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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Niagara Historical Society,

Address of the President Read 13.h October, 1899.

In presenting the fourth annual report it is only intended to refer to the work accomplished during the year by our Society, briefly then, since last report we have printed two pamphlets, and another is now in the hands of the printer, each of these having illustrations in keeping. A catalogue of the articles contained in our Historical Room was printed for us by the kindness of Jno. Ross Robertson, M.P. consisting of twelve pages and numbering 1000 articles. During the year about two hundred articles have been contributed. The room has been open every Saturday and frequently on other occasions, over three hundred visitors having recorded their names. Many letters have been received during the year asking for information, and it is gratifying to be able to state that frequently has valuable information been given, gleaned from the papers and documents in our possession or from those available in the town.

Three delegates attended the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, held in Victoria University, 14th June. Our Society having been asked to contribute to the Historical Loan Exhibit, a collection of one hundred articles was sent, filling two cases and occupying the wall space above. These received favorable mention in the Toronto papers and a list appears in the catalogue published by the Loan Exhibition Committee.

The Historical column in THE TIMES has been continued, to which paper we return our thanks for much kindness shown. The grant from the Ontario Government has been continued and also from the County Council, by means of which we are enabled to print as we have done. A report was sent to the Royal Society of Canada which appears in their transactions.

On the 17th September, our anniversary, we visited the graveyards in town, placing flowers on the graves of many; St. Mark's, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Andrew's, Methodist, Baptist (colored), and also the deserted Butler's grave yard, were all visited, and we hope that another year our townsmen may join us in shewing honor to the ashes of those who have so well deserved to be remembered.

The charge of our literature having been placed in my hands, I have to report the distribution of 317 copies to members, the press, historical societies and others interested. Of these 54 were sold by me and \$11.65 paid into the hands of the Treasurer. We hope to continue the series of Historic Houses and ask aid from any having documents, pictures or anything which will help in this direction.

From our Secretary you have heard a very interesting report, stating that eight meetings were held during the year; to his zeal and ability we are much indebted, as we are also to our Treasurer who has carefully administered our finances, reporting a very satisfactory balance.

Our membership is nearly stationary, numbering many at considerable distances. We exchange publications with ten Societies, and are thus accumulating a valuable historical library.

We have not given up hope that some memorial may yet be erected here in memory of the landing of the U. E. Loyalists and that such memor-

ial may take the form of a building to contain our collection becoming every week more valuable, not merely local but provincial in character. With hope and courage then we close the year and start anew with the wish that we may be able to chronicle "something accomplished, something done," which may be of some benefit, and may show that our motto "the love of country guides" is indeed, with us, a controlling principle.

Niagara Historical Society.

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The objects of our 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.

The annual fee is fifty cents.

The Historical Room is open every Saturday from 3 to 5.

The pamphlets issued by our Society are :

- No. 1—Taking of Fort George, Lt. Col. Cruikshank.
- No. 2—Centennial Poem by Mrs Curzon ; Fort Niagara by Canon Bull ; Slave Rescue, Niagara 1836, Miss Carnochan. 20 cts.
- No. 3 - Blockade of Fort George, Lt. Col. Cruikshank. 25cts.
- No. 4—Memorial to U. E. Loyalists, Jas. Coyne, B.A.; History taught by Museums, Queenston Heights, Hon. J. G. Currie. 20 cts.
- No. 5—Sermon by Rev. R. Addison : Historic Houses, Alex. Servos, Jessie McKenzie, Chas. Taggart. Evolution of an Historical Room, Janet Carnochan. 20c.

CATALOGUE.

Continued from 1898.

Water color, moss roses, with autograph by the authoress, Susanna Moodie, 1870. Chas. Hunter.

Steel engraving of Bishop McDonnell, Glengary, 1825, presented to Col. McDougall by the Bishop. Loaned by Mrs. Newton.

Steel engraving of Lieut. Gov. Francis Bond Head, 1837. R. Wilkinson.

Photograph of Mrs. McMurray, (Charlotte Johnson, O-ge-ne-go-quah). Miss Baxter.

Advertising bill of Temperance Excursion to city of Toronto, June 1844, by Steamer City of Toronto. B. Andrews.

Canteen of American Soldier 1813, found in grave of St Mark's; coins and buttons. Hamilton Garrett.

Photograph of eight veterans of war of 1812, taken at Queenston Heights Oct. 13th. 1869. Mrs. Follett.

Frontispiece of cap worn by Daniel Servos, Butler's Rangers. Alexander Servos.

Old Temperance Medal. George Goff.

Two old cartridge pouches stamped G. R. 3rd, and crown. Wm. Lockwood.

Mortar and Pestle 100 years old, made from the knot of a tree; beer mug found in old jail yard. Murray Fields.

Photograph of Judge Butler copied from miniature. Owned by Mrs. Jos. Clement.

Water color of Miss Mary Wagstaff with river and Brock's monument in the distance, Niagara Spectator 1819, Buffalo Gazette, 1815 and 1816, Providence Patriot, Niagara Gleaner 1819, Niagara Sentinel, Lewiston 1824, British Colonial Argus St. Catharines 1833, Niagara Chronicle 1851, Facsimile of New York Morning Post Nov. 7th, 1783. Miss Lockwood.

Framed portrait of John Galt, the novelist. Miss Galt.

Commission as Ensign Lincoln Militia, Free Mason's certificate of T. F. Sampson, other documents with noted signatures; address 1819 in York, relating to Bible Society in Niagara. Bear trap made by early settlers. Early lamp. Atlas with maps 1805-11. Alfred Ball.

Wheel head and Spindle, candle moulds, cutting of tree shewing bullet sawn through, bill of Suspension Bridge Bank, Queenston; thirty-four coins, school exercise book, Virgil 1837. Jno. P. Clement.

Photograph of Col. McDougall, order authorizing him to enlist a regiment, signed E. McDonell, Prescott, 1813. Autograph of Bishop McDonnell. Parchment appointing Robert Dickson, Daniel McDougall and Robert Melville, Commissioners 1844. Autograph letters of Sir Allan McNabb, and W. Thomas the architect, re Brock's Monument. Sketch of Heights. Silk dress of 1812. Photograph of Father Gordon. Mrs. Newton.

Three printed documents dated Navy Hall, 1793, with autograph of Gov. Simcoe, Gordon Drummond, Kingston, John Small York, 1820. Address of Frances Hincks, 1844. Jas. Bain, Toronto.

Large photograph, framed, of Dr. Oronhyatekha and his tutor at Oxford. Prof Acland. Dr. Oronhyatekha.

Old tea tray, three legged pan for use in fire-place, five bills of Zimmerman Bank, 1856. C. F. Ball.

Breast-plate of an officer's horse in India. George Reid.

Photograph of Hudson Bay Co., Indian Life, Moose Factory, See House, Moosanee, etc. Alexander Niven, D.L.S.

Two watercolors of Toronto yachts, 1856, painted by Armstrong. Colin Milloy.

Documents relating to St. Andrew's church, 1826, etc. J. H. Burns.

Ancient chair and wool rolls. Mrs. Cooper.

Candle moulds in frame for 18 candles. Mrs. Murray Field.

Freedom of city of York. Mrs. Camidge.

Toronto Patriot, Dec. 1838. Mrs. Young, Salt Lake City.

Bayonet of 1812, dug up in town. Wm. Lee.

Gift mug which formerly belonged to Mrs. Quade, daughter of Dominic Henry, born in light house keeper's house 1804. Miss Quade, Ransomville.

Plate formerly owned by an old Waterloo veteran at Fort George. Mrs. Campbell.

Lithograph of Barrie, 1853; Morse's Geography, 1795; Report of House of Assembly, 1836; Almanac, 1842. Richard Wynn.

24 copies Niagara Chronicle 1844 to 1853; 15 copies Niagara Mail 1847 to 1855; Pamphlet re York Harbor by Hugh Richardson. Jno. A. Bake.

Helmet and forage cap badges, collar badge, officer's buttons of Prince of Wales' Leinster Regt., Royal Canadian (late 100th), and 109th Bombay. Six articles. Capt. Dickenson, Halifax, N.S.

Autograph letter from T. Butler, 1833, re purchase of pew No. 18, St. Andrew's. W. H. J. Evans, J.P.

Constitution and Record book of Niagara Temperance Society, 1841; Cricket Club Record of Niagara Grammar School, 1862. Miss Carnochan.

Delectus used in Niagara Grammar School and Upper Canada College, 1843; Friendly Visitor, 1829; Boyle's Court Guide, 1822. Mrs. Woodington.

Reprint of Life of Bryon, Alexander the Great, Mohammond by S. Heron, Niagara, 1831. John Stark, Grand Haven, Mich.

Transactions of Royal Society, Ottawa. Sir John Bowrinot.

Archives of Canada. Douglas Brymner.

Archaeological Report. David Boyle.

Review of Historical publications, 1898. Prof. Wrong.

Sketches of Upper Canada and Conant family. T. Conant, Oshawa.

Ontario Land Surveyors. J. J. Murphy, Toro to.

Site of Huron villages, Hero of Saskatchewan, Memoirs George and Phebe Warnica; French relics among Hurons. A. Hunter, Barrie.

Champlain not Cartier, by P. A. Porter; Pocket Guide to Niagara Falls; Hydraulic Tunnel Niagara Falls, Greater Niagara. P. A. Porter, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Societies exchanging publications are Lundy's Lane, Hamilton Association, Wentworth, Woman's Wentworth, Woman's Historical Society, Toronto, Onondaga Historical Society, Syracuse, Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, United Empire Loyalist, Buffalo Historical Society, Ontario Historical Society, Canadian Institute, New York State Library.

An effort is being made to secure a collection of the pictures of the early settlers of the neighborhood, and it is hoped that all having such pictures will allow them to be copied so that there may be some permanent record of the appearance of these brave pioneers.