutchinson, presented by John Crerar, Q. C.

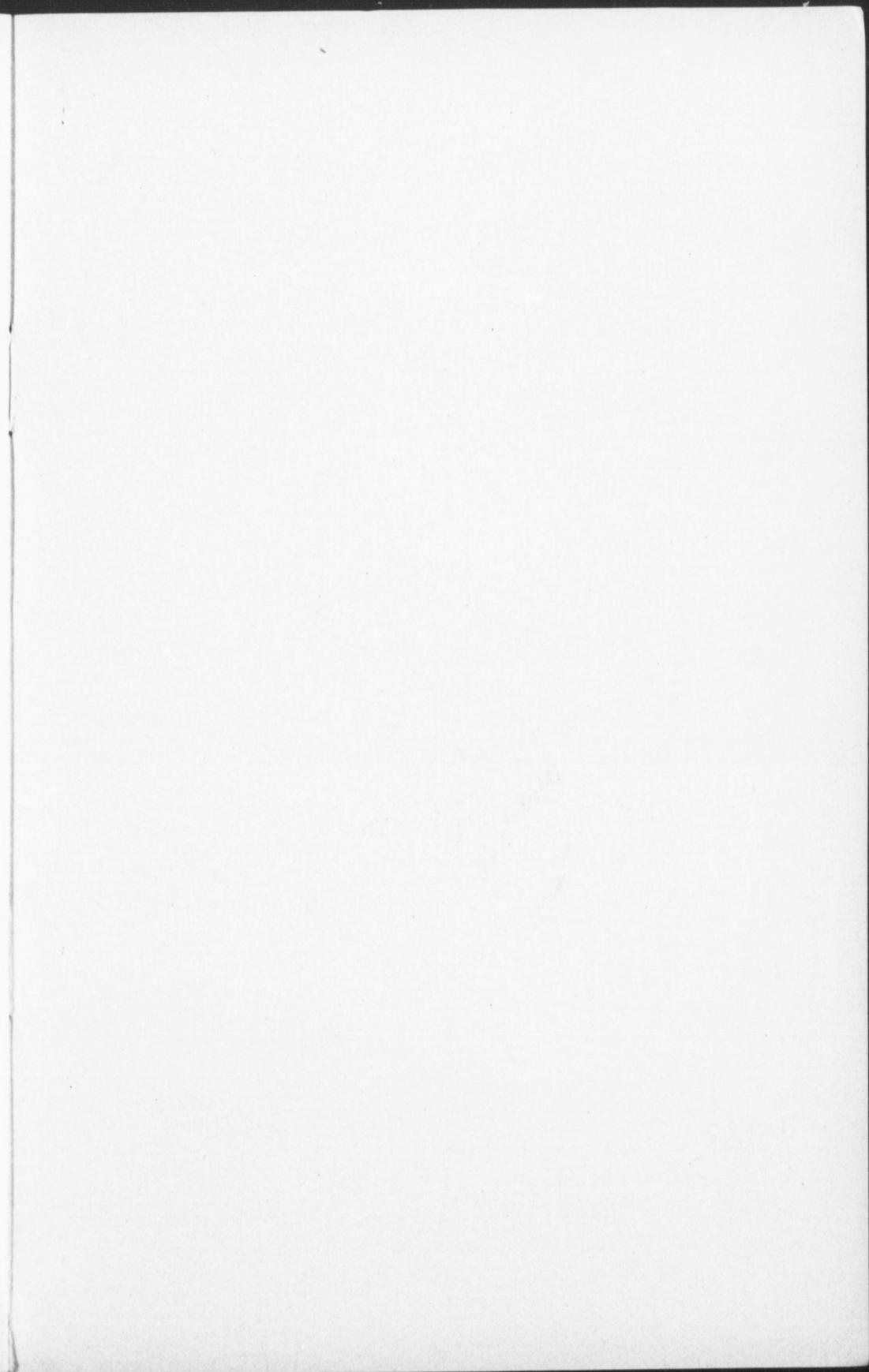
The Special Silver Medal, awarded to Roland May, was presented to Mr. Charles Black to be forwarded to him.

The Sanford Gold Medal, awarded to Ethel Smith, was presented to her by the President.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Burns, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Smith,

That this meeting endorses the Royal Canadian Humane Association, and strongly commends it to the several Provincial Governments and to the public generally. Carried.

On motion, cordial thanks of the Royal Canadian Humane Society was given to the officers of the Centenary Church for granting the use of their beautiful new school-room for the annual meeting.





THE ASSOCIATION BRONZE MEDAL