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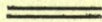


ANNUAL REPORT
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**Women's Canadian Historical
Society**

OF OTTAWA, CANADA



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The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa

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 Historic Landmarks Association.

OFFICERS FOR 1917-18.

Patroness

THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE.

Hon. Presidents

Lady Borden, Lady Laurier.

Hon. Vice-President

Lady Foster.

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Mrs. J. Lorn McDougall.

Vice-Presidents

Mme L. N. Rhéaume.

Mrs. D. H. McLean.

Mme Lelièvre.

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Mrs. I. J. Christie.

Mrs. G. H. Newcomb.

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Miss Eva Read.

Mrs. J. B. Simpson.

Mrs. Braddish Billings.

Recording Secretary

Mrs. W. C. Gullock, 113 Cooper St.

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. J. M. Somerville, 188 James St.

Treasurer

Miss Lina Rothwell, 390 Daly Ave.

Librarian

Miss Eva Read, 467 Albert St.

Auditor

Mr. J. D. Fraser.

Executive Committee

Mrs. H. H. Bligh.	Mrs. Deroche.
Mrs. A. E. Attwood.	Mrs. C. H. Thorburn.
Mrs. T. P. Foran.	Mrs. Robert Brown.
Mrs. R. Quain.	Miss Drysdale.
Mrs. W. J. Lynch.	Mrs. John McDougald.

Programme Committee

Mrs. T. P. Foran (Convenor).

Mme. L. N. Rhéaume.	Mrs. A. E. Attwood.
Mrs. D. H. McLean.	Miss M. McKay Scott.
Mrs. Lorn McDougall.	Mrs. Walter Armstrong.

Scrap-Book Committee

Miss Eva Read (Convenor).

Mrs. Fauvel.	Miss Amey Horsey.
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Printing Committee

Miss S. E. Drysdale (Convenor)

Mde Lelièvre.	Mrs. A. P. Deroche.
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Past Officers of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa.

Patronesses—Countess of Minto, Countess Grey, H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught.

Presidents—Lady Foster, 1898-1900; Mrs. S. E. Dawson, 1900-3; Mrs. Thos. Ahearn, 1903-1914; Lady Sifton, 1915-16; Lady Foster, 1916-17.

Vice-Presidents—Lady Caron, Lady Bourinot, Lady Ritchie, Lady Egan, Lady Strong, Lady Grant, Lady Davies, Lady Sifton, Mrs. Dobell, Mrs. Gwynne, Mrs. T. C. Keefer, Mrs. Friel, Mrs. G. E. King, Mrs. S. E. Dawson, Mrs. Chas. Goodeve, Mrs. Harold Pinhey, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Burbidge, Mrs. Sedgewick, Mrs. Somerset Graves, Mrs. Wm. MacDougall, Mde. Sulte, Mme. Girouard, Mme. Pigeon, Mrs. G. M. Bayly, Mrs. Alex. Barrett, Mrs. C. O'Connor, Mrs. Rubidge, Mrs. Doughty, Miss Harrison, Mde. LaMothe, Mrs. O. Klotz, Mrs. R. W. Ells.

Recording Secretaries—Mrs. Chas. O'Connor, Miss Alice Burbidge, Mrs. Billings, Mrs. J. B. Simpson.

Corresponding Secretaries—Miss Kenny, Mrs. Wallbridge Howard, Miss MacDougall, Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mrs. Braddish Billings.

Treasurers—Mrs. Ahearn, Mrs. Harold Pinhey, Mrs. R. Quain.

Librarians—Miss Northwood, Mrs. J. Alfred Robert.

Honorary Members

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| <p>Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Laird Borden,
G.C.M.G., M.P.</p> <p>Hon. Sir George Eulas Foster,
K.C.M.G., M.P.</p> <p>Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier,
G.C.M.G., M.P.</p> <p>Rev. W. T. Herridge, D.D.</p> <p>*C. C. James, M.A., F.R.S.C.</p> <p>Sir Louis Davies.
Benjamin Sulte, F.R.S.C.</p> <p>*Hon. D. C. Fraser.</p> <p>*S. E. Dawson, C.M.G., Lit. D.,
F.R.S.C.</p> <p>Martin Griffin, C.M.G., LL.D.</p> <p>*Sir Richard Scott.
Prof. Adam Shortt, C.M.G.
Hon. Justice Longley.
Dr. A. G. Doughty, C.M.G.</p> <p>*Lady Edgar.</p> <p>*Mrs. Gwynne.</p> <p>*Lady Ritchie.
Lady Bourinot.</p> <p>*Mrs. T. Rubidge.</p> <p>*M. Errol Bouchette, F.R.S.C.</p> | <p>J. S. Carstairs, B.A.</p> <p>*Sir Elzear Taschereau.
McLeod Stewart, M.A.
Hon. Charles Marcil.</p> <p>*John Christie, K.C.
Rev. Canon Kittson.</p> <p>*Lt.-Col. Coutlee, K.C.
H. H. Ami, D.Sc., F.G.S., F.R.S.C.</p> <p>*John Francis Watters, M.A., LL.D.
A. E. Fripp, M.P.
D. J. McDougall.</p> <p>Hon. Martin Burrell, M.P.
Lawrence Burpee, F.R.S.C.</p> <p>*Miss Agnes Fitzgibbon.
Madame B. Sulte.
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M.P.</p> <p>*W. F. King, C.M.G., B.A., LL.D.,
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James Bonar, M.A., LL.D.
Thomas Ahearn, Esq.
Clarence M. Warner, Esq.
Dr. James W. Robertson.
J. A. Chabot, M.D., M.P.</p> |
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- Sir Clifford Sifton, K.C.M.G.

*Deceased.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. H. M. Ami.
Mrs. Walter Armstrong.
Miss E. W. Armstrong.
Mrs. A. E. Attwood.
Lady Borden.
Mrs. Wm. Beatty.
Mrs. B. Billings.
Mrs. A. F. Bishop.
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Mrs. H. H. Bligh.
Mrs. Robert Blackburn.
Mrs. Russell Blackburn.
Mrs. Boucher.
Mrs. R. Brown.
Mrs. Burgess.
Mrs. Martin Burrell.
Mrs. K. F. Cameron.
Mrs. Walter Carr.
Miss M. Casey.
Miss Chisholm.
Mrs. I. J. Christie.
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Miss Drysdale.
Mrs. R. C. Dunbar.
Miss A. Durie.
Miss I. Durie.
Mrs. Wm. Duthie.
Miss Earls.
Mrs. E. B. Eddy.
Mrs. R. W. Ells.
Mrs. W. J. Eyre.
Madame W. LeB. Fauvel.
Miss Fauvel.
Mrs. T. P. Foran.
Lady Foster.
Miss Florence Fowler.
Miss Marion Fraser.
Miss Gee.
Mrs. J. J. Gemmell.
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Madame Gerin.
Mrs. Glassmacher.
Mrs. Philip Grimes.
Mrs. W. C. Gullock.
Mrs. Gunn.
Mrs. Charles Hamilton.
Mrs. Horetsky.
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Miss N. Hunter.
Mrs. Idington.
Miss Jean Idington.
Miss Jamieson.
Mrs. E. V. Johnson.
Miss O. Johnson.
Mrs. J. Johnston.
Mrs. S. Blair Kent.
Mrs. W. F. King.
Mrs. Kirwan.
Mrs. Otto Klotz.
Mrs. P. Larmonth.
Mrs. Horace Lee.
Madame Lelièvre.
Mrs. W. J. Lynch.
Miss Ida M. May.
Mrs. Chas. Masson.
Mrs. Robt. Masson.
Miss M. Masson.
Miss A. A. Masson.
Miss M. Mutchmore.

MEMBERS—Continued.

Mrs. Hamilton MacCarthy.
Mrs. John McDougald.
Mrs. J. Lorn McDougall.
Mrs. McGarvey.
Mrs. J. McGarvey.
Mrs. D. H. McLean.
Mrs. S. J. McLean.
Mrs. McTavish.
Mrs. G. H. Newcomb.
Miss Northwood.
Mrs. Osborne.
Mrs. Chas. Parker.
Miss Percival.
Madame Achille Pinard.
Mrs. C. Berkeley Powell.
Mrs. R. Quain.
Mrs. C. C. Ray.
Miss Eva Read.
Miss Agnes Read.
Mrs. James Reiffenstein.
Madame L. N. Rhéaume.
Mrs. J. W. Robertson.
Miss Edith Rogers.
Mrs. S. Roper.
Mrs. P. D. Ross.
Miss Lina G. Rothwell.
Mrs. T. G. Rothwell.
Madame J. Edmond Roy.
Mrs. Myron L. Rush.
Mrs. Chas. E. Scott.
Miss M. McK. Scott.
Mrs. R. Sharpe.
Lady Sherwood.
Mrs. Adam Shortt.
Lady Sifton.
Mrs. J. B. Simpson.
Mrs. R. N. Slater.
Mrs. Smillie.
Mrs. Buxton Smith.
Mrs. J. M. Somerville.
Mrs. Warren Y. Soper.
Mrs. E. P. Stanton.
Mrs. R. Steckel.
Miss Isabel Stewart.
Miss May Stratton.
Miss Lily Stratton.
Mrs. E. J. Thompson.
Mrs. Geo. F. Thompson.
Mrs. John Thorburn.
Mrs. Chas. H. Thorburn.
Mrs. Reginald Watts.
Miss Wicksteed.
Mrs. W. J. Wilson.

**CONSTITUTION OF
THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF OTTAWA.**

"Love Thou Thy Land."

Article 1, Title.—The organization shall be known as the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa.

Article 2, Objects.—The objects of the Women's Canadian Historical 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.

Article 3, Membership.—(a) Active membership shall be conditional upon the payment of the annual fee, and upon the submitting of name and address to the Treasurer.

(b) Honorary membership shall be complimentary.

Article 4, Officers.—The general officers of the Society shall consist of a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who with ten members elected by the Society shall form an Executive Committee to control and provide for the general interests of the Society. The President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

Article 5, Fees.—The Annual Fee shall be fifty cents.

Article 6, Federation.—This Society may federate with other Societies of like purpose, or which offer specific advantages if a majority vote of a regular meeting shall so decide, on a recommendation from the Executive.

Article 7, Amendments.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting; notice of proposed amendment or alteration having been handed in to the Executive in writing one month previous to the Annual Meeting.

Article 8, Policy.—Neither political parties nor religious denominations shall be recognized in the business or membership of the Society, loyalty and patriotism being alone recognized and required.

STANDING ORDERS.

No. 1, Meetings.—(a) The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 29th day of March, the anniversary of the passing of the British North America Act. Such Meeting shall be for the election of officers, and for the transaction of general business.

(b) The Society shall hold its regular Meetings on the second Friday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Executive. Open Meetings may be held as deemed advisable.

(c) The President shall call a Meeting at any time for special business, or upon the written request of five members of the Society.

(d) Twelve members shall constitute a quorum at any regular Meeting, and five members shall constitute a quorum at any Meeting of the Executive.

(e) The Meetings of the Executive shall be held on the Monday preceding the general Meeting at 10.30 a.m.

(f) In the event of the absence from any Meeting of the President, and Vice-President, the members shall be entitled to elect a presiding officer.

No. 2, Resolutions.—All motions and resolutions at a general Meeting must be presented to the Secretary in writing.

No. 3, Publications.—All correspondence and papers intended for publication must be submitted to the Executive, before being published in any paper, pamphlet or periodical over the name of the Society.

No. 4, Duties of Officers.—(a) The President shall preside at all Meetings of the Society, and conduct them after the prescribed order of business. In the absence of the President, a Vice-President or other presiding officer elected by the Meeting shall preside.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall issue all notices, keep correct minutes, read said minutes at next regular Meeting, keep a correct list of members, have charge of Press Notices and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(c) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence and present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(d) The Treasurer shall receive all fees and other monies, disbursing the same by order of the Executive and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting. All amounts exceeding one dollar shall be paid by cheque, which shall be initialed by the President.

(e) The Librarian shall have charge, and keep a catalogue of all books, pamphlets or other printed matter belonging to the same Society, loaning the same on application of responsible members; and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(f) The Auditor shall examine the Treasurer's accounts before they are submitted to the Annual Meeting.

No. 5, Committees.—Standing committees and sub-committees may be appointed by the Executive as may be found necessary for the efficient carrying on of the business of the Society. Each of such committees shall appoint a convener, who shall present a report to the Executive.

No. 6, Elections.—The Officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Should any officer be unable to complete her year, the Executive shall have power to elect her substitute.

No. 7, Amendments.—These standing orders may be amended or added to at any of the regular Meetings of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at a previous Meeting.

No. 8, Order of Business.—(a) The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. President's Remarks.

4. Appointment of members of the Society as Returning Tellers for the voting.
5. Annual Report of Secretaries.
6. Annual Report of Treasurer.
7. Annual Report of Librarian.
8. Appointment of Auditor.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Amendments to Constitution.
11. Other Business.

(b) The order of business at a general Meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Report of Executive Committee.
3. Business arising out of Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Treasurer's Statement.
6. Librarian's Report.
7. New Business.
8. Papers and Addresses.

(c) The order of business at open Meetings shall be arranged by the Executive.

(d) The order of business for Executive Meetings shall be as follows:—

1. Minutes.
2. Business arising out of Minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Librarian's Report.
6. Report of Conveners.
7. New Business.

**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMEN'S
CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF OTTAWA.**

Canada is still doing her share (as a daughter of the British Empire) in the greatest war of all the ages, which is still being waged on the part of the Allies, with a quiet intensity of purpose, and determination, which nothing can shake—a determination to “see it through,” no matter what the cost, in order that succeeding generations may live secure from fear of future similar catastrophes—a determination that cannot be turned from its purpose by any threats which diabolic ingenuity can devise—a determination, which will remain unshaken until that time arrives, when peace with victory may be possible—a victory which will ensure full reparation and restitution to the outraged nations involved in the struggle, otherwise the wonderful sacrifice and terrible suffering of men, the wearing anxiety and sorrow of women will have been in vain.

In order to allow the members of this Society more time for practical patriotic work it was decided to hold only three general meetings during the year, these taking place in November, January and March. The Executive held four special and four regular meetings.

At the general meeting in November, presided over by Lady Foster, a most comprehensive and illuminating paper on Nova Scotia was read by Mrs. J. M. Somerville, the history of that province of Canada from 1000 A.D., when it was visited by some daring navigators and was referred to by Norse writers as Markland, being traced up to the present time.

The physical features and products were described, and names given of noteworthy men, native to the province, namely

Hon. Joseph Howe, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir John Thompson, and many others including eminent educationalists. Mention was made of the two Nova Scotian lads Malcolm Cann and Arthur Silver, who were the first Canadians to die in this great war, their ship, the 'Monmouth' having been sunk off Chili by a German squadron, November 1, 1914.

The development of Nova Scotia through stormy years, in the battle for responsible government and the establishment of the free school system, was ably and clearly traced. At the same meeting Mrs. J. B. Simpson read a poem by a Canadian member of Parliament, giving in sixty lines the great historical events in Canadian history.

Mrs. I. J. Christie read a delightfully written paper on The County of Lennox and Addington, at the general meeting in January. Mrs. Christie described the early settlement of the county and gave graphic word pictures of the hardships endured by the settlers. Mention was made of famous men which the county has produced, notably Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Allen Aylesworth, Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Gilbert Parker and Daniel Fowler, artist, Mrs. Christie's father, who, though born in England, spent 51 years out of 84 in his retired home in the county and who is remembered for the prominent part he took in the formation of the Royal Academy of Art in Canada. Many of Mr. Fowler's pictures belong to the National Museum.

The Society accepted with regret Lady Sifton's resignation as President on account of continued absence from the city.

Lady Foster, Hon. Vice-President and first President of the Society, graciously consented to fill the office for the balance of the year.

Mrs. T. P. Foran, as Convenor of a special committee, was instrumental in securing the old City Registry Office on Nicholas Street as a repository for the Society's possessions. This building will be put in order as soon as weather permits, when all books, pamphlets, historic relics and documents belonging to the Society will be placed therein.

The thanks of the Society are tendered to the Board of Control and members of the City Council for their kind action in placing the building at the disposal of the Society, and to the many prominent men who interested themselves in furthering the Society's request.

Mrs. Billings was appointed accredited delegate to the meeting of the Ontario Historical Society. The Recording Secretary represented the Society at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada and read a short synopsis of the year's work.

Mrs. J. B. Simpson was authorized to receive contributions from members for the Duchess of Connaught's Prisoners of War Fund. Ninety two dollars and fifty cents was received including a cheque for \$20.00 from Lady Sifton. The money was forwarded through the proper channel.

Great credit is due to Miss Drysdale, Convenor of the Printing Committee, who, without assistance (other members of the committee being out of town) compiled the Annual Report, 1915-1916, in which was incorporated the Revised Constitution of the Society.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. D. Fraser for his kindness in acting as Auditor and to the Press for several notices during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN GULLOCK,
Hon. Recording Sec'y.

**REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE
WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA,
FOR SEASON OF 1916-'17.**

“History,” Gibbon tells us, in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, “is indeed little more than the register of the crimes, follies, and misfortunes of mankind.” Those potent words, written by the world-famous historian one hundred and fifty-four years ago, seem peculiarly adapted to the present era in our own history. Crimes! Is there any need to remind ourselves of such as have so recently been perpetrated? Follies! They, too, have their place in our minds—whilst misfortunes have followed closely upon the heels of both crime and folly.

Canada’s history is still in the making; this important Society, to which so many Canadian women belong, must and shall be kept alive for the benefit of future generations—whilst still endeavoring to mitigate the sufferings of those who have been the immediate victims of those crimes, follies and misfortunes.

During the past year, the correspondence has slightly declined, the fact being attributable, no doubt, to the present unsettled state of affairs on both continents.

Following the departure of Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Connaught, who had been our Patroness since 1911, Her Excellency, the Duchess of Devonshire graciously consented to be our Patroness in the following letter received from Government House:

“Mrs. Braddish Billings,

Dear Madam,—

I am desired by the Duchess of Devonshire to acknowledge your letter, and to express Her Excellency’s thanks to the President and members of the Executive Committee of

the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, for their invitation to Her Excellency to be Patroness of the Society. The Duchess will be very glad to accede to their request.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

ELSIE SAUNDERS."

Letters of interest were received from the President, Lady Sifton, who had been called to England, owing to the illness of her youngest son. Upon being notified of her re-election to office, Lady Sifton regretfully tendered her resignation, on August 2nd, owing to her continued absence abroad.

All contributions, in the way of books, pamphlets, etc., sent to our Library, have been duly acknowledged.

Many requests for our publications have been received from various Societies and Organizations, to all of which prompt attention has been accorded, and in nearly all cases, have brought grateful acknowledgment.

In July, a request was received from the New York Public Library, for copies of the annual report 1914-15, Transactions Volume VI., and later volumes to date. A very few days later, an acknowledgment was received from Mr. Anderson, the Director, for the books sent by the Librarian, and on the occasion of a visit to the New York Library in October, by your Secretary, the staff had instructions to pay every attention and courtesy to the representative from your Society; all of which proves the importance of keeping up the good work being carried on by our members.

The Genealogical Society of San Francisco, California, wrote asking us to join their organization, with an entrance fee of \$100.00, and an annual fee of \$1.50. In the present crisis we feel we are not in a position to accede to such requests.

In August, by direction of The Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, K.C.M.G., Minister of Trade and Commerce, we received a pamphlet dealing with toy-making in Canada, particularly

calling our attention to resolutions passed by the conference of Women's Organizations, held in Toronto, on April 6th, and asking that the attention of the members be called to the matter.

In November, a letter was received from Miss Frances Redmond of Collingwood, acknowledging the receipt of the annual report, and congratulating the Society upon the excellence of the publication.

A full set of Transactions being sent in November to the Public Library in Detroit, in acknowledging the same, the Librarian, Mr. Strohm, says:—"These Transactions will be placed with our Clarence M. Burton Historical Collection, a special library devoted almost exclusively to the history of the Great Lakes, containing, of course, a great deal of valuable material on the Province of Ontario, and the early days of Canada."

In December, the Rev. Theobald Spetz, of Kitchener, proposed to us the purchase of a Catholic Church History, of which he is the author. In reply, we offered an exchange for our publications but have heard nothing further on the subject.

In December, our attention was called by the May Court Club to the opening of the Convalescent Home for women, under their auspices.

In May, an appeal was made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Riddell, of Toronto, for a set of our publications, as an addition to the Canadian Library then being formed in Osgoode Hall. The request was very gladly granted, and in reply, Judge Riddell says: "I desire to thank you and your Society most warmly, in the name of the Law Society, and in my own, for the very generous response to my (not too modest) appeal; the Proceedings I have read without delay, and have them suitably placed in the Canadian Library."

In May an invitation was received from the Royal Society of Canada, to send a representative to their meetings, which were to be held in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa; also one from the Historic Landmarks Association, holding its meetings on the same date, in the same place.

The correspondence, this year, with Great Britain, contains mainly letters and cables from our past President, Lady Sifton, the Royal Colonial Institute, and several catalogues of books for sale.

Several applications have been made for copies of the Sir Clifford Sifton address.

Notices and programmes of the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society were received as formerly, but this year our Society sent ~~no~~ official representative. *Mrs. J. B. Simpson delegate*

Letters of sympathy were acknowledged by Madame Rhéaume, Mrs. Horetzky, Mrs. Newcomb, Mrs. Gullock, Lady Foster, per Miss Isabel Jenkins, and a letter of resignation was received from Mrs. Redmond Quain, owing to ill-health.

The correspondence in connection with obtaining the old Registry Office on Nicholas Street, to be used by us as a place of meeting, and also as a museum for relics and souvenirs, has been put on file with the general correspondence. Thanks for this outcome and for the systematic way in which the affair was handled are entirely due to the energetic Convenor of Committee, Mrs. T. P. Foran, and her able Staff, consisting of:—Mrs. J. B. Simpson, Miss L. G. Rothwell and Miss Eva Read. Letters of approval with offers of help were received from Judge D. B. McTavish, Judge Gunn, Sheriff Richardson, Sir Percy Sherwood, Mr. A. E. Fripp, M.P., The Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, Mr. P. D. Ross, Mr. W. L. Scott, Master in Chancery, Mr. W. M. Southam, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Mr. Fred Cook, The Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, The Hon. Sydney Fisher, Mr. Norman Smith and Mr. Norman Lett.

In the preparation of this report to be submitted to my fellow-members, the uppermost thought in my mind was, that it was to be my last. For many years now, it has been my pleasure and privilege to fulfil my duties as your Secretary, first, Recording, then General, and for some years back, Corresponding. It is with a real sense of regret that I am passing on my work.

My failings and shortcomings have been those of the head, rather than those of the heart, and you have, one and all, been most lenient and patient with me.

I am taking leave of my office, and of all it stands for, with the feelings of one parting with real personal friends, sincerely hoping however, that my successor will learn to love the work as I have done.

C. E. BILLINGS.

Ottawa, March 29th, 1917.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA FOR
SEASON OF 1916-1917.**

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RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, 29th March, 1916.....	\$ 10.61
Members Fees for Season	52.50
Members Fees for Arrears	16.50
Sales of Transactions	1.50
Bank Interest	3.79
Donations from two members of Society.....	8.87
Government Grant	200.00
	\$293.77
	\$293.77

EXPENDITURE.

Note Books for Recording Secretary	\$ 1.00
Printing 400 copies of Annual Report	52.25
Printing 1000 Post Cards	3.00
Postage, Envelopes and Stationery	14.05
Advertising Meetings	2.58
Affiliation Fees to other Societies	7.00
Sundries including Typing and Messenger Service.....	1.05
Balance Outstanding 29th March, 1917.....	213.84
	\$293.77
	\$293.77

Respectfully submitted,

LENA GAINSFORD ROTHWELL,

Hon. Treasurer.

Certified Correct:

JAMES D. FRASER, Auditor.

Ottawa, 8th May, 1917.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN, 1916-1917.

The following books, pamphlets, etc., have been received and catalogued since our last annual meeting:—

Archaeological Report for 1915, Toronto Report 1915-1916, and Transactions No. 15.

Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.

Fourteenth Report of the Geographical Board of Canada.

Report of the Aryan Society from the County of Brant.

Annual Report of Ontario Historical Society, 1916.

Annual Report of York Pioneer Historical Society, 1916.

Report of the Library of Congress, 1916, Washington, D.C.

Publications of Library of Congress, 1917, Washington, D.C.

Washington Historical Quarterly, 1916, 2 Vols., Seattle.

Papers and Records, Ontario Historical Society, Vols. 13-14 for 1915-16.

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Respectfully submitted,

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