

# SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

## Niagara Historical Society.

Address of the President, read Oct. 13th, 1897.

We have assembled this evening to hold our annual meeting, on the glorious anniversary of the battle of Queenston Heights, and feel that we may fairly congratulate ourselves on the year's work. In the report of last year, a plan was laid down of what we hoped to do, and if we have not accomplished all of our self-appointed tasks, we rejoice that in most of them we have succeeded. Our application to the County of Lincoln for a grant for printing expenses was successful, as was also that to the Ontario Government. A step has been gained, too, as regards the monument to commemorate the landing of the United Empire Loyalists on our shores over a century ago, as a grant has been given by the Provincial Historical Association, as a nucleus.

During the winter, two very successful open meetings were held, and valuable papers were read by Major Cruikshank and Hon. J. G. Currie. On the 24th of May, an Historical Pilgrimage party, under the charge of Mr. Frank Yeigh, visited the points of interest here, among them our room, showing much interest in the collection. On the 2d of June, the Provincial Association met here; with them a deputation of Indians from the Indian Reserve near Brantford, some of whose names are recorded in our Visitors' book, and we feel that these meetings have given quite an impetus to our Society. At the annual meeting, addresses were given by our Patron, Mr. Kirby; Mr. Coyne, the President of the Provincial Association; Mr. Boyle, the Provincial Archæologist; Mr. Brant-Sero, of Hamilton; and Mr. McKenzie read part of a fine drama on the capture of Fort Niagara by Sir Wm. Johnson. The graves of some of those who fell in battle on the 27th of May, 1813, were again decorated with flowers.

Since November, the Historical Room has been open to the public for two hours every Saturday, and over three hundred visitors have recorded their names, many from distant cities, as Chicago, Ottawa, Winnipeg, New York, and one even from Wellington, New Zealand. It is found that this has been of great benefit to the Society, affording an opportunity for the sale of our pamphlets, and has led to numerous contributions and increased interest. There are now over six hundred articles; our collection has been enriched through the kindness of Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, several interesting articles having been loaned from the museum, Toronto. Special thanks are also due to Mr. David Boyle, Archæologist, for the interest taken, and advice and assistance given. We must still mention with gratitude the names of Mr. C. F. Ball, Mr. Alf. Ball, Mr. Alex. Servos, Miss Green, Miss Crouch, Mrs. Secord and many others as contributors, our collection being peculiarly rich in pictures of the neighborhood, and papers and books printed in the town.

You have heard, no doubt, with gratification, the satisfactory reports of our Secretary, Treasurer and Curator, who have so faithfully and earnestly helped on the good work.

Our second pamphlet has been printed and sent out; while a third, by Major Cruikshank, will soon be in the hands of the public. An historical article has appeared each week in the NIAGARA TIMES, and we desire to thank Pickwell Bros. for space given to reports of meetings, etc. Our next attempt must be to publish a catalogue of the contents of our Historical room, and to do all in our power for the carrying out of the idea of the monument in commemoration of the landing of the U. E. Loyalists on our shores.

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# NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

## DUCT AMOR PATRIAE.

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The objects of the Society are: The encouragement of the study of Canadian history and literature, the collection and preservation of Canadian historical relics, the building up of Canadian loyalty and patriotism, and the preservation of all historical landmarks in this vicinity.

Each member shall pay, annually, a fee of fifty cents.

The annual celebration shall be held on the 17th of September in each year.

The Society shall hold eight regular meetings during the year. These meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month.

The annual meeting shall be held on Oct. 13th.

## CATALOGUE.

It is hoped that the Society will soon be able to publish a complete catalogue of the articles in the Historical room. Many visitors have desired to see such a list. The following gives a partial list of articles and donors, but many interesting articles from want of space are omitted.

Medal struck in commemoration of the visit of Queen Victoria to London, Nov. 9th, 1837, found at Fort Mississauga. Presented by Master Hamilton Garrett.

Volume Gleaner for 1817. Loaned by Mrs. Elliot.

Three copies Upper Canada Gazette, 1794. Presented by C. F. Ball.

Sword delivered by Americans to Gen. Murray at surrender of Fort Niagara, Dec. 18th, 1813. Loaned by A. D. K. Servos, Niagara Township.

Military Coat worn by Col. Shaw in 1814. Loaned by Jos. Shaw, Niagara Township.

Cocked Hat of Gen. Brock, used at the funerals in 1824, 1856. Loaned by Cecil Ball, Galt.

Sword, and Proceedings of Court of Requests, 1819, by Warner Nelles.

Christening Bowl used by Rev. Robt. Addison, St. Mark's Church. Loaned by Mrs. Stevenson.

Pocket-book of Capt. Martin McClelland, killed at the taking of the town, 27th May, 1813. Loaned by M. McClelland, Fonthill.

Water color of St. Mark's in 1834. Presented by H. Paffard.

Petition to the Queen, 1842, from St. Andrew's Church, Niagara, with regard to Clergy Reserves, with signatures of members.

- List of members of St. Mark's Church in 1848. Presented by Miss Creen.
- Commissions of Robert Nelles, Grimsby, as Lieutenant, Captain, Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel, signed by different Governors in 1788, 1794, 1815, 1822. Loaned by Mrs. Alf. Ball.
- Books presented by Miss Cathline.
- Masonic apron of silk, with emblems painted. Loaned by Mrs. Burke.
- Deeds of land granted to John McFarland, 1799, etc., with signature of Peter Russel. Loaned by James McFarland.
- Scrip for four shillings, 1773, Pennsylvania; scrip for two dollars, Quebec, 1814; Muster Roll of Company of Butler's Rangers, signed by Jacob Ball. Loaned by C. F. Ball.
- Powder Horn, with date 1784, G. B. Loaned by Percy Ball.
- Wampum, given to Warner Nelles, when made Chief at Grand River. Loaned by Mrs. Percy Ball.
- Two Silhouettes of United Empire Loyalists. Loaned by Mrs. E. Secord.
- Steel engraving of first Brock's monument. Presented by Alf. Ball.
- Plan of Niagara Dock and Harbor Co., 1831. Loaned by John A. Blake.
- Collecting bag, presented by St. Andrew's church.
- Collecting box, St. Mark's presented by Henry Paffard.
- Waffle iron, presented by Mrs. H. Clement.
- Water color, copy of Lady Simcoe's View of Niagara, 1794. Copied and Presented by F. H. Granger.
- Pen and Ink Sketch of Niagara and Fort George, 1806. Copied from Herriott's Travels, and presented by Miss Semple, Toronto.
- View of Taking of Niagara in 1813. Copied by permission of Hon. P. A. Porter, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
- Medal presented by Rev. J. C. Garrett.
- Key of Tower Magazine, Wm. Monro, Esdaile, Wisconsin.
- Pencil outline of Fort Niagara and works of Fort Mississauga, by Gen. Geo. Seaton Gordon, 1824; Queenston Suspension Bridge, 1850. Presented by H. Winnett, Queen's Hotel.
- Water-color View of Fort Niagara, River and Gleaner Printing office, Niagara. Loaned by J. P. Merritt and Mrs. Mack.
- Pencil drawing of Niagara river, 1846, Mrs. Radcliff, Toronto.
- Pencil outline sketch of Niagara River in 1813. Made by Mrs. Quade. Presented by Miss Quade, Ransomville.
- Yarn reel and wheel, brass candlestick before 1812. Loaned by J. A. Konkle.
- Two tables over a hundred years old. Commission of Philip Van Courtland record, 1825. Loaned by Mrs. E. Secord.
- Judge's badge, Provincial Agricultural Fair, held at Niagara, 1850; cookery book, printed in Niagara 1846; book belonging to Niagara library, 1825; clogs, tinder box. Presented by Miss Crouch.
- Ten Copies Canadian Punch. 1850.
- Speech of Bishop Strachan, 1828. Presented by Miss Claus.
- Lantern, powder horn, toasting rack. Presented by P. Whitmore.
- Collection of arrow heads. Loaned by O. McGuire.
- Copper warming pan. Loaned by Jas. Doritty.
- Fruit plate, formerly owned by Sir Peregrine Maitland; returns of First Lincoln Militia, 1838. Presented by Mrs. D. Servos.
- Indenture relating to the will of Col. John Butler, 1799. Loaned by Johnson Butler, St. Davids.
- Water color of Commandant's house and Butler's barracks. Presented by Capt. Geale.
- Coat of Labrador seal from Northwest. Presented by D. O. Secord.
- Copy of portrait of Gen. Sir Isaac Brock. Presented by Henry Garrett.
- Commission of Capt. Baxter, with signature William IV., 1835. Loaned by Miss Baxter.
- Receipt for fire bell, 1839. Presented by R. Reid.
- Collection of cannon balls from 18 lbs. down. Loaned by R. Taylor.
- Thirteen coins presented by Mrs. Alma.
- Blunderbus used on mail coaches of England; sword carried by Capt. Buchner, 1837. Loaned by W. Allam, Virgil.
- Pair of carders. Loaned by John Redhead.
- Lithograph of Desjardens Canal Bridge Accident. By R. Wilkinson.

- Arrow heads, stone gouge, long knife. Presented by Chas. Brown, River Road.
- Portrait of Capt. Thomas Dick. Presented by Miss Gordon.
- Musket barrel, cannon ball, from Queenston Heights. Presented by H. C. Sheppard.
- Stone gouge, chisel, iron tomahawk. Presented by Alf. Ball.
- Sugar bowl, over 100 years old; wood from Servos' mill, 1784; tin candle holders. Presented by John D. Servos.
- Military clothing by Mrs. A. Swinton.
- Fender, by Mr. F. Walsh.
- Flint lock pistol, by Mrs. Walsh.
- Photograph of water color drawing of St. Mark's, by Miss Bevin.
- Oil painting of Chesapeake and Shannon, by Mrs. Jane Garrett.
- First inkstand, used in office of Clerk of Peace, old District of Niagara. Presented by Jas. B. Secord.
- Square of patchwork done in 1837. Presented by Mrs. Guilan.
- Freedom of Burghs of Dumbarton and Paisley; folio Bible, prayer book and Psalms, 1702. Mrs. Senior.
- Portrait of Samuel Zimmerman; Spectator, 1818. Loaned by John Clement.
- Sword, 1812. Loaned by F. Wood.
- Sampler, worked in 1810, by Mrs. Curtiss.
- Old bayonet, flints, etc., by Master Frank Clark.
- Royal Canadian Rifles sword, by Jas. Hartley.
- Picture Old Jail and Court House, by Miss Clement.
- Twenty-seven books—Latin, Greek, French, Italian—dates from 1652, 1699, etc. Loaned by Mrs. Camidge.
- Twelve books—Sophocles, Aristotle, Auchinleck History of War, 1812; Ecclesiastical Law, 1662. Loaned by Colin Milloy.
- Sioux Indian's black stone pipe, twisted stem; Sioux Indian's red stone pipe, ornamental stem; Sioux Indian's bow and arrows, petrified wood, Colorado, Moose horn. Loaned by John A. Blake.
- Tump line used by Indian woman for carrying load, given in 1800; cup or noggin, 200 years old, made by Indians; powder horn, formerly used by Jos. Brant, given to John Baptiste Rousseaux, 1794. Loaned by Alexander Servos.
- Proclamation by Sir G. Arthur. Presented by Rev. Canon Bull.
- Deed of pew 35. St. Mark's church.
- Marriage license: Niagara papers. Presented by Mrs. Follett.
- Pewter platter, part of camp equipage of Col. Johnson, killed at siege of Fort Niagara, 1759. Loaned by Wm. Kirby, F.R.C.S.
- Niagara Gleaner, Reporter, Canal Intelligencer; pamphlets, 1763 to 1830.
- Military water bottle of 1812. Presented by C. F. Ball.
- Niagara papers—Gleaner, Reporter, Argus, Chronicle, Mail, and books and pamphlets printed in Niagara. Presented by Miss Carnochan.
- Brass candlestick. Presented by John Knox.
- Brass snuffers. Presented by Mrs. Ascher.
- Bible of 1610, translated by Anthony Beza.
- Documents with signatures of Andrew Heron, Samuel Street, Bishop of Quebec, Thos. Otway Page, Ralph Clench, Johnson Chew, Alexander Stewart, Robert Kerr, etc.
- Book printed in Niagara, 1831. Loaned by W. Read.
- Books, Mrs. Milloy.
- It is hoped that all who have books or papers printed in Niagara in the early years of the century, will loan them to the Society. Anything relating to the early customs, either of the first European settlers or the Indians, will be welcome, as also pictures of the town or its early buildings or people; any books belonging to the library formed in 1800, weapons, flags, military dress, wampum; a mealing stone is particularly desired. Articles may be either given or loaned for a time, and thus much pleasure and profit gained by the visitors. Mr. David Boyle, in his address, 17th September, complimented the Society on its admirable collection, said: "For local history purposes there is nothing superior to the museum, which should accompany the library; every object may thus illustrate a point, elucidate something obscure, enforce a statement, teach history by interesting object lessons."