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OFFICERS, 1899.

PRESIDENT,	- - - -	W. Gliddon.
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT,	- - -	John A. Phillips.
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT,	- -	Ald. S. J. Davis.
SECRETARY,	- - - -	F. G. Jemmett.
ASSISTANT-SECRETARY,	- -	J. E. Andrews.
TREASURER,	- - - -	Geo. Low, Sen.
CHAPLAINS,	- - - -	Rev. Archdeacon Bogert, Rev. A. W. Mackay, Rev. Dr. Herridge, Rev. Cannon Pollard.
PHYSICIAN,	- - - -	H. B. Small, M.D.
SOLICITOR,	- - - -	Dr. R. J. Wickstead.
COMMITTEE,	- - - -	Fred. Cook, C. Downing Fripp, Geo. E. Preston, H. T. Pritchard, John Storr R. Surtees, Capt. C. F. Winter.
STEWARDS,	- - - -	J. R. K. Bristol, B. Chilton, F. A. Jarman, C. F. Whitley.
AUDITORS,	- - - -	O. J. Jolliffe, C. J. Tasker.

MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Society are held quarterly on the first Tuesday of the month of January, April, July and October, at St. John's Hall, Mackenzie Avenue, Ottawa.

The election of officers takes place at the annual meeting held on the first Tuesday in March.

The meetings of the Committee of Management are held on the first Tuesday in each month.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any person of English or Welsh birth or descent is eligible for membership upon being duly proposed and elected.

Annual subscription, \$1; life subscription, \$10.

PRESIDENTS SINCE 1859.

<p>1859—Lt.-Col. Coffin.</p> <p>1860— “ “</p> <p>1861—H. V. Noel.</p> <p>1862—J. D. Slater.</p> <p>1863—Thos. Hunton.</p> <p>1864—Hammett Hill, M.D.</p> <p>1865—John Rochester.</p> <p>1866— “ “</p> <p>1867—Hon. Jas. Skead.</p> <p>1868—John Sweetland, M.D.</p> <p>1869—John Rochester.</p> <p>1870—John Sweetland, M.D.</p> <p>1871— “ “ “</p> <p>1872— “ “ “</p> <p>1873—Hon. James Skead.</p> <p>1874— “ “ “</p> <p>1875— “ “ “</p> <p>1876—John Sweetland, M.D.</p> <p>1877— “ “ “</p> <p>1878— “ “ “</p> <p>1879— “ “ “</p>	<p>1880—John Sweetland, M.D.</p> <p>1881—J. W. Harper.</p> <p>1882— “ “</p> <p>1883— “ “</p> <p>1884—E. C. Barber.</p> <p>1885—Lt.-Col. B. Chamberlin, C.M.G.</p> <p>1886— “ “ “</p> <p>1887— “ “ “</p> <p>1888—Marcus Smith, C.E.</p> <p>1889—W. Lake Marler.</p> <p>1890— “ “</p> <p>1891— “ “</p> <p>1892— “ “</p> <p>1893—Lt.-Col. Wm. White, C.M.G.</p> <p>1894— “ “</p> <p>1895—Geo. Low, Sen.</p> <p>1896— “ “</p> <p>1897—Fred Cook.</p> <p>1898— “ “</p> <p>1899—Wm. Gliddon.</p>
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Report of the Committee of Management of
St. George's Society of Ottawa,
 for the Year ending 7th March, 1899.

To the Members of the St. George's Society of Ottawa:

C.M.G.
 GENTLEMEN,—At the close of the 55th year of the Society's existence your Committee of Management have to congratulate the membership generally on the satisfactory condition of the Society. The year just closed has in many respects been a memorable one. It has seen a considerable increase in our membership, and a substantial addition to the funds of the Society. Unfortunately, however, the claims upon the charitable fund have been of such a nature as to render it impossible to husband much of the subscriptions thus received. Nevertheless, it will be a satisfaction to the members to know that the funds of the Society have been well expended, and that many suffering countrymen have been relieved. The total amount spent in relief amounts to nearly \$300.00. In all, nearly 150 cases were investigated and relief or assistance in shape of either meals or lodging, cash, employment, or railway fare to other places, was furnished. The greatest difficulty experienced during the year, and one that seems to affect all charitable Societies in Ottawa, was to find suitable or, in fact, any employment for deserving applicants.

C.M.G.
 There has been some talk of establishing in Ottawa a labour bureau for the purpose of furnishing employment for the able-bodied. Considering the success which has attended such labour offices, especially in Europe, it is a matter for regret that the civic authorities do not take up the project with a view to assisting the charitable organizations in their work. Dr. Maltbie in his recent work on Municipal Functions points out that in ten of the leading cities in Germany there are municipal labour bureaus. In seventeen others there are central labour bureaus under private control which are aided by the municipal governments. The largest municipal sub-

vention was given by Hamburg, amounting to \$2,500. Dresden gave a subsidy of \$1,300 and Berlin \$1,250. Of the municipal establishments the one at Erfurt has been most active, securing places in 1895 for 8,600 out of 12,600 applicants.

Free labour bureaus are maintained in most of the Paris arrondissements, while similiar establishments exist in many of the large provincial cities such as Marseilles, Rouen, Rheims and Nice. In several Italian cities labour bureaus maintained by the local chambers of commerce receive municipal subsidies. Nearly all of the Swiss cities of considerable size (Geneva, Basle, Berne) and even smaller places have municipal labour bureaus. On this continent municipal labour bureaus are almost unknown. There is one at Seattle, Wash, which has found employment for 4000 persons in three years; one at Wilkesbarre, Pa., for women only; one at Los Angeles, under the control of both city and country. Montreal contributes toward a privately managed bureau, as does also Savannah, Ga. Toronto opened a labour registry for those wishing employment on municipal works, and 1917 out of 2558 applicants obtained work during 1898. The clerk in charge of the bureau issued 9253 tickets to the 1917 men, some receiving only one and others three and four as they applied for them from time to time. The average time the men were employed was $2\frac{3}{4}$ days for each ticket issued, or a total of 25,446 days. During the year 374 citizens applied to the bureau for men to perform various kinds of work.

Several of the States have established labour bureaus in the large cities. There is one each in New York City, San Francisco and Manchester, and Ohio has provided one in each of its five important cities—Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Dayton. In New South Wales also there is a labour bureau under government control. In Great Britain, employment offices have been established by the Board of Trade in the various industrial centres, such as Liverpool, Glasgow, Salford and Plymouth. Several of the boroughs have also established bureaus temporarily during periods of distress when many were out of employment.

The experience of these cities certainly justifies an attempt in Ottawa to maintain an employment office. The City Council might take up the work; the Associated Chari-

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ties Organization might be trusted with it, or one of the several private employment offices in the city. At present it is questionable whether our citizens accord that measure of support to the Board of Associated Charities such as it deserves. Repeatedly members looking for work have been sent to your committee by the secretary of the Associated Charities, when that officer, if notified by merchants and others, should be well situated to at once secure employment for deserving applicants.

In connection with our charitable work your committee cannot refrain from placing on record their experience of the great harm done, doubtless, unwittingly by the Government Emigration Agents in Great Britain, in influencing people to come to Canada who, in many instances, would have been much better off in the old land. Within the past year cases have not been infrequent where men, not farmers, with families in fair employment at home have been induced, by the glowing literature distributed by Emigration Agents, to throw up their employment and come to Canada without a cent of capital and absolutely no prospects. Much hardship and suffering have ensued and usually the parties have to pass through severe ordeals before our countrymen could assist them to find employment. Your committee has specially in mind one case which came under our observation during the past few weeks where a Gloucester man, with his wife and two children arrived in Ottawa without a cent of money. Under the circumstances your committee had to come to the relief of the family and besides furnishing board and lodging, and securing employment for the husband, had also to make a small loan to set these immigrants on their feet. Naturally where persons endure hardship and disappointment their letters home reflect their feelings, and the country's reputation suffers, to a greater or less extent. Much work thrown upon our National Societies is due, undoubtedly, to the zeal for results in the numbers of emigrants sent to Canada by the Emigration Agents, utterly irrespective of the suitability of such persons for beginning life anew under such different circumstances and surroundings as are found in Canada. The need of some kind of home for the immigrant until employment can be found is becoming more and more imperative yearly.

Your President and Secretary have had a fair share of applications to meet and have dealt with them to the best of their power.

The anniversary of our patron saint's day was celebrated by a banquet which was in every respect a success. His Excellency the Governor-General, the Earl of Aberdeen, graced the occasion with his presence, and among the guests were Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K. C. M. G. and the representatives of the St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's Societies.

The annual Divine Service was held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday 24th April, when the sermon was preached by His Lordship, Bishop Hamilton of Ottawa. The attendance was good and the sum of \$20.00 was received in the collection in aid of the charitable funds of the Society.

The generous action of Mr. William Ogilvie, D.T.S., in lecturing on behalf of the Society last year, as a result of which the charitable fund of the Society was considerably augmented, was not forgotten, and on Thursday the 9th of June Mr. Ogilvie's kindness was fittingly recognized by the presentation to him of a handsome camping outfit. Mr. Ogilvie made a suitable acknowledgement, stating that when making use of the eminently practical present in the bleak north it would be a reminder to him of the St. George's Society of Ottawa and its mission of usefulness and assistance to poor Englishmen.

It was with gratification that your Committee subsequently learned, a gratification which we are sure must be shared by the community at large, that the Government had appointed Mr. Ogilvie to the important position of Administrator of the Yukon Territory.

Your Committee would call the attention of the members to the success achieved by our worthy secretary, Capt. Winter, in the prize essay competition of the Royal United Service Institution, 1897. Capt. Winter was successful in winning the "2nd Trench-Gascoigne" prize of 30 guineas in the Naval Competition upon the subject "The Protection of Commerce During War," in competition with Imperial officers of the Royal Navy. The members of the Society will feel, while congratulating their worthy secretary, that an honour

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has been conferred upon the Society equally with their officer.

During the past year the Society has had cause to mourn the demise of two of its oldest and most valuable members in the persons of Dr. Hamnett Hill and Mr. G. W. Wicksteed, Q.C., in each of whom the Society had an old and well tried friend. By the death of Dr. Hill the Society loses its original first vice-president, and one of the gentlemen who met in the old Exchange Hotel in "Upper Town" on Wednesday the 15th April, 1846, "for the purpose of forming a St. George's Society." Mr. S. Thomas, Junior, was the first president of the Society and Dr. Hill, John Westlake and John Summer its first vice-presidents. The first Secretary was Mr. S. H. (now Chief Justice Sir Henry) Strong. Dr. Hill was subsequently elected to the presidency and was one of the most earnest and energetic workers in the interests of the Society who has ever filled that office. Although debarred by increasing years and failing health from attending the meetings of the Society in recent years, he remained to the last one of its best and firmest friends and was foremost in contributing to the charitable fund of the Society and assisting it in every way in his power. The Society has already placed on record a resolution of condolence with Dr. Hill's family and was officially represented at his funeral by officers of the Society.

Of the original members of the Society there are but two living, the Right Hon. Sir Henry Strong, Chief Justice of Canada and Mr. H. V. Noel, Manager of the Quebec Bank. To the latter gentleman your Committee is indebted for some very interesting information with respect to the initiation and early stages of existence of the Society, including the minutes of the first meeting. From the documents supplied by Mr. Noel, there is evidence of the friendly relationship which existed between St-George's Society and the other national societies in those early days. It was the custom on St. George's Day for the St. Patrick's Society and the St. Andrew's Society to join the St. George's in honouring the memory of our Patron Saint by taking part in the parade, while the St. George's Society returned the compliment by assisting the sister societies in the celebration of those days.

During the year your Committee deemed it advisable that the Society should assist that worthy local institution, the

Protestant Home for the Aged. A contribution of \$50.00 was voted to the Home entitling your Society to nominate one of its members as a Director on the Board of the Old Men's Home. Mr. Geo. Low, Sr., a past-president of the Society, was unanimously chosen as the Society's representative.

The usual distribution of Christmas cheer took place on the Friday before Christmas, when 300 persons were made recipients of the Society's bounty.

Your Committee gratefully recognizes the generous help of the members of the Society, and Englishmen generally, to the Christmas fund. The practice inaugurated with such success two years ago of giving orders for groceries and meat upon city merchants was again carried out.

Your Committee beg to acknowledge the kindness of Messrs. John Murphy & Co., Dry Goods Merchants, Sparks St., for a donation of silk to renew the banner of the Society.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

FRED COOK, President.

J. E. ANDREWS, Asst.-Secy.

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The Treasurer in account with St. George's Society
for the year ending March, 1899.

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To Balance from last year	\$1363 18	
Subscriptions	18 00	
Collection Annual Church Service, St. John's Proceeds to Charitable Fund from Annual Dinner	20 06	
Special Collection for Director on O. M. Home Board	28 50	
Contributions Christmas Charity account ..	15 00	
Life Memberships	249 00	
Refund	20 00	
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	\$1715 74	
To C. F. Winter, honorarium as Secretary		\$25 00
Donation to Old Men's Home		50 00
Rent St. John's Hall		8 00
Post cards, stamps, etc		5 00
Printing and advertising		12 50
Miscellaneous		15 66
Engrossing address to Lord Minto		5 00
Contribution to S. of E. Band Fund		10 00
Relief, including Christmas distribution		295 40
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		\$427 27
Deposit in bank		1237 48
Cash on hand		50 99
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		\$1715 74

List of Subscribers to the Special Christmas Distribution Fund.

S. C. D. Roper, T. A. Dunlevie, Five Friends, F. G. Bennett, Jno. Aikers, T. A. D. Bliss, R. R. Farrow, R. C. Allan, J. R. K. Bristol, R. W. Breadner, W. Gliddon, Mortimer & Co., W. A. Lloyd, J. Musgrove, W. J. Eastcott, W. Graham, W. B. Macdonald, G. F. Guy, R. B. W. Robinson, A. H. Jarvis, F. Bloomfield, M. Wooding, Sproule & O'Connor, E. Hunt, H. Watters, The 2 Macs Co., A. J. Stephens, T. Ahearn, R. McGiffin, G. M. Holbrook, R. A. McCormick, C. J. Masson, G. W. Mills, C. Ogilvie, T. Dunderdale, J. Coates, C. Serim, W. R. Bradbury, H. Bristow, G. H. Rogers, H. A. Rogers, E. B. Whitley, T. Whitley, A. E. Manheim, C. G. Firth, H. McDonald, K. McDonald, J. E. Andrews, H. T. Pritchard, F. T. Shutt, J. Fletcher, J. Wilkins, A. W. Woodland, P. MacFarlane, C. F. Whitley, W. Saunders, J. F. Whiteaves, E. D. Ingall, J. M. Wilmot, R. L. Broadbent, S. J. Davis, J. Storr, G. Moon, F. K. Bennetts, H. Bott, E. Miall, A. M. Calderon, H. K. Pinhey, M. Smith, G. Johnson, C. Schrieber, D. Taylor, Major Bell, W. D. LeSueur, J. Pope, E. S. Leatham, Ald. Slim, H. V. Noel, R. Surtees, Ald. Campbell, Fred Cook, T. H. Kirby, J. Bain, J. R. Booth, W. C. Edwards, Geo. Low, T. Birkett, Sheriff Sweetland, S. M. Rogers, G. Bailey, T. Askwith, J. P. Featherston, W. Northwood, T. Iliff, S. A. Luke, F. H. Cunningham, W. Miles, W. Himsworth, J. Askwith, A. Byron, J. Cuzner, J. A. Ritchie, Rev. W. A. Mackay, Rev. H. Pollard, J. M. Dowdall, E. B. Godwin, W. King, J. C. Kearns, B. Bell, W. R. Stroud, Miss Hallott, W. Butland, T. Kimpton, W. L. Marler, E. Waldo, Major Wicksteed, Col. White, F. Toller, J. M. Courtney, T. C. Weston, D. H. Keeley, F. White, F. G. Jemmett, Hope & Sons, O. Higman, Dr. Small, E. Kemp, H. B. Small, C. F. Winter, C. Stewart, J. A. Phillips, J. Davis, C. D. Fripp, A. J. Phillips, Com. Spain, G. W. Jessup.

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Askwith, John,

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Beard, F.,
Beament, H.,
Beddoe, C. H.,
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Bennetts, F. K.,

Birkett, Thos.,
Blake, R. P.,
Bogert, Rev. J. J.,
Bott, Harry,
*Bostock, Hewitt, M.P.,
Bristol, J. R. K.,
Broadbent, R. L.,
Bullman, Jonas,
*Brown, J. F.,

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Coates, John,
Cook, Fred.,
Courtney, J. M., C.M.G.,
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Davis, John

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Fletcher, Jas.,

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Fortescue, L.,
Foss, Joshua,
Fripp, C. Downing.

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Strong, Chief Justice Sir
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Sparkes, G. A.,
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 Small, H. Beaumont,
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Tasker, C. J.,
 Thoburn, D.

Toller, Lt.-Col. Fred.,
 Tobin, J. S.,

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 Watts, J. W. H.,
 Wensley, Thos.,
 Weston, T. C.,
 White, Fred.,
 Whiteaves, J. F.,

White, Lt.-Col. Wm., C.M.G.
 Whitley, C. F.,
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 Wicksted, Major,
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 Winfindale, J.,
 Woodcock, A.

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