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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

ANNUAL MEETING, HAMILTON, June 6th, 1900.

Four years have passed since, in this good city of Hamilton, the Pioneer and Historical Association of the Province of Ontario held its ninth annual meeting. Under its then constitution the membership consisted of but nine or ten delegates, chosen by affiliated societies. In the process of evolution the association has changed its name, widened its basis, enlarged its aims, and become an incorporated body, with a large and rapidly increasing membership. But although so greatly transformed, the Ontario Historical Society retained its memory of the kindly hospitality experienced in 1896, and when invited, a year ago, to hold its next annual meeting in this city, accepted with grateful alacrity.

With five or more flourishing societies devoting their energies, either wholly or in part, to the promotion of the study of history, Hamilton may well rank in this respect among the foremost communities in Ontario. The Wentworth Historical Society and the Women's Wentworth Historical Society are formally affiliated with the central organization, and their work is known to our members through the annual reports. The Hamilton Association, the Canadian Club, the Alumnae Association, are also doing their share in promoting a more intimate acquaintance with the annals of our country. The fact that such societies exist is itself an index of the interest taken by the community in the objects we have in view. It is very gratifying to learn that the two closing years of the century have witnessed the purchase of two important historic sites, the one by the corporation of the city, with the hearty approval of public sentiment, the other by the Women's Wentworth Historical Society, through the action of its energetic president, aided by private liberality. The formal taking over of the Gage homestead at Stoney Creek by the latter society occurred last autumn; the opening of Dundurn Park was celebrated on the eighty-first birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, the 24th of May, 1900.

These are probably the first instances in this Province of the purchase of historic sites, as such, by a municipal body or a historical society. We heartily congratulate the societies and the people of Hamilton on the action taken and the honorable precedence to which it entitles them. It will preserve from further alteration important portions of the battlefield of Stoney Creek and of the entrenchments at Burlington Heights. The Gage House and Dundurn Castle, interesting in themselves for their history, may be made still more so as repositories of objects of archaeological or historic value. It is sincerely to be hoped that so excellent an example may be followed by municipalities, societies, and individuals in other parts of the Province.

Every visitor to Hamilton carries away with him an agreeable impression of its beauty, both of situation and environment; its commercial and industrial activity; its mountain and bay; its stately public buildings and business structures; its comfortable homes and the hospitality of its citizens. But its attractiveness is enhanced by notable historic events connected with the region. Here, at Dundurn, Sir Allan McNab assembled the Men of Gore in 1837. Here, a quarter of a century before, the British forces entrenched themselves on the Heights, to guard the communication with Proctor's forces in the west. From the Heights Harvey led his 700 men down York and Main Streets to the Red Hill, one extremely dark night just eighty-seven years ago, to attack an invading army who outnumbered them four or five to one. Not far from here, at Stoney Creek, took place the momentous midnight encounter that night of the 5th and 6th of June, 1813, which sent the invading force back in disorder with loss of their generals, half their guns, and a great part of their supplies, and perhaps saved Upper Canada to the empire. From the mountain, yonder, men watched long and anxiously the manœuvres of hostile fleets far out on the lake towards Toronto or Niagara. Throughout those stirring years, red coat and militiaman fought side by side. We need not wonder that the "ragged army of patriots" fought for the rude homes they had made for themselves in the wilderness. But they were also contending for a great idea. Clad in tattered homespun as they were, the shoeless militiamen were "following the gleam," for their fathers were, many of them, "original U. E. Ls.," and they represented a principle which has reached its full fruition in this closing year of the century.

To the yeomen of the Head of the Lake the stories of the pioneers Robert Land, Richard Beasley, Charles Depew and many others,

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were as familiar as household words. Attachment to the empire was inbred in them, and

"dearer to their faithful hearts
Than home, or gold, or lands,
Were Britain's laws, and Britain's Crown,
And Britain's flag of long renown
And grip of British hands."

But these are modern memories. Let your imagination go back to remoter days, before ever the European came, when the silence of the forest was unbroken save by the call of the wild beast or bird to its mate, or the war-whoop or death-cry of the Seneca, Huron or Atti-wandaronk. Picture to yourselves, if you can, the feelings with which the first white man gazed upon your bay with its splendid amphitheatre of hills. Probably it was Brulé, in 1615, on his famous journey from Lake Couchiching to the Susquehanna to secure the aid of its savage hordes for Champlain and the Hurons against the Iroquois. Perhaps from the mountain at Waterdown he, first of Europeans, admired the beautiful bay, its shores and its hills, then doubtless decked in all the gorgeousness of autumnal tints. Or did the dauntless and ill-fated explorer take the Humber trail and then come coasting along the lake with his two canoes and twelve stalwart Hurons, on his way to the Carantouannais? Brulé's route from the Hurons is largely conjectural, but there is reason to believe that he was the first of white men to gaze upon the landscape in its primitive aspect, which we have been admiring to-day as transformed by the magic wand of civilization.

Dailon, the Recollet, in the winter of 1626-7, Brebeuf and Chammonot, the Jesuits, in the winter of 1640-41, coming by from the Hurons, as seems certain, by the Lake Medad forest-trail, and following the winter routes through the Neutral's country, must have looked upon the bay and mountain, although they make no mention of the fact in their written records. Like the other devoted missionaries of New France, they were more interested in the advancement of their work than in the noblest scenery, and moreover, man had not then learned to love nature in her wilder moods. But the bay was certainly known to these or other early explorers, for it was marked on Sanson's map of 1656, and Du Creux's of 1660. On the latter Dundas Creek is shewn for the first time. Before the maps appeared, however, the invincible Iroquois had swept along the lake and over the forest trails that branched from Burlington Bay, and the Neutrals as a nation were annihilated. The entire peninsula between the lakes

was abandoned by the survivors, and became henceforth the game preserve of the Iroquois, by whom, for convenience in their hunting operations, villages were established at intervals along the north shore of Lake Ontario from the Bay of Quinte to the township of Beverley.

Hitherto we have had to depend upon inference as to visits of early explorers to the region immediately around Hamilton. But now we are on firmer ground. For it is on record that, on the 19th of September, 1669, a fleet of seven canoes led and manned by white men, passing westward along the south shore of Lake Ontario, entered Burlington Bay. An Iroquois guide conducted them. The leaders were the intrepid Le Salle, seeking to discover the Ohio, and two Sulpitian priests, Galinée and Dollier de Casson, eager to establish a mission among the populous tribes on its banks. With them were twenty other Frenchmen and a Shawnese interpreter. They drew up their canoes on the shore near Burlington, climbed the mountain to Waterdown, and then followed the trail to the Beverley swamp, where they found a Seneca village of deer and bear hunters called Tinaouatoua, near the present site of Westover. There they met Joliet, the first European that ever passed down the lakes from the Sault through the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers and the western half of Lake Erie. La Salle was, or pretended to be, ill, and turned back after having conversed with Joliet. The latter was to become the discoverer of the Mississippi, and the former to be the first to explore it to its mouth. The priests, the first of Europeans to sojourn on Lake Erie, passed the winter at Port Dover, and the first also to ascend the lakes, proceeded to the Sault, and thence to Montreal. In November, 1669 or 1670, at their instance, Father Trouvé extended his missionary circuit, which already covered part of the north shore of Lake Ontario, and exercised his priestly functions in the little collection of cabins in the Beverley swamp. How long the village continued to exist is unknown; it could have been only for a few years at most. The name is repeated, it is true, on later maps down to the British occupation. But otherwise it does not appear to have been mentioned or referred to in any record. The rude clearings made by the Neutrals for the purpose of planting their corn disappeared under the new forest growth, and from Burlington Bay to Detroit stretched an unbroken wilderness of woodland.

Soon after the expulsion of the Neutrals, the Mississagas spread southward from Georgian Bay. After a time they came into conflict with the Iroquois. Fierce and long was the contest, and it was at the south end of Burlington Beach, according to a tradition of the Missis-

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sagas that the latter inflicted upon their foes decisive and overwhelming defeat. Then both parties were glad to make peace; they agreed to bury the hatchet and to call each other brothers for evermore; a special sign of friendship was established between them, an interlocking of the right arms. The Six Nations withdrew from the region north of the lakes. The usual exchange of wampum belts took place, and the treaty has been observed faithfully to this day.

After 1670, although the Grand River trail appears on many maps, the history of the bay ceases for nearly a century, when again we hear through Pouchot, the French commandant at Niagara, that a well-known trail extends from the head of the Lake all the way to Detroit. Over this route nearly forty years afterward Simcoe travelled with Talbot, Littlehales and Givens in the winter of 1793. At this time, as doubtless for many years before, this trail was the regular winter thoroughfare, and to the garrisons at Niagara and Detroit the annual "winter express" between these points was as familiar an expression as the Grand Trunk or Canadian Pacific Express is to us this day. But the conductor of the "winter express" made his way through an almost interminable forest, watching carefully the blazed trees that marked his course when the path was obliterated by the snow, and most of his journey was necessarily made on foot. The chief delicacy in his bill-of-fare was dried venison, varied with an occasional squirrel or raccoon, if chance threw one in his way. He was, sometimes at least, accompanied by persons journeying for pleasure or on business, who joined him both for company's sake and for greater security and comfort in travelling. And fortunate was the wayfarer if, on arriving at the head of the lake, he was able to share the hospitality of Richard Beasley, or Robert Land; for those were pre-eminently the days of the kind heart and the open door.

So much for our place of meeting. But who are we that assemble, and what are our objects? Let me answer in the words of our Constitution (here the speaker read from the printed constitution). The Council's annual report has given in some detail the operations of the year. I may be permitted to summarize them very briefly here.

The Canadian Historical Exhibition, which was in progress when our last annual meeting was held, was carried on to a successful conclusion under the auspices of this Society, by the Exhibition Committee, to whom great credit has been justly accorded.

The regular September meeting was held in a tent on the Industrial Fair grounds. The attendance was satisfactory, the members of

this Society and of the York Pioneers took luncheon together, and excellent papers were read.

A number of new local societies have been formed, and affiliated with this Society. There are in all nineteen societies now in affiliation. The regular membership has been largely increased. Besides printing the Annual Report and the Report of the Exhibition Committee, a second volume of the Society's "Papers and Records" has been published under the title of "The United Empire Loyalist Settlement at Long Point, Lake Erie." The author, Mr. L. H. Tasker, M.A., has given the Society the benefit of his study and researches in connection with an important portion of the Province. The volume is appropriately illustrated.

The Society is hampered in its operations for want of funds. Abundance of material of historical value is on hand which ought to be printed, but our means are inadequate. It was considered expedient that a delegation should wait on the Provincial Government for the purpose of presenting the Society's claim for an increased grant. The application was strongly supported by letters from the presidents of local societies. Mr. A. Pattullo, M.P.P., to whose kind offices we were already indebted in connection with the incorporation of the Society, introduced the deputation, which included a number of members of the Legislature representing both political parties as well as other persons of position and influence. The Government was unable to accede to our request, and it remains for the various societies to continue to press upon their representatives and upon the administration the needs of the Society and its claims for increased public aid. Meanwhile we cordially and gratefully recognize the interest shown in our work by the Government and the Provincial Parliament in renewing the annual grant made during the years 1898 and 1899.

The question of the preservation of historic sites has engaged the attention of the Council. We have continued to urge upon the Dominion Government the advisability of placing the military reserve at Fort Erie under the care of Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commissioners. A counter proposal to lease it for the benefit of the residents of Buffalo has been opposed by the local historical societies and prominent historical students on both sides of the frontier, as I understand. The council of our Society has cheerfully and actively co-operated with the local societies, and I am glad to be able to say that there appears to be no immediate danger of the lease being executed.

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The usual Annual Report to the Royal Society of Canada was duly prepared and forwarded.

I would be ungrateful if, in referring to the Society's operations during the year, I failed to make special mention of the services of my associates in the Council, particularly of our distinguished and energetic Secretary, Mr. David Boyle, and the members of the Editorial Committee, of which Mr. C. C. James is the efficient Chairman. It was with great regret, I am sure, that the Society yielded a year ago to the request of your esteemed fellow citizen, our then Treasurer, Mr. B. E. Charlton, to be relieved from the duties of his office, on account of the unsatisfactory condition of his health. We were fortunate, however, in securing an excellent successor in Mr. Yeigh, who has performed his duties with characteristic thoroughness.

Among the amendments to the Municipal Act passed during the last session, one is of special interest to all our societies. It provides that by-laws may be passed by the councils of counties, cities, and towns, for making grants in aid of any historical society, and for creating a debt therefor, and for the issue of debentures for the amount of such debt; and such grants may be made from time to time, and may be either by one payment, or by an annual payment for a limited number of years, and upon such terms and considerations as may be agreed upon. This is a very important provision, for which the best thanks of historical students are due to the Ontario Parliament, and to the Government. A public sentiment favorable to such grants should be aroused in every county, city and town in which a local historical society is established. The County Councils of Wentworth, Elgin, Welland and Kent have already contributed in past years to the cost of printing county histories, and, now that their powers are so clearly defined, there is every reason to hope that other councils will follow their example. The provision should also be made available for the preservation of historic sites and the erection of monuments and tablets in commemoration of important events.

It is proper that your attention should be invited to the pamphlet recently issued by one of our honorary members, Dr. John George Hodgins. The writer was for very many years the trusted lieutenant and co-worker of Egerton Ryerson, the founder of our school system. After the latter's retirement from the Superintendency of Schools, Dr. Hodgins was for a considerable period Deputy Minister of Education, and he has during several years held the position of official historiographer of the province. His years, official position

and experience add weight to his suggestion, which is of a character that particularly commends itself to the people of Ontario at an epoch such as that through which we are now passing. He urges in his pamphlet the systematic decoration of school-rooms with portraits of leading Canadians and others connected with Canadian history, and pictures representing important places and incidents in our national or provincial life. Her Majesty's portrait is already, as it should be, a familiar object in our schools. From an aesthetic as well as from a patriotic point of view, his suggestion appears to be worthy of adoption throughout the length and breadth of Ontario.

We meet in the closing year of a century which embraces substantially the entire period of growth of the Canadian nation. Indeed Britain's colonial empire is largely the creation of the "wonderful century."

It is interesting and instructive to trace the influence of the pioneers of Upper Canada upon the present condition of the world-wide Empire and the attitude of other nations toward it.

A hundred years ago England had lost her greatest colony, and might be deemed to have almost surrendered her claim to rank as a great colonial power. But what seemed her greatest disaster resulted fortunately for Canada and the empire. "God hath sifted three kingdoms to find the seed for this planting," said the old Puritan divine in describing the settlement of New England. But the thirteen colonies were again sifted for the planting of Upper Canada and the Maritime Provinces. The Loyalists brought with them for the upbuilding of the new nationality much of the best element of the States, the culture, the religion, the civic virtues. Even more important was the fact that they reasserted at tremendous cost to themselves and at a time when the old landmarks were disappearing, the principles of loyalty, of order, of obedience to the law, of attachment to the flag, and above all of the unity of the British race. Tolerant in many things, they were intolerant of lukewarmness toward British connection. "Bent upon vast beginnings," they builded better than they knew. A distinctive imperial character was impressed upon the new provinces, unknown elsewhere on the globe. The testing time came in 1812, when the conquest of Canada would have completed the collapse of Great Britain as a colonial power. But the provinces rang true metal. U. E. L. and French Canadian, and the immigrant from across the sea, fought side by side with the red-coats, few in number as they were that could be spared from England's death-struggle with Napoleon. At Queenston, Stoney Creek,

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Beaver-Dams, Chrysler's Farm, Chateauguay and Lundy's Lane, the embattled Canadian farmers not only saved the provinces, but kept alive for future generations the idea of a united empire. The test was repeated in 1837 with a like result.

In the first year of the century, Britain found herself confronting all Europe in arms. Only a few years ago she stood again "in splendid isolation." Not Europe alone, but all the world seemed hostile. Then the seed sown in the planting of British Canada came to its maturity, and while England rejoiced, all the world wondered and betook itself to studying the new political problem. By resolution of the Houses, Canada formally ranged herself by the side of the mother land in her hour of peril. Thereby her people, through their representatives, pledged their property, lives and sacred honor in defence of the empire. Then in the jubilee year came her offer of preferential trade. The heart of Britain was thrilled. The poet grasped the real significance of the sentiment that was behind the act. Canada had been the first to proclaim to the old land a new and a great idea, that was to unite the scattered empire in a new life and a clearer perception of its mission. But the idea was the natural outgrowth of the original germ brought by the U. E. Ls. to Canada more than a century ago.

I called my chiefs in council
 In the din of a troubled year,
 For the sake of a sign ye would not see,
 And a word ye would not hear.
 This is our message and answer,
 This is the path we chose,
 For we be also a people,
 Said our Lady of the Snows.

Carry the word to my sisters,
 To the queens of the east and south,
 I have proved faith in the heritage
 By more than the word of mouth.
 They that are wise may follow,
 Ere the war trumpet blows,
 But I, I am first in the battle,
 Said our Lady of the Snows.

A nation spoke to a nation,
 A queen sent word to a throne,
 Daughter am I in my mother's house
 But mistress in my own.

The gates are mine to open
 As the gates are mine to close,
 And I abide by my mother's house,
 Said our Lady of the Snows.

The summoning of the colonial premiers to the Privy Council, their assembly as an advisory committee of the Council to deliberate upon the affairs of the empire for the first time in history, the marvellous demonstration of the power and loyalty of the colonies in the jubilee demonstrations—these were striking dramatic incidents in the remarkable development of the imperial idea culminating in the very last years of the century.

Again—and now we come to the events of the past twelve-month—England found herself in a position of peril. Simultaneously with the invasion of a portion of the empire she found, not, it is true, the governments, but, to an extraordinary degree, the public sentiment of Europe and of an important part of the United States in open hostility to her. It was important that the strength of the imperial chain should be demonstrated, that none might misunderstand. Then the colonies rallied to her aid again, and yet again. The lion called to his whelps, and they responded. Natal and the Cape, Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand sent their sons to stand by the side of the Imperial yeomanry.

From the sunlit Sydney Harbor,
 And ten thousand miles away
 From the far Canadian forests to the shores of Milford Bay,
 They have answered, they have answered, and we know their
 answer now,
 From the Britains such as these,
 Strewn across the world-wide seas,
 Comes the rally and the bugle-note that makes us one to-day.

Tho' ten thousand hearts be widowed,
 Tho' ten thousand heroes fall,
 Yet a million voices answer,
 We are ready for the call,
 And the sword we draw for justice shall not see its sheath again,
 Nor our cannon cease to thunder,
 Till we break their strength asunder,
 And the lion's whelps are round him,
 And the old flag's over all.

That is the great lesson of the South African war. The colonies have sent their thousands to fight for the integrity of the empire. For

the unired empire Canadians laid down their lives on the battlefield or in the fever hospital. By the Orange and Modder rivers our dead lie buried in common graves with their brothers the Australians, the Cornwalls and the Gordons. But they have cemented with their mingled blood the foundations of the empire,

That our house stand together
And its pillars may not fall.

And the nations have had an impressive and striking object lesson. It is not only England but the Greater Britain of the seven seas that they have to reckon with in the future.

The war that has practically closed with the surrender of Johannesburg and Pretoria, has gone a long way toward the ending of all war. The unity of the British race is by far the best guarantee that exists for the peace of the world. And in estimating the results of the South African war in the vindication of justice and equal rights against a tyrannical oligarchy, and in the maintenance of the empire against threatened disintegration, the contribution of Canada and of the original pioneers of Ontario should never be forgotten. The nineteenth century marches off the stage with blare of trumpet and roll of drum, and on her banners are inscribed words long familiar to Canadians, "A United Empire."

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TORONTO, May 26th, 1900.

The year just closed has proved a fairly successful one in the interests of the Ontario Historical Society. The value and significance of records relating to local events of almost every kind are rapidly becoming appreciated, in consequence of which there is a growing desire to organize county societies. Three of these came into existence during the past twelve months, two of which have become affiliated with the provincial society. One of the advantages to local organizations in connection with such affiliation is the fact they thereby become incorporated in accordance with clause 10 of the Act (Chap. 108, Vic. 62), which states that "Any historical or pioneer society hereafter becoming affiliated with the said Society [THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY] under the constitution and by-laws of the latter in that behalf, shall thereby become incorporated by that name under which it shall have become affiliated, and with all the powers and privileges conferred by this Act upon the Ontario Historical Society."

There are now affiliated with this Society twenty local organizations having, probably, an aggregate membership of not fewer than 1200, while the elected members of the parent society is 170, being an increase of 120 during the year.

The work of the Society has been divided among several committees, viz., Monuments and Tablets, Mrs. J. H. Thompson, convener; Flag and Commemoration, Mrs. C. Fessenden, Hamilton, convener; and the Archives and Publications, G. P. Pattullo, Woodstock, convener. All these committees have done excellent work during the year.

In June, 1899, an exhibition of Historical material was held in Victoria University Buildings, Queen's Park, Toronto. It was kept open for two weeks, attracted a large number of visitors, and was in every way eminently successful, mainly owing to the labours of the Woman's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto.

A special effort was made during the year to collect sufficient

money to mark in a befitting manner the last resting-place of Laura Secord. This work is still on hand, but it is hoped that a large enough sum will soon be at the command of the Society to place a good monument over the grave of the heroine of Upper Canada.

Action was taken respecting the bringing together of old registers of births, deaths and marriages in the hands of municipal officials, and the placing of such records for preservation in the keeping of the Deputy Registrar-General. In response to the circular-letters sent out by this gentleman, Dr. P. H. Bryce, a considerable number of old district and county registers are now in his vaults.

During the year there was issued by the Society a small but comprehensive volume by Mr. L. H. Tasker, M.A., on the "United Empire Loyalist of Long Point on Lake Erie." Besides the printed matter emanating from the Society directly, there have been sent to our members copies of two reports issued by the Department of Agriculture, relating to the agricultural and municipal development of the Province; a pamphlet on the "Canadian view of the Alaskan Boundary Dispute," by the Hon. David Mills, another on the "Life of Colonel Mahlon Burwell," by Hon. Archibald Blue, and a copy of the annual archæological report.

There is now in the hands of the Society a considerable quantity of valuable manuscript which ought to be printed, but which must be held over indefinitely for want of funds.

Resolutions were passed during the year having for their object the preservation of the Plains of Abraham, and old Fort Erie, as public property.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary.*

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S STATEMENT, ONTARIO
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, JUNE 1st, 1899, TO JUNE
1st, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Mr. B. E. Charlton, late Treasurer.....	\$180 13
Membership fees	124 40
Government grant, vote for 1899.....	500 00
Sale of documents.....	3 00
	\$807 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Secretary's salary	\$100 00
Expenses of September, 1899, meeting.....	6 60
Printing and stationary.....	278 06
Expenses <i>re</i> Galinée volume	11 65
Copying records, office assistance, etc.....	42 35
Postage and express	19 80
Travelling expenses	55 95
Press clipping Bureau.....	5 00
Photos, maps and cuts.....	32 05
Balance in hand.....	256 07
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MUSEUM FUND, ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Surplus from the Canadian Historical Exhibition, June, 1899 (on deposit in savings bank).....	300 48
Interest.....	3 00
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FRANK YEIGH, *Treasurer.*

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YORK PIONEERS' SOCIETY.

Report of the Secretary of the York Pioneers' Society at the annual meeting, held in Toronto, 6th March, 1900, a copy of which is respectfully forwarded to the Ontario Historical Society.

This, the last annual meeting of the York Pioneer and Historical Society for the present century, cannot fail to hold more than usual interest to those who have in their own lives witnessed wonderful changes in the world at large, and, may it not be added, still more wonderful changes in what we are all proud to call "This Canada of ours."

Many of the visitors that thronged the old cabin at the Exhibition grounds last September were particularly struck with the great difference between Governor Simcoe's Council House of a hundred years ago and the present Council House of Ontario.

Whilst the century, upon whose outer verge we now stand, has seen powers that once were strong, and took important parts in the world's great drama, go down in the strife, it is a matter for profound gratitude that the Empire to which we are so ardently attached, and never more loyally than at the present moment, has been making steady progress in all that goes to make a nation great and good.

The York Pioneers, as a friendly Society, bound together with a golden thread of present recollections, early struggles and early success, has had nothing very unusual in its year's history. Four of our honored members have preceded us to "The country from whose bourne no traveller returns," one, removing from the country, has withdrawn. The names of six good and worthy men have been added to our roll.

Our exhibit at the Industrial Fair was well patronized this year, as it was last, and was in several features considerably improved. It was, however, a matter of regret that the usual gathering on "Pioneers' Day" was somewhat lessened by the heavy rain, preventing invited guests and many old friends, who in early days would have thought little of a wet jacket, from being with us.

And now, if the Government can be induced to contribute to our funds so that we may put the building in better order and have a place in which to store more relics of pioneer days, the "Old Log Cabin" will present, both inside and out, object lessons to the youth of our country who always crowd our limits.

Your Secretary may be permitted to congratulate the Society on the interest that is taken in the monument to Governor Simcoe. In more than forty visits that were made last month by him to members of the Society, he found in every instance that the Simcoe monument was always a live subject, as was further evidenced by the unusual number that gathered at our last meeting to hear the matter discussed; and you will remember how carefully Mr. James L. Hughes and Mr. John Ross Robertson, M.P., were followed in the addresses they gave us on the subject; and I am sure we are all gratified to note the steps that have been since taken in this matter. It is pleasant to notice the kindly feelings that continue to prevail in our meetings, the friendly greetings that must speak to us of pioneer days, when the hearth was warm and the latch-string out to every neighbor.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. COLPITTS, *Secretary.*

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LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., May 28th, 1900.

In compliance with the terms of affiliation the Lundy's Lane Historical Society begs to submit the following annual statement :

The Society's local members are comparatively few, a larger number living at a distance, and continue their annual payment of \$1.00, and so give encouragement to the publication fund. Correspondents are numerous. The circulation of the Society's publications has been increased very much indeed on the generous principle, because the object of this and other such societies is to create and promote a healthy desire among Canadians for the study of useful historical literature ; but were it not for aid afforded by the Provincial Government and the County Council of Welland the Lundy's Lane Historical Society must have long since retired as a publishing society. Cordial thanks are therefore due to the Provincial Government and County Council for their annual assistance ; also, gratitude is due from all sides to Colonel Cruikshank, whose ready pen continues to contribute valuable manuscript for the Society's press.

Besides the recent publication of second editions : "The Story of Laura Secord," by the late, much lamented, Mrs. S. A. Curzon, of Toronto, and "Drummond's Winter Campaign, 1812-'13," by Colonel Cruikshank, Fort Erie, the Lundy's Lane Historical Society last year issued Part III "Documentary History, 1812-14," and has now in the press Part IV ; each volume contains about 300 pages, with maps and a full index.

The documents compiled by Colonel Cruikshank are mainly official, relating to the war of 1812, and possess the character of title-deeds, detailing the history of that period with the fullest reasonable accuracy.

History becomes valuable when truthful, and Colonel Cruikshank, the compiler, has done a most important work in obtaining the numerous abstracts from archive offices in the United States and Canada, and from private extensive libraries, which are perhaps few

and far between in either country. The matter of these documents should be read with avidity by readers of modern history; and not only this, but readers on both sides of the line will be enabled to see things better than formerly, and to judge with a more righteous judgment, instead of retaining a prejudiced temper. We do not here specify examples of false notions and false statements which have hitherto existed in school books of history, pamphlets, or other like literature. It is enough to say that history is a cultivation and study, and we therefore need the latest version based upon the most reliable authority. The index which Colonel Cruikshank has added shows how laboriously he has studied the originals, and how he has repeated names, dates, places and occasions to assist the readers in pursuing their lines of inquiry. We do not hesitate to say that this publication of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society is by far the most important one issued during the past thirteen years of its existence.

The Lundy's Lane Historical Society begs to refer to two occasions in October last of military reinterments in the vault of the Lundy's Lane monument. The remains of five officers and men of the 89th and 103rd regiments, who fell at the battle of July 25th, 1814, had been discovered September 12th by laborers on private ground, and were carefully collected to be reverently placed in the burial vault on October 13th. The second occasion of reinterment occurred shortly after of the complete remains of an officer supposed to be Ensign Campbell, incorporated Militia, 1814. As in all former instances, these mortal remains were identified by military buttons, fragments of cloth, etc., and were respected and duly honored by a religious service and military ceremony at the vault of the Lundy's Lane monument, which now contains the remains of twenty soldiers of 1814.

GEO. A. BULL, M.A., *Pres.* L. L. H. S.

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NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED DEC. 12, 1895.

MOTTO—"*Ducit Amor Patriæ.*"

In presenting the report of the work accomplished during the year, while we feel thankful that some progress has been made, we also feel strongly that much remains to be done.

Having been asked to contribute to the Loan Exhibit held last June by the Ontario Historical Society, we may say that we sent one hundred of our most interesting articles, filling two cases and the wall-space above, which received honorable mention in the Toronto papers.

During the year meetings have been held regularly. At one of these, a valuable paper was read, contributed by Rev. Canon Bull, President of Lundy's Lane Historical Society, on the Pioneer Missionaries of the Niagara Peninsula.

On our Anniversary, 17th September, we visited the various graveyards of Niagara, as well as that sadly neglected spot Butler's graveyard, strewing flowers on many graves, and hope this may become a yearly custom.

Our Historical Room has been open weekly. Over two hundred articles have been contributed during the year, our collection now numbering 1200. Two hundred visitors have recorded their names; many letters have been received, asking for information, and frequently we have been able to answer inquiries from the documents in our possession. We exchange publications with twelve societies, and have during the year distributed to members, the press, historical societies and others interested, 317 copies of our pamphlets. Our membership is not large and as many of these are non-residents the work falls on a few faithful friends.

Delegates attended the meetings in Toronto in June and September, and we lately sent a protest to the Dominion Government

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

and Col. Johnson, killed at the taking of Fort Niagara, 1759. Is not this spot, the grave of two British officers, worthy of some memorial?

Another pressing need is that of a larger room on the ground floor, fire-proof, for our historical collection, which is now of more than local value, becoming indeed provincial in its scope. We have petitioned the Ontario Government to erect a building to contain our collection, and at the same time serve as a memorial of the landing of the United Empire Loyalists here, their names to be inscribed on its walls. So many valuable articles require a safe place of deposit, and were such secured a much larger collection could be made.

Our officers are—

<i>Patron,</i>	- - - -	Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C.
<i>President,</i>	- - - -	Miss Carnochan.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	- - - -	Henry Paffard.
<i>Secretary,</i>	- - - -	Alfred Ball.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	- - - -	Mrs. A. Servos.
<i>Curator,</i>	- - - -	R. Wilkinson.

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Rev. J. C. Garrett,	Rev. N. Smith,
W. W. Ireland, B.A.,	Chas. Hunter,
Mrs. T. F. Best.	

Hon. Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. Roe.	Chas. F. Ball.
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Honorary Members.

Wm. Gibson, M.P.,	Rev. Canon Bull,
Dr. Scadding,	Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank,
Capt. R. O. Kouple,	Major Hiscott,
Dr. Jessop, M.P.P.,	David Boyle,
John Ross Robertson, M.P.	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JANET CARNOCHAN, *President N. H. S.*

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF TORONTO.

OFFICERS.

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<i>President,</i>	-	-	Mrs. Forsyth Grant.
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	-	-	Mrs. Jas. Bain.
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<i>Asst. Secretary,</i>	-	-	Miss Vankoughnet.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. Morrison,	-	-	Mrs. Burwash,
Mrs. S. G. Wood,	-	-	Miss Beard,
Miss Mickle,	-	-	Mrs. Henry Thompson.

Eight regular meetings and seven Executive meetings have been held in the year dating from June, 1899, to May, 1900, inclusive. At these the following papers were read :

"The Capture of Quebec," by Miss Rowand. This being the last of the series of that session. "A Letter from the Maryland Archives," by Lady Edgar.

"Amherst Island and Its Neighborhood," by Mrs. Edward Leigh.

The course taken up for the session of 1899-1900, September 13th, 1759 to 1800, comprised the following papers, "The War of the Conquest, Subsequent to the Fall of Quebec," by the Secretary.

"Sir William Johnson at Niagara," by Miss Constance Boulton.

"The First Three Years of British Rule," by Mrs. Jeffers Graham.

"The Treaty of Paris," by Mrs J. A. Patterson.

"Sir Guy Carleton and His Administration," by Miss Catherine Fleming.

"The Coming of the U. E. Loyalists," by Miss Josephine McCallum.

Besides these, "Some Elections and the Battle of Hastings," by

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Mrs. Chamberlin. "Conditions in Lower Canada in 1837," by Mrs. J. W. F. Harrison (Seranus). "Three Rivers," by Mrs. S. G. Wood. "Old Homes of the U. E. Loyalists," by Miss Mickle. "Some Distinctive Points in Canadian History," by the Secretary.

Thirty-three new members have been enrolled, and the meetings have been well attended.

The Historical Exhibition, held in Victoria College under the auspices of the Ontario Historical Society, provided the Women's Society with a considerable amount of work during the three weeks it was kept open, and for quite three weeks after it was closed to the public the members from its ranks who were on the Exhibition Committee were employed. The success of the undertaking in arousing an interest in Canadian history, and an appreciation of the value of such relics as were exhibited, as well as of the necessity of a museum being established, was sufficient to repay the effort made.

A contribution of \$25, which the liberality of one or two of its members increased to \$31, was made from the Society to the Ladies' Committee of the Red Cross Fund, and of \$10 to the Patriotic Fund.

The Society has also been fortunate in securing the artist, Miss Muntz, to paint a portrait of its first President, the late Mrs. S. A. Curzon. This portrait will be unveiled on Friday, June 8th. The cost has been defrayed by voluntary subscription from the members, both honorary and regular.

No grant or financial aid has been asked for or received by the Society from the Government, and the funds at their disposal have not been sufficient to enable them to print a transaction this year.

The Society has sustained a loss in the death of its oldest honorary member, the late Mrs. C. P. Traill. She died on August 29th, aged ninety-seven years and seven months.

The Society has had the honor of adding two valuable names to the roll of its honorary members, Dr. John Campbell, of Montreal, and Dr. Douglas Brymner, of Ottawa.

A number of additions have been made to the bookshelf of pamphlets, exchanges and volumes presented by the authors, and the need of a room that would be definitely and exclusively the home of the Society is much felt, a need which we hope may be supplied before the annual report is submitted for 1901.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY AGNES FITZGIBBON,

Hon. Secretary W. C. H. S.

TORONTO, June 4th, 1900.

SIMCOE COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

BARRIE, June 5th, 1900.

Three papers were read before the Society within the year ending June 1st, 1900, viz.:

1. Biographical Notes of Barrie's First Residents, by S. L. Soules.
2. A paper on the same subject, by Geo. Sneath, Esq.
3. The First Roads Leading from Kempenfeldt Bay, by A. F. Hunter.

On the membership roll we have thirty members.

We have had to regret the death of F. E. P. Pepler, Q.C., who took an active interest in the work of the Society since its formation.

The officers are the following :

<i>Honorary President,</i>	-	-	Hon. J. R. Gowan.
<i>President,</i>	-	-	Judge J. A. Ardagh.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	-	-	{ Judge Boys. Dr. C. E. Jakeway. Mr. G. H. Hale.
<i>Secretary,</i>	-	-	Mr. A. F. Hunter.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	-	-	Geo. Sneath, Esq.
<i>Auditor,</i>	-	-	Mr. J. Darby.
<i>Executive Committee,</i>	-	-	{ Alex. Smith, Esq. Wm. H. Hewson, Esq. Mr. S. L. Soules.
<i>Delegates to Provincial Society -</i>	-	-	{ The President, Rev. Dr. W. R. Parker. Mr. A. F. Hunter.

Respectfully submitted.

A. F. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

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OXFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

For the year 1899-'00 we have to report an awakened interest.

Meetings have been held regularly and papers of much value have been presented. Through the liberality of the County Council a room has been given us in the Court House and there, donated by Mr. W. J. Wintemberg, of Washington, Ont., we have an invaluable collection of Indian antiquities and relics, numbering some six hundred specimens, which is already proving the nucleus of a much more extended museum.

A list of the papers read and authors' names is appended: Papers by John Cameron, Esq.—“Residences of the Early Pioneers,” “Stock Raising Among the Pioneers,” “Canada and Canadians,” “Early Sugar-making by the Pioneers,” “House Furnishings of the Early Settler.” By A. Stevenson, B.A., Woodstock Collegiate Institute: “An Indian Village.” By L. D. Brown, Granthurst, Ont.—“Indian Occupation of Missouri.” By W. J. Wintemberg—“German-Canadian Folk-Lore.

W. MUNN, *Secretary O.H.S.*

ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.

ST. THOMAS, May 29th, 1900.

This Society held a very successful historical exhibition in the old town hall of St. Thomas during the latter part of May and beginning of June 1899, the financial results of which were satisfactory, while the educational influences produced by the large collection of exhibits on the large number attending during the fortnight, we have every reason to believe, was considerable.

Two additional medals for the best histories of school sections in the County were awarded by the Society during the year in connection with the "Journal" competition referred to in previous reports.

The destruction of the Elgin Court House by fire about two years ago deprived your Society of its place of meeting and depository of its collections, but the Society now has hopes of soon being awarded more commodious quarters in the new and handsome building since erected by the County Council to replace the old. Owing to the circumstance just mentioned few meetings were held during the year and these chiefly of a business character.

The Talbot settlement was formally begun by Col. Talbot, at Port Talbot, 21st May, 1803. At the instance of Judge Ermatinger this Society has taken steps towards the celebration, in 1903, of the Centennial of a day so important in the history of south-western Ontario. The county and city councils have appointed committees to co-operate with the committee appointed by the Society, and when the movement takes definite shape the friendly co-operation of your body and affiliated Societies will be hoped for. At one of the recent meetings of the Society an interesting paper was read by Mr. J. H. Coyne, President of the Ontario Historical Society, on Colonel Talbot's visit in 1801 to a place called by Skittiewaabaa, which appears to have been in the township of Yarmouth in this county, probably in or near the present village of Port Stanley.

The following are the officers of the Society :

President, - - - James A. Bell.

Vice-Presidents,

W. B. Waterbury, Mrs. A. Burns.

Editor, - - - Judge Ermatinger.

Secretary-Treasurer, - - - Miss Frances McCartney.

Council,

James H. Coyne. - - - Kenneth W. McKay.

W. Atkin. - - - Judge Hughes.

E. H. Caughell. - - - W. H. Murch.

Miss Ermatinger.

The number of members has increased considerably during the year and the membership now includes many ladies.

Many articles of historic interest have been added to the museum.

JAS. A. BELL, *President.*

F. E. MACARTNAY, *Secretary.*

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
OTTAWA.

OFFICERS.

Patron - - - Her Excellency the Countess of Minto.
Honorary President - - - Lady Laurier.
President - - - - - Mrs. George E. Foster.

Vice-Presidents.

Lady Caron,	Lady Bourinot,
Lady Davies,	Mrs. Dobell,
Mrs. Clifford Sifton,	Mrs. T. C. Keefer,
Madame Lamothe,	Miss Harmon,
Lady Strong,	Madame Girouard,
Madam Sulte,	Mrs. Gwynne,
Lady Ritchie,	Mrs. Wm. McDougall,
	Mrs. H. J. Friel.

Treasurer - - - - Mrs. Thomas Ahearn.
Recording Secretary - - Mrs. Charles O'Connor.
Corresponding Secretary - Miss F. Gertrude Kenny,
200 Concession Street.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. Sedgewick,	Mrs. Burbidge,
Mrs. George E. King,	Mrs. Martin Griffin,
Mrs. S. E. Dawson,	Madam Rhéaume,
Mrs. J. Lorn McDougall,	Mrs. Berkeley Powell,
Mrs. Alex. Burritt,	Mrs. Charles Goodeve.

The work of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa has steadily progressed since its organization two years ago. It is gratifying to the officers and executive that the interest manifested by the members during the first year has shown no signs of flagging, that on the contrary there are indications of increased earnestness,

and that likewise expressions of encouragement and warm interest have continued to reach the Society from many outside sources.

The membership has now grown to 175 and the average attendance at the monthly meetings has been about eighty.

There have been held during the year eight regular and two special meetings in addition to the annual meeting.

The papers which have been presented have followed, for the most part, the lines laid down for 1898-99, viz., a study of general Canadian history associated with the study of local history. These have been :

April 14th—"Battle of Chrysler's Farm," by Mme. Rhéaume.
"Frontenac's Second Administration," by Mdlle. Le Rue.

May 12—"The French Régime, 1700-60," Miss Walker. "The Battle of Lundy's Lane," by Mrs. Jesse Ketchum.

October 13—"The Acadians," by Mrs. S. E. Dawson.

November 10—"Mdlle. Mause, Ville Marie, the early days of Hôtel Dieu," by Mme. Pigeon. "The Early Settlement of Prince Edward County."

December 8—A summary translation of M. Sulte's paper on "The Destruction of Canadian Forests," by Mme. Sulte. "The Founding of Upper Canada," by Mrs. Ella Walton.

January 12—"The First Parliament of Upper Canada," by Miss Edith Carr, of Cobourg. "A Glimpse of our City Fifty Years Ago," by Miss Jamieson.

February 9—"The Early Settlement of the County of Grenville," by Mrs. A. Burritt.

March 9—"Effects of the War of 1812," by Mrs. R. G. McConnell,
"The Rideau Canal and Colonial Railway," by Mrs. H. J. Friel.

March 29—"Growth of Municipal Government in the District of Dalhousie," by Miss Kenny.

An interesting feature at each meeting has been the reading of a patriotic poem. Discussions have followed many of the papers, oftentimes throwing stronger light on the subject.

The line of investigation which it was decided at the annual meeting of March 29th to pursue during the coming year will result in a series of original papers on the history of the counties and townships of this section of Ontario. For the present it was agreed to discontinue the study of general Canadian history, except in so far as it was necessary as a background for the proper unfolding of local history.

In order that important results might be gained from the year's

work, several committees have been organized to undertake systematic search after material for history-making and the collecting of records. These were:

1. A committee consisting of Mrs. J. Lorn McDougall and Mrs. Frank McDougall to gather together reliable and full accounts of the origin and progress of the charitable and philanthropic institutions of Ottawa from early days down to the present.

2. A committee of ten, with Mrs. Robert Ells, Convener, to make an organized effort to interview and put into writing the recollections of old settlers and early residents who are still living in the city and vicinity.

3. A small committee, with Mrs. George Newcombe, Convener, to prepare as complete a reference list as might be, of publications of whatever kind relating to the local history of eastern Ontario.

4. A larger committee, with Miss A. Horsey, Convener, to make an effort to collect old documents, records, newspapers, etc., relating to early history of Bytown, Ottawa and vicinity.

Another institution of the annual meeting is a question drawer limited to local history problems. This is a popular undertaking and promises to be the occasion of a considerable amount of research on the part of the members.

During the coming summer it is the intention of the Society to publish a volume of Transactions.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Society.

F. GERTRUDE KENNY,
Corresponding Secretary.

OTTAWA, May 26th, 1900.

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WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HAMILTON, June 5th, 1900.

In presenting the annual report of the Wentworth Historical Society, I may say that our labors during the past year have not been of a character to make much show, but have been chiefly seed-sowing, which we trust will bear fruit in the future. Our officers and some members have been gathering material for use at a later date. But there has also been some result from past labors. For many years our president, Mr. F. W. Fearman, has been very much interested in the purchase of Dundurn Park by the city, using his efforts to that end, and now that the park and castle have been bought and formally opened to the public, we may say that this result is largely due to his negotiations and his efforts. His labors have been recognized by his being appointed to the Board of Parks Commissioners of this city.

The executive of this society lost no time after the purchase of Dundurn, but immediately applied for space in the castle for the deposit of books, documents and relics, a long felt want of the Society. The Park Board kindly set apart the library room of Dundurn castle for our use, and we are now in a better position to receive and care for books and articles of historical value; to preserve them for historians, as well as to awaken the interest of the public in the history of our country.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

<i>Honorary President,</i>	- - -	Geo. H. Mills, Esq.
<i>President,</i>	- - -	F. W. Fearman.
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	- - -	Mrs. Edward Martin.
<i>2nd " "</i>	- - -	C. R. McCullough.
<i>Sec.-Treasurer,-</i>	- - -	Justus A. Griffin.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	- - -	Mrs. C. Fessenden.

Executive Council.

Major Fred. Snider,	- - -	Chas. Lemon,
Rev. E. M. Bland,	- - -	Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden,
S. F. Lazier,	- - -	J. W. Jones,
Alex. McKay,	- - -	J. H. Land,

J. G. Y. Burkholder.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, *Sec.-Treasurer.*

THE LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SARNIA, May 16th, 1900.

The first annual report of this Society was read at its annual meeting held at Sarnia on the 11th inst.

Reference was made to the incorporation of the Society last year, and its affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society.

A joint meeting of the Society with the West Lambton Teachers' Institute was held on 26th May last, at which several interesting addresses were delivered.

During the year correspondence was had to enlist the influence and aid of leading men of the county, in procuring for the use of the Society information as to the early pioneers and settlement of the county. Fifty-four annual members and one life and one honorary member were reported.

Resolutions were adopted to increase the membership and to arrange for essays, papers and addresses on local historical subjects to be read and delivered during the ensuing fall and winter seasons.

The Hon. Alexander Vidal and Joshua Adams were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, to be held at Hamilton on 6th and 7th of June next.

JOSHUA ADAMS, *Secretary L.H.S.*

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HALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MILTON, May 12th, 1900.

In May last the Society was organized in Milton. Shortly afterwards the President, Dr. Robertson, County Registrar and the Secretary visited Oakville and organized a branch. This branch proposed to search for the early history of the town of Oakville. The founding of its piers, its harbor masters, vessels built there, origin of the name, dates and persons who constituted the first churches, etc. The meeting was very pleasant and full of reminiscences of seventy years ago. The same day, in the evening, we went to Burlington and formed another branch. At this place is to be found much relating to the celebrated Indian chief, Joseph Brant. The members were quite enthusiastic in taking up this matter, as at Oakville; they suggested tracing the first churches, schools, councils, societies and clubs formed in and about the place.

Acton was the next point to be reached. Here we met a few very zealous friends who had heard of what had been done at points at the front of the county, and were quite eager for the work. Here there were several good starts made for the Society. There had been a beginning made to collect the history of the churches and Sabbath schools, and several other items of more than local interest were indicated by D. Henderson, M.P.

We closed our round of organization at Georgetown, where we found that a good start had been made as in Acton by getting the church history into shape for preservation. Here was suggested the advisability of asking the Legislature to make it the duty of the boards of the public libraries to provide some place where valuable papers could be kept permanently. This was very favorably considered. Societies, cricket, curling and ball clubs were to be included, with reports of games and prizes won.

The President and Secretary returned to Milton feeling that there

had been aroused or awakened such an interest in the county as would yield valuable data for the curious and the student of county history.

An Educational Committee has been appointed to issue a circular to every teacher and board of school trustees in the county asking for dates of opening schools in the different sections, names of teachers and boards of trustees, with any fact of interest that might be gathered by the careful and enquiring teacher, or could be given from school records or drawn from the memories of that notable person in every community, "the oldest inhabitant."

R. COATES, *Secretary H. H. S.*

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BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

BELLEVILLE, May 30th, 1900.

This Society was organized on February 11th, 1899, with a membership of forty. The following office-bearers were elected:

<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. W. N. Ponton.
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mr. A. McGinnis.
<i>2nd Vice-President,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. E. G. Tyrell.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. May.
<i>Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mr. E. F. Milburn.
<i>Assistant Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss Lister.

It was decided that meetings should be held every fortnight, when papers would be read on historical subjects in connection with the County of Hastings, Prince Edward County and the Bay of Quinte. These meetings have been held and well attended; many interesting discussions have been held and instructive papers been read by the following members:

Mr. Arthur McGinnis—On early missionaries, churches, and the origin of the names of "Belleville" and "Quinte."

Lieut.-Col. Ponton—On "First Public Fairs," "Early Newspapers and Local Names," also some of the Local Military History.

Miss M. Holden—On "Canadians in London," and "The Queen."

Mr. J. Dempsey—"Old Buildings in Belleville," with photographs.

Mr. D. Barrager—"First Settlers near Bay of Quinte and in Belleville."

Mr. T. W. Casey—"First Representatives in Parliament."

Mr. J. Frith Jeffers—"Some Phases of Canadian History."

Mrs. E. G. Tyrell—"On the Historical Exhibition in Toronto in 1899."

Mrs. M. W. Maclean—"History of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Belleville."

Mr. James Anning—"Picton and Its Surroundings."

The Misses Chandler—"Burchall in South Africa."

Interest in the military history of the district has been much evinced by the collection of valuable souvenirs. The meetings are held in the officers' quarters of the 15th Regiment, A. L. I., through the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Ponton and the officers.

A number of valuable documents, books, papers, maps, etc., have been donated to the Society, and form a nucleus of a museum.

The fortnightly meetings will stimulate further research, and have laid the foundation of other interesting papers now in course of preparation.

At the last annual meeting of the Society the same officers were re-elected with an Executive Committee of Management.

The membership fee is 25 cents per annum, to defray any expenses

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$11.50 on hand.

MAY E. PONTON, *President.*

E. F. MILBURN, *Secretary.*

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VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

LINDSAY, June 2nd, 1900.

The Historical Society of Victoria County beg to submit the following report :

In January of this year, after much discussion, a historical society was organized in this, the "Royal County," and organization was soon followed by affiliation with the Ontario Society.

Necessarily the amount of work accompanied has as yet been small. We are most anxious, however, to learn something of the history, the growth and the resources of our own country. At our annual meeting in June we expect to discuss methods of systematically reaching each township in our county, and learning from them the part they have played in the development of the whole. After this meeting, at which papers will be read, plans discussed and reports given, we hope to form a definite plan of work, and to be able to accomplish something.

ETHEL G. FLAVELLE,
Secretary Victoria His. Soc.

PERTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

STRATFORD, June 6th, 1900.

By the initiation of the Perth County Council a meeting was called in December last at the Court House, Stratford, for the purpose of forming a historical society for the County of Perth.

A large number of people, including many members of the Council and old residents of the town, responded. An enthusiastic meeting was the result, at which brief addresses were given by the chairman, His Honor Judge Barron, Dr. Sparks, of St. Mary's, Judge Woods, the Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, John Idington, Q.C., and others, and lastly by Mr. Geo. Pattullo, of Woodstock, who, as the speaker of the evening, gave a comprehensive sketch of what had been done in the connection of historical research and historical writing by the Ontario Historical Society and kindred associations, and of what the infant society might hope to do. His address and those of the other gentlemen mentioned were listened to with deep attention, and the election of the following officers followed:

<i>President,</i>	- - -	Mr. Nelson Monteith, M.P.P.
<i>1st Vice-President,</i>	-	His Honor Judge Woods.
<i>2nd Vice-President,</i>	-	Mr. John Idington, Q.C.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer,</i>	-	Mrs. Robt. Lizars Smith.
<i>Joint Secretary,</i>	- -	Mr. Wm. Buckingham.

Council.

Dr. Sparks, of St. Mary's.	-	D. D. Way.
Mr. William Johnstone,	-	Mr. J. D. Stewart,
of Blanshard.	-	of Russeldale.
C. A. Mayberry, B.A.	-	Wm. Irvine, P.S.I.

And the Warden of the County, *ex officio*.

Perth has not been altogether idle in this matter, although the work has, so far, been confined to the simple efforts of one or two individuals. The work, treating of the Huron tract of which Perth is a part, "In the Days of the Canada Company," by the Misses

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Lizars, was, in the opinion of the Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, Judge Woods, Judge Barron and others, the initial step in Perth's historical work. The second step is the work of Mr. Wm. Johnstone, "Pioneers of Blanshard," published within the year. That the interest of such writing of days gone by is not confined to local readers has been proved by the fact that the sale of "In the Days" has spread to the British Isles, and in America from Gaspé to Victoria, from Buffalo to San Francisco. As it treats of the first settlers in a tract which covered some 1,100,000 acres, it is not hard to believe that the interest attaching to the lives and work of these pioneer emigrants has since spread to many far-off lands and places by the dispersal again of their descendants.

In the same way the interest of even a single township history must be wide, so that, in writing such, the scribe has the satisfaction of knowing that his work, though primarily local, is not necessarily of only local interest.

Since December other meetings have been held, at which sub-committees for the separate purposes of getting information in regard to schools, gravel roads, railroads, journalism, records public and private, and, most important of all, the written memories and recollections of these few pioneers we have left among us, have been formed. The Society seems in a healthy and flourishing state so far as the patriotic interests of its officers are concerned, and, no doubt, in time, as all the data necessary to the writing of a history and historical sketches are amassed, the funds necessary to the backing of such undertakings will be forthcoming. Everyone feels that it is a case of *now or never*, and that patriotism, worthy to be so called, must begin at the very hearthstone, and that, to a Canadian, no hearthstone can be as sacred as that which held the pioneers' fire.

ROBINA LIZARS SMITH.

WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HAMILTON, ONT., June 4, 1900.

It is very satisfactory to be able to report a most prosperous and successful year. Our membership has steadily increased, and every work attempted has been heartily sustained by our members. We have paid one thousand dollars on the Stoney Creek Battlefield Park, and have made many repairs and improvements to the historic old house. Our citizens have contributed liberally, both money and furnishings; while the people of Stoney Creek have donated many useful and rare old articles. The men of Stoney Creek turned out in large numbers to clear up and improve the grounds, even making a new road for the Society. The property has been placed in the hands of three trustees, William Hendrie, Esq., John Calder, Esq., and A. T. Wood, Esq., M.P., who hold it in trust for the Society. A grand opening was held in October, when Mayor Teetzell, followed by the Countess of Aberdeen, declared the Park open. Speeches were made by the Honorable Speaker Bain, Hon. Dr. Montague, O. W. Howland, H. Carscallen, M.L.A., Mrs. J. F. Wood, Toronto, Alexander Muir, and others. In November we were favored with a visit from Sir John Bourinot, who gave a lecture under our auspices on Pioneer U. E. Loyalists. In March we had the pleasure of entertaining Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, at the battlefield. In Easter week we gave an Olden Tyme historical entertainment in the Armory, which proved very successful. The souvenir book published in connection with it has received many complimentary notices. We were represented at the meeting of the Royal Society in Ottawa this year by our President, Mrs. Calder. We feel that not only our Society but all Canada owes a debt of gratitude to our President, Mrs. John Calder, for her energy and patriotism in acting so promptly in securing this historic property, the key to Canada's success in 1813. When she learned the property was about to be sold she purchased it on the

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The officers for the coming year are:

<i>Honorary-President</i>	-	-	Mrs. Wm. E. Sanford.
<i>President</i>	-	-	Mrs. John Calder.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	-	-	Mrs. John S. Hendrie.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	-	-	Mrs R. R. Waddell.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	-	-	Mrs. Alex. McKay.
<i>Recording-Secretary</i>	-	-	Mrs. Wm. R. Mills.
<i>Corresponding-Secretary</i>	-	-	Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	Miss Annie Hendrie.
<i>Assistant-Treasurer</i>	-	-	Miss Kate Rennie.
<i>Historians</i>	-	-	{ Miss Isabel Burrows.
			{ Miss Harris.

MINNIE JEAN NISBET,
Corresponding Secretary W.W.H.S.

NORFOLK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SIMCOE, ONT., Feb., 1900.

At a meeting held in Judge Robb's chambers in the town of Simcoe on the ninth day of February, 1900, for the purpose of forming an historical society, there were present the following persons: James Robb, James J. Wadsworth, Rev. W. J. Dey, Rev. Richard Hicks, and Messrs. Henry Johnson, Hit Courtland, J. D. Courtland, G. Wray Lemon and Frank Reid.

On motion of Mr. Wadsworth, seconded by Mr. Reid, Mr. Robb was elected chairman and Mr. Frank Reid secretary.

The following resolutions were carried:

(1) Moved by Rev. W. J. Dey, seconded by Mr. J. J. Wadsworth, that we establish an historical society under the name of the "Norfolk Historical Society."

(2) That the object of the said Society shall be the promotion of the study of history, especially Ontario and Canadian history, and of archæology.

(3) That this Society apply to the Ontario Historical Society to be affiliated therewith under the provisions of chapter 108 of the Acts passed in the second session of the Ontario Legislature, held in the sixty-second year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Ontario Historical Society."

(4) On motion of Mr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Dey, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Robb, Wadsworth, H. B. Donly, J. D. Christie and F. Reid was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws. The said committee having reported, the constitution and bylaws were, on motion of Mr. Wadsworth, seconded by Mr. Lemon, adopted.

The following were then elected the first officers of the "Norfolk Historical Society."

<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	-	James Robb.
<i>Secretary-Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	-	James J. Wadsworth.
<i>Curator,</i>	-	-	-	-	Henry Johnson.

Councillors,

H. B. Donly, - - - Frank Reid.

Moved by Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Dack, that a copy of the constitution and by-laws, certified by the President and Secretary, be forwarded to the Secretary of the Ontario Historical Society, together with a copy of the other resolutions passed at this meeting, with a view to affiliation with the last-mentioned society, and to incorporation, pursuant to said Act.

Certified a true copy of the resolutions passed at the above meeting.

JAMES ROBB, *President.*

J. J. WADSWORTH, *Secretary.*

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

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unmarked. Fort George is fast crumbling away. There is no stately shaft on Burlington Heights. Stoney Creek we hope will soon have a suitable monument. Moraviantown, where Tecumseh was killed, should be marked with a statue similar to the one of Brant in Brantford. Then comes the battlefield of Chippewa, followed by Fort Erie, where so many brave men laid down their lives for our beloved country. Colonel Drummond's grave, in Tonson's Battery, should be marked in some way; and there must be graves of many brave men throughout the Niagara district which should be cared for by us. The Buffalo Historical Society has set us a good example by becoming the owners of the soldier's burying ground at Williamsville, where many British and American soldiers lie. The lot has been enclosed by a plain iron railing, and the gateway surmounted by an arch bearing the simple words, "Soldiers of the war of 1812."

The site of Johnstown (between Brockville and Prescott) where so many of the United Empire Loyalists landed, and which is now almost forgotten, should be honored by their descendants, and the same may be said respecting Adolphustown, Long Point and Niagara.

Can we not as a Society do something to arouse Canadians to make a great effort to have some, at least, of this work done before 1912?

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH J. THOMPSON, *Convener*.

Schools.

No. 9, Innisfil, Thornton	\$0 31
Brockville Collegiate Institute	5 29
Inniskip, N.B.	0 50
St. Mary's Primary	0 38
No. 10, Lansing, Ont.	0 80
No. 8, Hullett.	0 25
Model School, Port Perry.	2 00
Elmsdale Public School.	1 75
North Hastings Teachers' Association	10 00
South Hampton Public School	1 15
St. David's Ward, Goderich	0 56
Arkell Public School.	0 66
Vancouver Public School	2 00
No. 5, Pelham	1 30
No. 12, Medonte (Vasey)	1 00
Niagara Falls Public School	5 44
Brantford Public School	5 10
Niagara Falls Collegiate Institute	7 00
Niagara Falls Public Institute	9 32
Stamford High School.	4 00
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Total from Schools	\$58 81
Collected by E. J. Thompson	17 51
Collected at Niagara-on-the-Lake	7 55
Collected at Lundy's Lane	27 28
Collected by Dr. Bingham	0 50
Collected by George Morse, Niagara Falls, Ont ...	1 00
Collected by James Bain	1 00
Collected by Allan Cassells	1 00
Collected by J. Money Penny	1 00
Collected by H. C. Secord	1 00
Collected by Hon. J. M. and Mrs. Gibson	10 00
Collected by John Ross Robertson, M.P.	10 00
Collected by Dean and Mrs. Rigley	1 00
Collected by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Plummer	1 00
Collected by Mrs. John Calder	5 00
Collected by B. E. Charlton	1 00
Collected by C. C. James	1 00
Collected by A. W. Campbell	1 00
Collected by Major Pellett	2 00

Collected by A. P. Cockburn, Gravenhurst	\$1 00
Collected by W. A. Mercer, Toronto Junction	10 00
Collected by Alfred Wilson	1 00
Collected by Mrs. Hyde and Miss Crawford, Dunn- ville.....	2 00
Collected by W. C. Michell	1 00
Collected by Mrs. Farrar, Miss Ellerby and Miss Givens.....	0 30
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DELEGATES TO MEETING AT HAMILTON.

JUNE 6 AND 7, 1900.

Simcoe County, Barrie :

Judge Ardagh.
A. F. Hunter.
Rev. W. R. Parker.

Niagara :

Miss Carnochan (Paper on Graves of Early Settlers).
Rev. J. C. Garnett.
Alfred Ball, *Secretary*.

Women's Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton :

Mrs. R. R. Waddell, 195 Hughson Street.
Mr. Alex. McKay, 42 Grove Street.
Mr. Wm. Shawcross, head of Garth Street.
Mrs. Holden, on "The Brant Flag."
Mrs. Fessenden, "A Morning with Historians in Boston."

York Pioneers' Association, Toronto :

Mr. Wm. Rennie, Adelaide and Jarvis Streets.
Rev. Dr. Blackstock, 20 Homewood Avenue.
Mr. W. H. Doel, J.P., 37 Czar Street.

Thorold and Beaver-Dams :

Mr. John H. Thompson.
Mrs. Jas. Munro.

Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto :

Miss Curzon, 55 Murray Street.
Mrs. Henry Thompson, 137 Avenue Road.
Miss E. Yates Farmer, 357 Huron Street, paper on "Glimpses of the Lives of Some Early Settlers in Canada."

Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton:

Mr. F. W. Fearman.
Mrs. M. E. Rose Holden.
Mr. Justus A. Griffin.

Ottawa Women's Canadian Historical Society :

Mrs. Ahearn.

Belleville :

Halton Historical Society :

W. H. Young, Oakville.

W. Richardson, Burlington.

Dr. Robertson, Milton.

Samuel Dice.

Norfolk Historical Society :

H. B. Donly.

Judge Jas. Robert Pres.

Alexander McCall.

Peel Pioneer and Historical Society :

Thomas Murphy.

Luther Cheyne.

Oxford Historical Society :

T. H. Parker.

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Lambton :

Hon. Mr. Vidal.

Joshua Adams.

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ACCESSIONS.

GIFTS.

- From Miss Abbie H. Miller, Newbury, Ontario, German New Testament, with home-made cover and clasp. 1837.
- A Catechism in verse. John Metcalf. Northampton. 1837.
- Lennie's English Grammar. Toronto. 1848.
- Mavor's English Spelling Book. Toronto. Upper Canada. 1835.
- Second Irish National Reader. Toronto. 1857.
- Third Irish National Reader. Montreal. 1850.
- Fourth Irish National Reader. Montreal. 1851.
- Rational Cookery. Watertown. 1830.
- A Short Account of the Christian Experience and Ministerial Labors of William Watters. Alexandria, Maryland. May 14th, 1806.
- Speech of W. A. Thomson, M.P., at Welland. 1873.
- Five Diaries kept by Jonas Miller. 1859, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870.
- Diary kept by Solomon Miller. 1865.
- Old Leather Purse.
- Speech on the Execution of Louis Riel. By Hon. S. D. Thompson. 1886.
- Canada Kalendar. Berlin, Ont. 1869.
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- “ “ “ “ 1875.
- Four Memoranda of Agreements respecting Land. 1850, 1854, 1856, 1858.
- Das Herz des Meuschen ein Tempel Gottes oder tine Wertstatte Satane. Carlisle, Pa. 1825.
- A. F. Hunter, Esq. Pen drawing of Memorial Church. Penetanguishene.
- Mr. A. H. Sydere. Letter from Rev. L. C. Kearney, respecting Upper Canada Indians, and the origin of "Indian Summer," addressed to Mrs. J. H. Sydere. Yarmouth, Ont.

Rev. William Briggs, D.D. :

- Humors of 1837. Lizars.
- Pioneer Life in Zorra. McKay.
- Lieutenant-Governors of Upper Canada. Read.
- Ten Years in Upper Canada. Lady Edgar.

David Boyle:

- Yale University. Illustrated.
- Pamphlets (bound) on Manitoba and the North-West.
- Northern Lakes of Canada. By Barlow Cumberland.
- Pamphlets (Bound) on Manitoba School Question.
- British Section at the World's Fair.
- Meyer's Catalogue of Portraits Relating to Canada.
- Summer Tours on Canadian Pacific Railway (bound).
- Queen's College, Kingston.
- Twenty-five Numbers of Queen's Quarterly.

Grip Publishing Co. :

- Toronto (illustrated).

Rev. Mr. Nattress :

- Amherstburg (illustrated).

J. J. Murphy :

- London, Ont., Council Proceedings, 1873-80.
- Zenobia, a poem. By E. Dawson.
- Pamphlets (bound) on Catholic Subjects (Canadian).
- Pamphlets (bound), Miscellaneous Subjects (Canadian).
- Souvenirs d'un Demi-Siede. Barthe.
- Land Transfer Reform. Mason.
- Ryerson—Ten Letters on the Church.
- Bunker Hill Monument Association.
- History of Bunker Hill Monument Association. Warren.
- Prescott's Oration Before the Bunker Hill Monument Association (1895).
- Twenty-six volumes of Proceedings of the Bunker Hill Monument Association (1861-69).

Minister of Education :

- Pioneers of Blanshard. Johnston.
- Nebraska Historical Society.
- William Walker and the Provisional Government of Nebraska.
- Toronto University Library.
- Review of Historical Publications Relating to Canada. Vol. III.
- General J. S. Clarke.
- General Sullivan's Indian Expedition (1779).

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Hon. Peter A. Porter:

Champlain, Not Cartier. Porter.

David Boyle:

Map of part of North America, designed to illustrate the Reports and Discussions Relating to the Boundaries of the Province of Ontario. Devine (1877).

Iroquois Board of School Trustees (Per Mr. J. A. Jackson, B.A.):

The Semi-Centennial of the Iroquois High School (1845-1895).

PURCHASE.

Inquiry of John Blair, Brockville, respecting a person for services in 1812. Addressed to Archibald McLean, Toronto.

Blair enumerates his services at Matilda, Ogdensburg, Grand River, and other places.

Letter from Alexander McLean, Cornwall, to "Dear Archibald," accompanying resolutions passed at a meeting December 6th, 1837, asking for arms.

The letter states, on the authority of Major Fraser, that Donald A. McDonald, whom some desired to command the regiment, just formed, was no better than L. J. Papineau!

Application of Angus McGillivray, aged 70, of Fitzroy Harbor (1860), for a pension.

He cites his services in 1812, remarking that he had been engaged "in every skirmish and battle" fought by the two battalions with which he was connected.

Addressed to Sir J. B. Robertson (Robinson), Sir Allan McNab, Archibald McLean, W. H. Merritt, and Col. Thomson.

Reprint of *London Gazette*, September 10th, 1666, containing an account of the great fire in London.

Lithograph portrait of Edward VI., by Bartolozzi, 1793.

Lithograph portrait of Edward, Prince of Wales, by Bartolozzi, 1797.

Small oil painting of Fort Garry, Red River Settlement.

EXCHANGES (*United States.*)

Smithsonian Institution, Washington.

Bureau of Ethnology, Washington.

United States National Museum, Washington.

Anthropological Society, Washington.
 Women's Anthropological Society of America, Washington.
 Georgia Historical Society, Savannah.
 Chicago Historical Society, Chicago.
 Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis.
 Iowa State Historical Society, Iowa City.
 Kansas Historical Society, Topeka.
 American Folk-Lore Society, Cambridge, Mass.
 American Dialect Society, Cambridge, Mass.
 Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.
 Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis.
 Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln.
 New Jersey Historical Society, Newark.
 Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N.Y.
 Ohio State Archaeology and Historical Society, Columbus.
 American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Wyoming Historical and Geology Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
 Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence.
 Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison.
 Alaska National Historical and Ethnological Society, Sitka.
 New York Historical Society, New York City.
 American Historical Association, Baltimore, Md.
 American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, New York.
 Ancient and Honorable Company of Massachusetts, Boston.
 The Avonians, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Buffalo Academy of Natural Science, Buffalo, N.Y.
 Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston, Mass.
 Bureau of American Republics, Washington.
 Colorado State Historical and National Historical Society, Denver.
 Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford.
 Detroit Museum of Art, Detroit, Mich.
 German Society of the City of New York, New York.
 Southern California Society, Los Angeles.
 Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield.
 Iowa, Historical Department of, Des Moines.
 Littleton Historical Society, Littleton, Mass.
 Livingston County Historical Society, Genessee, N.Y.
 Medford Historical Society, Medford, Mass.
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New England Historical Society, Boston.
 New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord.
 New York State Historian, Albany.
 Onondaga Historical Society, Syracuse, N.Y.
 Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia.
 Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Deerfield, Mass.
 Texas State Historical Society, Austin.
 Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier.
 Westchester County Historical Society, White Plains, N.Y.
 Worcester Society of Antiquity, Worcester, Mass.
 Cayuga County Historical Society, Auburn, N.Y.
 Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, O.

NOTE.—Although we have sent copies of all our publications to each of the organizations above-mentioned, many of them have not reciprocated, and some have not even acknowledged our favors. It is suggested that this society cease to forward copies of its publications to such other societies as neither reciprocate nor acknowledge. D. B., Secretary.

EXCHANGES (*Canadian*).

- *Royal Society of Canada, Ottawa.
- *Hamilton Association, Hamilton.
- *Celtic Society, Montreal.
- *Literary and Historical Society, Quebec.
- Nova Scotia Historical Society, Halifax.
- Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society, Winnipeg.
- York Pioneer and Historical Society, Toronto.
- *Peel Pioneers' Society, Brampton.
- Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society, Barrie.
- Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton.
- Lundy's Lane Historical Society, Niagara Falls, S.
- *Thorold and Beaver-Dams' Historical Society, Thorold.
- *Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute, St. Thomas.
- Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.
- Niagara Historical Society, Niagara.
- *Peterborough Town and County Historical Society, Peterborough.
- †Oxford Historical Society, Woodstock.
- Canadian Institute, Toronto.
- *Military Institute, Toronto.
- *McGill University Library, Montreal.

Toronto University Library, Toronto.
†Lambton Historical Society, Sarnia.
†Halton Historical Society, Milton.
†Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society, Belleville.
Women's Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton.
†Norfolk Historical Society, Simcoe.
Women's Canadian Historical Society, Ottawa.
†Victoria County Historical Society, Lindsay.
†Perth County Historical Society, Stratford.

* No publications of any kind have been received from this Society.
† Recently organized.