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The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa was inaugurated in the year 1898 by Lady Edgar, President of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, the first President being Mrs. G. E. Foster.

## OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society are the encouragement of the study of Canadian history and literature, the collection and preservation of Canadian historical records and relics, and the fostering of Canadian loyalty and patriotism.

## MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting of the Society is held each year on the 29th day of March, the anniversary of the passing of the British North America Act.

The regular meetings are held on the Second Friday of each month, October to March inclusive, in the Public Library, at 3.30 p.m.

## MEMBERSHIP.

The Membership Fee is fifty cents annually.

The Society is affiliated with the Royal Society of Canada, the National Council of Women, the Ontario Historical Society, and the Historical Landmarks Association.

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## Report of the Recording Secretary of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa for 1913-14

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### FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

1913-14 are momentous years in our Canadian history—full of anniversaries and centenaries, from victories of war to victories of peace—from Stoney Creek and Chrysler's Farm—to the Treaty of Ghent, the Peace Centenary, all of which have been dealt with in the work of our Society.

During the season thirteen meetings have been held, six General and seven Executive. The Annual Report for 1912-13 has been published, and the reprint of Vol. I. of our Transactions, so urgently requested, will be proceeded with during the summer months.

Our Society was represented at the May meeting of the Royal Society of Canada by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Simpson as delegate, who presented a short report of the season's work. The Presidential Address on that occasion was delivered by Dr. W. D. LeSueur on "History: Its Nature and Methods." The Annual Popular Lecture by Dr. John M. Clarke, State Geologist, Albany, N.Y., on "Cartier's Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence," (the Gaspé Islands, the Magdalen Islands, and the Bird Rocks). The President and Mrs. W. D. LeSueur were "At Home" on Tuesday afternoon to the Society and its delegates.

In June, in response to an invitation received from the Women's Wentworth Historical Society of Hamilton to the officers of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, our President, Mrs. Thomas Ahearn attended the Stoney Creek Centennial. In August, at the Chrysler Farm Centennial, the Ottawa Society was represented by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Simpson, and our Librarian, Miss Eva Read. At the Ontario Historical Society's Annual Meeting, held at Chatham in September, by our President Mrs. Thomas Ahearn and Corresponding Secretary Mrs.

B. Billings. Condensed reports of the season's work were also sent by the Recording Secretary to the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association held at Charleston, N.C., December, 1913, and to the Annual Meeting of the Local Council of Women in January of this year.

Our first meeting of the season, open to the friends of the Society, was held on the evening of October 9th in St. George's Parish Hall. Judge D. B. McTavish occupied the chair, and introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. J. S. Carstairs, B.A., of Toronto, who gave an address on the "United Empire Loyalists," a subject on which he is an eminent authority. Mr. Wilfred Campbell and Rev. W. A. Read, respectively, moved and seconded the motion of appreciation. Musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Angus Mackenzie, Mdle. Robitaille and Mr. Salmon, after which a social half hour was spent and refreshments served by the convenor of the Refreshment Committee, Miss Eugenie Rhéaume and her assistants.

The November meeting was held in the Carnegie Library, on the 14th inst., at 3.30 in the afternoon, when the President, Mrs. Ahearn, announced her invitation to the Ontario Historical Society, while in Chatham, to hold their next Annual Meeting at our Capital. This had been endorsed by the preceding Executive and was heartily concurred in. The President then gave a delightfully graphic account of the Stoney Creek Centennial of June 6th, describing the wonderful victory one hundred years ago, of General Vincent and his army of only seven hundred men—as contrasted with the happy, contented crowd then gathered, when, following the impressive five minutes silence, following the Herald's announcement, our gracious Queen Mary from Buckingham Palace, unveiled the beautiful monument, erected on the old battlefield in commemoration of that memorable victory.

The paper of the day, an excellent report of the Ontario Historical Society's Annual Meeting at Chatham, was given by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. Billings, and included interesting historic details of the papers read at the various sessions in the Maple City; the trip to Moraviantown, the scene of the death of

Tecumseh, and the visit to Amherstburg and old Fort Malden, illustrated by some fine photos taken by Mrs. E. J. Thompson.

On December 12th, the Treaties series was resumed by Miss Muriel Shortt, who had as her subject the "Treaty of Ghent," giving an able resume of the causes which led up to the war of 1812; the meetings held by the plenipotentiaries in drawing up the famous treaty, and the treaty itself, by which the war between Great Britain and the United States was happily brought to a close, December 24th, 1814. This paper was followed by Miss Eva Read's verbal account of the "Centenary Celebration of the battle of Chrysler's Farm," describing the battleground about four miles east of Morrisburg, the monument erected thereon by the Canadian government in 1896, and the soul-stirring patriotic speeches of the Premier, Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux to the great civil and military gathering numbering some eight or ten thousand.

In response to the invitation of the American Historical Association to send a delegate to their 29th Annual Convention at Charleston, N.C., the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Simpson, was authorized to send a condensed up-to-date report of the year's work, and to include an invitation to send delegates to the Ontario Historical Society's Annual Meeting at Ottawa, in June, when the latter will be the guests of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of the Capital.

The first general meeting for 1914 was held on January 9th, when Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall gave a most interesting resumé of the period of Canadian history between 1840-54, during the regime of Sir Charles Metcalfe and Lord Elgin. The paper of the day on the much discussed "Ashburton Treaty," was ably prepared and read by Miss Hazel Biggar, and illustrated by a sketch drawn of the disputed but finally settled boundary line. The President, Mrs. Ahearn, who was leaving shortly for Honolulu, bade the Society farewell for two or three months, asking them to observe "Violet Day" by wearing violets in memory of Queen Victoria the Good, and also, referred to the prospective arrangements in connection with the Ontario Historical Society programme, and convention rooms arranged at the Chateau Laurier.

February's meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall, who announced the Society's contribution to the Ontario Historical Society's Annual in June would be an address by Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Mrs. D. H. McLean's unpublished paper on the "Treaty of Washington 1871," and a resume of the Dominion and Capital's scrap books, by the convener, Miss Eva Read, and Miss Amy Horsey; she also read a copy of the Resolution unanimously adopted by the last Executive, 7th inst., as follows:—"The Women's Canadian Historical Society request the Chairman and Board of Control that the city purchase a portrait bust of its Founder, Lt.-Col. John By, R.E., to be appropriately placed in the Council Chamber." This was put to the general meeting and heartily endorsed. The paper of the day by Mrs. W. P. Davis, on the "Reciprocity Treaty of 1854," proved of surpassing interest. Mrs. Davis reviewed the ground thoroughly of this so styled "excellent piece of diplomacy," dealing with Lord Elgin's efforts to bring this agreement about, he considering the state of dissatisfaction on both sides to be due mainly to commercial causes; the deputation to Washington in 1852; Secretary Oliphant's account of the signing of the Treaty in 1854, and the many reasons following for its abrogation—trouble arising, which proved but the darkness before the dawn—for out of the darkness comes Confederation.

Miss Mary Masson's account of an "Old Cairn on Squaw Island, in Lake St. Francis," which in 1841, was dedicated to Sir John Colborne, was much appreciated.

Our last meeting of this season, on March 13th, was presided over by Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall in the regretted absence through illness of Madame L. N. Rhéaume. A fitting close to the season's papers was given by Mrs. Walter Armstrong on "Some Reminiscences of Confederation,"—history at first hand, for they were gathered from the "treasure box" of her father, the Hon. John Costigan's memory,—the Senator having the unique record of continuous service, from six years in the New Brunswick Legislature before Confederation, to the present day. This paper when published in our Transactions will prove a valuable addition to the Society's records. A letter which gave much pleasure was read

from the President in Honolulu, descriptive of her sojourn there, and the Mid-Pacific Carnival, and containing kindly greetings to the officers and members of the Society.

The Acting President, Mrs. McDougall, announced the favorable result of the deputation to the Board of Control:—the City's first tangible recognition of its Founder, a portrait bust of Lt.-Col. John By, R.E., being now in place of honour in the Council Chamber of the City Hall. And also, that the Society was delighted to learn, from the report recently issued by the Minister of Public Works, Hon. Robert Rogers, that their ideal project, the monument symbolic of the Confederation of the Provinces, the Victory of Peace—was about to materialize on Connaught Place.

We would like to embody here the valued tribute, personally received by your Recording Secretary, Mrs. Simpson, at an interview with Sir Charles Tupper, when the veteran statesman was en route for England last April. Sir Charles' words were:—"I feel a deep interest in the work of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, I congratulate them on the success of the past, and extend my best wishes for the future and the Confederation Memorial." (Signed) Charles Tupper. Elmsleigh, April 22, 1913. This autograph message, read at a special meeting of the Executive, from the last remaining "Father of Confederation" was enthusiastically received.

The interest in our Canadian Jubilee is steadily growing as the time draws near, and Premier Matheson of Prince Edward Island has memorialized the Dominion Government for recognition and aid, in the celebration of the inception of the Dominion of Canada in September of 1864, at Charlottetown.

The Peace Centenary and the Canadian Jubilee! What themes to inspire our hearts with thankfulness for the Past, joy in the Present, and a sure and certain hope that the great benefits of peace will endure in the Future.

Respectfully submitted.

JENNY R. SIMPSON,

*Hon. Recording Secretary.*

March 30th, 1913.

## Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa for 1913-14

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Lexicographers tell us that, "Correspondence means reciprocal intercourse between persons, by means of letters." Our Society has therefore been engaging to a degree, in just such reciprocity, although that word may sound more political than social.

Our communications this year, for several reasons, have been largely domestic; during years of secretarial work, I have found it to be the case, that business between the different National societies is invariably fluctuating, so year by year we are given variety.

Perhaps the most important part of the correspondence was that in connection with the meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, which this year takes place in our home city during the first week in June. The invitation had been given in person by our President at the annual meeting, then being held in Chatham, and later ratified at the first meeting of the Executive Committee, after which a more formal invitation was tendered and accepted.

On October 22nd, Mr. John Dearness, President of the Ontario Historical Society, sent your Secretary the following letter, "Your invitation on behalf of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, to hold our next annual meeting in that city, was duly considered at the Ontario Historical Society Council meeting last Saturday, when even Mr. Pattulo, who has twice urged the claims of Woodstock, said that he would not oppose Ottawa. It was considered whether we should not hold our next annual meeting at Toronto, so as to introduce the members to their new quarters; however when the place of meeting came to a vote, Ottawa was on the "motion" and there was no amendment." Mr. Dearness goes on to say, "I have no misgivings about the success of next year's meeting,

the credit of it however will be mainly due to the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa."

From this letter of acceptance to our invitation, it would seem that we are expected to appear in every way to the best advantage and to at least partially furnish the programme. Our part of the programme was submitted later on, and the following reply was received: Toronto, February 11th, "Thank you for the list of addresses and papers to be contributed by Ottawa people at the June meeting of this Society; this list will materially improve the programme upon which we are working at the present time. As soon as we get it into shape we will submit it to your Society for consideration. A. F. Hunter, Sec'y."

Acknowledgments have been received for reports and transactions, from various Libraries and Societies, including, The Library of Congress, Washington; John Crerar Library, Chicago; The State Library of Massachusetts; Bureau of Archives, Toronto; Kent Historical Society; Clarence Warner, Esq., Napanee; Alfred Pelland, Esq., of the Department of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries of the Province of Quebec; Miss Augusta Gilkinson, Brantford.

Several requests have been proffered on various occasions for our publications; and one for the Constitution came from Berlin, Ontario, saying, that the Waterloo Historical Society wished to frame one for itself, and would like ours as a model.

The Kent Historical Society, through their Secretary, Mr. W. N. Sexsmith, presented to our Society, a copy of "Harrison Hall and its associations."

Mr. J. H. Smith, Inspector of the Wentworth Public Schools, writing from Hamilton on February 18th, enclosed two Laura Secord Medals, which had been struck off in bronze, for competition by the pupils of the different schools in his country; the results having been found most gratifying and productive of excellent effects. One of the medals was intended for the Society, the other was a personal gift to your Secretary.

Another much appreciated gift, was that of two views of Old Louisburg, presented by Howard Ross, K.C. of Montreal, which reached us through the medium of Mr. Albert Almon, of Glace Bay.



Mr. Karl J. Trubner, of Strassburg, wrote making his annual request for the list of our Officers for enrollment in "Minerva," a Yearbook of the Learned Institutions of the World.

One letter in particular, received from Mr. Alfred Pelland, of the Department of Colonization, Mines, and Fisheries, of the Province of Quebec, gave great satisfaction to the members of the Society, as it requested a copy of the paper written by Mrs. Walter Armstrong, entitled, "The Heroine of Vercheres." In acknowledging the receipt of Vol. V. of the Transactions in which the Article is embodied, Mr. Pelland said that it would give him pleasure to look over his library of Canadiana, in the hope that he might find duplicate copies, which might prove acceptable to the Society.

An invitation from the Women's Wentworth Historical Society, came to the President and Officers of our Society, to be present on Friday, June 6th, 1913, at the Battlefield of Stoney Creek, when the Monument erected to commemorate the Battle, on its one hundredth anniversary, would be unveiled by her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Mary, which was duly done by electricity. Our President, Mrs. Ahearn, now absent in Honolulu, gave a graphic account of the event—as an eye-witness—at a recent meeting. Those of us who had the delight of listening to her description, could not fail to thank Mrs. Ahearn for making us feel that we too had been present on that memorable occasion.

In June last, we were reminded by Mr. Walter Nursey, Inspector of Public Libraries, that our report, which entitles us to the annual grant of (\$200.00) two hundred dollars, had not yet been sent to him. This seeming negligence was due to delay in printing the reports.

We entered into communication with J. S. Carstairs, Esq., to request him to address the opening meeting for the season of 1913-14, and were fortunate in securing his services.

Dr. Rowland B. Orr, Director of the Provincial Museum, notified the Society through the President, that he had sent a copy of their annual report.

Several communications have been received from Mr. R. C. Ballard Thruston, of Louisville, Kentucky, seeking information with regard to the location of drums and flags, including colors and

standards, used both on land and sea, during the Colonial period, also in the Revolutionary War and subsequently down to about the year 1840; he also asked for original information relating to them and their designs. Mr. Thruston was most anxious to find out whether we had any of their drums, and if so, what was the design painted on them. It seems hardly necessary to make the statement here, that we, as a Society, possess no such valuable treasures, and your Secretary was therefore constrained to write to that effect.

Dr. Alexander Fraser, Archivist for the Province of Ontario, in acknowledging the receipt of Vol. II. of the Transactions, in exchange for the Ontario Archives Report, expressed his sense of the excellence of the work we are carrying on, and particularly congratulated the Society on the volume devoted to the Waterways of Canada, which he avers, is admirably done, being of great value as a permanent record.

Mr. John W. Congdon, of Toronto, wrote requesting any valuable reports or papers which the Society felt disposed to send to him, and later acknowledged the same.

Mr. Clarence M. Warner, Vice-President of the Ontario Historical Society, in a letter dated March 16th, asking for certain Transactions which he found omitted from his collection, expressed much satisfaction at the progress made by us, in the arrangements for the June meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, and offered any assistance he could give in the way of practical help. He also mentioned having been in communication with a number of distinguished Americans, and hopes to have a representative gathering from the United States.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, was received at the end of April, 1913, informing us that the Society would meet in Ottawa from the 27th to the 29th of May inclusive, also cordially inviting us to send a representative delegate and a report for the current's year's work,—the Presidential address to be delivered by Dr. W. D. LeSueur, on the opening evening, and the popular lecture on the evening of the 28th, by Dr. John M. Clarke, State Geologist, of Albany, N.Y.

Mr. Clarence M. Alvord, Managing Editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, of Urbana, Illinois, would very much like

to have us put this publication on our mailing list. He also asks for all that we have published from January, 1913, relating to our activities or dealing with any phase of American History, such as collections, transactions, reports, magazines, bulletins, circulars, announcements and programmes; the larger and more important will receive separate reviews, while the others are to be used in the preparation of the Articles on Historical Activities.

Several foreign catalogues have been received from time to time during the year, among which were that of, Oswald Weigel, Antiquerist un Auktions Institut, Leipzig; Karl J. Trubner, of Strassburg (Alsace), Wilhelm Engelmann, Publisher of Leipzig and Berlin, the latter branch of the business having been established in 1811; Paul Ritti, of Paris, who makes a specialty of interesting historical Brochures. In this last mentioned catalogue it is rather enlightening to note the number of Canadian authors and their works, forty-one of them being in the list.

The History of Niagara (in part) by Miss Carnochan, has been purchased by the Society and placed upon the shelves of the Library.

The Story of Laura Secord and Canadian Reminiscences, by Mrs. Currie, of Hamilton, has been presented to us by one of our members (Madame Fauvel).

An invitation was received in November, for the Society to send a delegate to Charleston, South Carolina, to the Tenth Annual Conference on the problems of Historical Societies in connection with, and as part of, the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the American Historical Association, to be held on December 29th and 30th. Needless to say, however, that much as we would like to be represented at such a distinguished gathering of historical celebrities, the distance, time of year, and perhaps the thought of averting the problem of frenzied finance, proved an insuperable obstacle.

Miss Augusta Gilkinson of Brantford, very kindly sent us an extract from the Diary of her Uncle, Mr. Robert Gilkinson, giving an account of the Steamer "Experiment" which had been used in the Battle of the Windmill.

A letter from Judge McTavish in answer to our communication informing him that his name had been added to the list of honorary

members, is most complimentary, wishes us every success and tells us that "he knows of no society whose efforts are more deserving of honor," assuring us too that his services are ever at our disposal.

Letters of acceptance of office have been received from Mrs. R. L. Borden, Mrs. Otto Klotz, and Mrs. Charles Thorburn, and a very regrettable one of resignation, from Mrs. T. G. Rothwell, also one from Madame Edmond Roy, acknowledging sympathy from the Society on the death of her husband and asking to be relieved from office on the Executive.

Two of our members have met with sad accidents, Miss Margaret Jamieson, who is one of the oldest members of the Society, and Mrs. Adam Shortt, each of which had letters of sympathy sent to them.

In February, 1914, a letter was sent to the Board of Control, enclosing a resolution passed by the executive of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, with reference to the purchase by the City, of the bust of Lt.-Colonel John By, R.E., Founder of Bytown, and very shortly afterwards, we were informed through the Secretary of the Board, that the bust modelled by Mr. Karl Simpson, younger son of our Recording Secretary, had been purchased and placed in position in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Elgin Street.

Mr. J. A. Ellis, M.P.P., the City's representative in the Provincial Legislature, has advised your Secretary that he will do his utmost in regard to obtaining for us the annual grant.

The Ontario Historical Society has enrolled us on their list for the second distribution of Historical Prints to members, for 1913-14.

A communication having been officially sent to our Patroness, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, notifying her of the date of the Annual meeting, the following reply has been received: "Dear Mrs. Billings, Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Connaught desires me to thank you very much for letting her know about the date of the annual meeting of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa. She is also much interested in learning that the Ontario Historical Society will hold their annual meeting in Ottawa in June, hopes that you will have a most successful

meeting on the 30th inst., and wishes the Society all prosperity during the present year.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

Dorothy Yorke.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. BILLINGS,  
*Hon. Corresponding Secretary.*

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the  
Women's Canadian Historical Society  
March 29, 1913 to March 29, 1914**

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, March 29th, 1913 -----	\$	49 40
Membership Fees for current season -----		65 00
Membership Fees, for arrears -----		20 00
Sale of Transactions of Society -----		65
Government Grant -----		200 00
Savings Bank Interest -----		2 07
		\$337 12

EXPENDITURE.

Expenses of Opening Meeting -----	\$	15 75
Printing 425 Copies of Reports of Society -----		50 00
Printing 1000 copies of Notices of Membership		
Dues -----		2.25
Stationery, Postage, and Printed Postals -----		30 90
Affiliation Fees to other Societies -----		12 00
Expenses of Delegate to Annual Meeting of Ontario		
Historical Society -----		34 00
Advertising Meetings -----		5 12
Purchasing Book (History of Niagara) for		
Library -----		2.30
Purchasing new Scrap-book -----		3 50
Purchasing new books for Rec. Secretary -----		1 50
Florist (Wreath, etc.) -----		13 00
Sundries, including messenger service, telegrams to President, typing and framing two prints of Louisburg, presented to Society -----		4 55
Balance on hand -----		162 25
		\$337 12
		\$337 12

Respectfully submitted.

Certified correct,

JAS. D. FRASER, *Auditor.*

LINA ROTHWELL,

*Hon. Treasurer.*

## Report of the Librarian for 1913-14

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The following books, papers, pamphlets, etc., have been received and catalogued since our last Annual Meeting:—

Eleventh Annual Report of the Geographic Board of Canada.

Harrison Hall and Its Associations, from the Kent Historical Society.

Transactions of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, —Part IV.

Annual Report of Ontario Historical Society for 1912.

Collections of the Kansas State Historical Society 1911-12.—Vol. VII.

Transactions of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Ontario—4 vols.

Handbook of Indians of Canada. Presented by Commission of Conservation, Ottawa.

Fornvämen, 1912, from Stockholm.

Papers and Records of the Ontario Historical Society.—Vol X.

Historical Publications of North Carolina Historical Society.—2 vols.

Proceedings of Eighth Annual Conference of Historical Societies, from Washington, D.C.

Map of Canada and British North America, 1872. Presented by Mrs. Braddish Billings.

Papers and Addresses, Vol. I,—from Essex Historical Society.

Report of the Librarian of Congress for 1913, from Washington, D.C.

Fort Malden, by Rev. Thomas Nattrass, B.A.

Early History of Amherstburg.

Leipziger Zeitschrift, from Leipzig, Germany.

First Annual Report of the Waterloo Historical Society, Berlin, Ontario.

Book Catalogue No. 85, from Paris, France.

Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, Third Series, Vol. VI.

History of Niagara, Miss Janet Carnochan. (Purchased by the Society).

Twelfth Annual Report of the Geographic Board of Canada, 1913.

Papers and Records of Lennox and Addington Historical Society, Napanee, Ont., Vol. V.

Les Gouverneurs, Lieut.-Gouverneurs et Administrateurs de la Province de Quebec, des Bas Canada et Haut Canada, du Canada sous l'Union et de la Puissance du Canada, par Francis J. Audet.

Story of Laura Secord and Canadian Reminiscences, Emma Currie. Presented by Madame Fauvel.

David William Smith, by C. C. James, C.M.G., LL.D.

Historic Sites of Tay, A. F. Hunter, M.A. Quebec, the Ancient Capital. Presented by Ontario Historical Society.

Two Pictures of the Siege of Louisbourg. Presented by Mr. Harold Ross, Montreal.

Laura Secord Medal. Presented by Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton, Ontario.

Last autumn the Printing Committee published four hundred and twenty-five copies of the Annual Report 1913-1914.

Our series of Papers on the Treaties not being quite completed, no new volume of Transactions has been issued, but arrangements are being made for a reprint of Vol. I in order to fill a demand for it.

In addition to our large Exchange List, Transactions Vol. V. was sent, by special request, to the following:

Mr. Alfred Pelland, Quebec.

Mr. Clarence Alvord, Urbana, Illinois.

Waterloo Historical Society, Berlin, Ontario.

University of North Carolina, U.S.

Respectfully submitted.

EVA G. READ,

*Librarian.*



## Publications of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa

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- not in Lib*
1. First Constitution, with list of members, 1898.
  2. Catalogue of first Loan Exhibit, 1899.
  3. Catalogue of second Loan Exhibit, 1907.
  4. Constitution, revised, 1910.
  5. "Historical Sketch of the One Hundredth Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment."
  6. "Origin of the Cornwall and Williamsburg Canals."
  7. "Lachine Canal."
  8. Transactions, Vol. I. "Early History of Ottawa and Counties, etc."
  9. Transactions, Vol. II. "The Waterways of Canada."
  10. Transactions, Vol. III. "Early History of Ottawa and Hull,"
  11. Transactions, Vol. IV. "Early History of Townships, etc."
  12. Transactions, Vol. V. "The Battlegrounds of Canada."
  13. Report of first decade, 1908-09.
  14. Annual Report, 1909-10.
  15. Annual Report, 1910-11.
  16. Annual Report, 1911-12.
  17. Annual Report, 1912-13.
  18. Annual Report, 1913-14.
  19. Transactions, Vol. I. Reprint.

## Exchange List

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Archives, Dominion, Ottawa.  
Archives, Provincial, Toronto.  
American Historical Association.  
Brant Historical Society.  
Buffalo Historical Society.  
Boston State Library.  
Champlain Society.  
Department of Education, Toronto.  
Essex Historical Society.  
Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute.  
Huron Institute.  
Historical Landmarks Association.  
Iowa State Historical Society.  
Kansas State Historical Society.  
Kent Historical Society.  
John Crerar Library, Chicago.  
London and Middlesex Historical Society.  
Lundy's Lane Historical Society.  
Lennox and Addington Historical Society.  
Literary and Historical Society, Quebec.  
Library of Parliament, Ottawa.  
Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.  
McGill University, Montreal.  
Manitoba Provincial Library.  
Mississquoi Historical Society.  
Massachusetts Historical Society.  
Missouri State Historical Society.  
New Brunswick Historical Society.  
Nova Scotia Historical Society.  
Niagara Historical Society.  
New York Historical Association.  
New Hampshire State Library.  
Ontario Parliamentary Library.  
Ontario Historical Society.  
Ottawa Carnegie Library.  
Quebec Literary and Historical Society.  
Royal Society of Canada.  
Royal Colonial Institute, London, England.  
Royal Academy of History, etc., Stockholm.  
La Minerva, Strassburg.  
Thunder Bay Historical Society.  
Texas State Historical Society.  
United Empire Loyalist Association.  
University of Toronto.  
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie.  
Women's Wentworth Historical Society.  
Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.  
Women's Elgin Historical Society.  
Waterloo Historical Society.  
Wisconsin Historical Society.  
York Pioneer Historical Society.



