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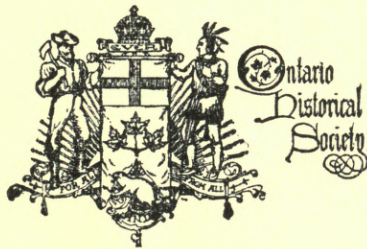
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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1904-05.

The Secretary has nothing of a startling kind to report at this meeting. Our growth if not rapid has been healthy. It may safely be said that very few, perhaps none, join the Ontario Historical Society for other than the love of the subjects that come within the Society's scope. Our present membership roll shows two hundred and forty-seven, not including eighteen ex-officio, seven honorary, and seven corresponding members, or two hundred and seventy-nine in all. The elected members include twenty-four ladies. Eleven new members were added during the year, and I understand that payments of membership fees have been better than during any other previous period of the Society's existence. This, of itself, may be regarded as a proof of a feeling on the part of those connected with the Society that membership is desirable. I am sorry to say that reports from the local Societies are not all of as healthy a character as we could wish. Two or three of these organisations are dormant, to put it mildly, and two or three are quite dead. The Secretary of one accounts for its do-nothing condition with the astounding statement that a Local History having been issued under the auspices of the Society there is really nothing further to be done in the county, and the reasons assigned by some other Secretaries for the backward conditions of their Societies are equally frivolous, if not ridiculous, but with infinitely more foundation in fact. Should it be found impossible to make personal visits for the purpose of reviving these organisations, I think that at least a committee should be appointed to examine the reports of the local Secretaries, and try to devise some means of arousing energy. It is also in accordance with our constitution that the central organisation should claim as custodian, the property of such societies as are confessedly out of existence, and I should regard the fact that no meeting had been held for twelve months as a proof to this effect. I have, therefore, written to the Secretaries of the defunct Societies asking that the property of the former organisations they represent be placed in our keeping, but have either received no reply, or an unsatisfactory one. There is really no machinery by means of which the parent Society can make its claim as custodian good in such cases.

As will be seen from the report for the past year, the accessions to our library have been very considerable, the titles requiring several pages merely to name them. Some of the surplus funds, if any, in the hands of the Society might well be employed in binding the more valuable of our exchanges.

I have very much gratification in being able to hand over the books and papers of the Society to my successor, as those of a growing concern, and I trust that in the near future the Ontario Historical Society will prove even more successful than it has proved to be since its organization.

DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary.*

WINDSOR, June 5th, 1904.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S STATEMENT O.H.S., 1903-04.

RECEIPTS.

June 1, 1903—Balance on hand.....	\$ 564 20
Government grant.....	600 00
Membership fees.....	181 50
Sale of books.....	15 00
Interest.....	8 53
	\$1,369 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Secretary's salary.....	\$ 100 00
Office help.....	37 50
Printing and stationery.....	39 55
Postage and express.....	68 00
Niagara Historical Society for Niagara Memorial Hall.....	50 00
Paid on account of Vol. 5 "Paper and Records".....	400 00
Expenses of Secretary and Treasurer.....	21 05
Copying records, etc.....	16 20
Printing of Report, 1902-03.....	136 50
Cash on hand.....	500 43
	\$1,369 23

FRANK YEIGH, *Treasurer.*

HISTORICAL MUSEUM FUND.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1903-04.

June 1, 1903. Amount on deposit in savings bank.....	\$309 21
Interest, 1903-04.....	9 31
	\$318 52

FRANK YEIGH, *Treasurer.*

NOTE RE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Increased receipt from fees due to Treasurer's letters.

There will be fees due after this meeting amounting to \$150 to \$200.

When ALL accounts are paid there will be over \$400 on hand. With the \$200 fees there will be, say, \$600 to complete the year. We can publish Vol. VI. during this year.

C. C. JAMES.

REPORT OF THE FLAG COMMITTEE, O.H.S., MAY 27th, 1904.

Your Committee reports an uneventful year, a variety of circumstances tending to lessen opportunities for executive action.

Letters were written to the Mayors of our chief towns, reminding them of their obligation to see the Flag duly honored on the arrival of foreign troops in the parades of foreign travelling organizations addressed to the Manager of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Ontario calling attention to the unauthorized flags flying from Government buildings at the late Exhibition, also to the prominence given foreign flags, notably in the Woman's exhibit. To this letter a courteous reply was received and due attention promised. Considerable interest and press correspondence have been evolved out of the questioning of the official authorization of our Canadian ensign. The Wentworth Historical Society at its regular meeting passed a resolution expressive of its satisfaction at the course events had taken and which had established the correctness of its position and display.

It would be well to mention that some arrangement should be adopted whereby the details of the ensign in representing the whole of Canada should be made most clearly distinguishable. The story of the flag being the story of the nation is it too much to hope that its history may be found in every school and receive as much attention from its readers as is given to the recital of Alfred's culinary failures or the schemes of Perkin Warbeck? Already the signs point out that no student would perpetuate the mistakes made in a fresco in the House of Lords where the present Union flag is introduced in a representation of the landing of Charles II., or that other equally mistaken work of art by Lentz (now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York), where a flag bearing the stars and stripes is prominently shown in a picture of Washington crossing the Delaware, December 25, 1776, and consequently at a time when no such flag was in existence.

All of which is respectfully submitted. In moving the adoption of this report I would respectfully ask for the reappointment of this Committee.

CLEMENTINE FESSENDEN, *Convenor.*

 MONUMENTS AND TABLETS COMMITTEE.

I regret that I am unable to report the completion of the work in connection with the Secord headstones. Owing to a misunderstanding with the church authorities at Chippawa the work has been delayed, but I think that I will shortly be able to report to the Society that the stone and a small brass tablet have been placed in the church at Chippawa as we originally intended.

ELIZABETH J. THOMPSON, *Convenor of Committee.*

TORONTO, May 29th, 1904.

COUNCIL MEETING.

September 3rd, 1904.

The Council met in the office of the Secretary to-day at 10.30 a.m., the President, Mr. G. R. Pattullo in the chair. The attendance was very small. Letters expressing inability to be present were read from Miss Carnochan, Chancellor Burwash, and Mr. C. C. James.

Little business was done with the exception of appointing the Monument, Museum, Library, Flag, Finance and Editorial Committees.

Mrs. Thompson, Mr. James, and the Secretary were appointed to correspond with the Rev. Mr. Morrison respecting his proposal to have household pottery made bearing Canadian historical pictures.

Arrangements for the Easter meeting were placed in the hands of the President, Secretary and Mr. James.

The President reported that his correspondence with the Ottawa authorities respecting the Amherstburg Park grounds had been quite satisfactory, and the plans in Amherstburg are now being considered.

The Secretary was instructed to procure additional accommodation for books, and to have a thousand copies of the Constitution and By-laws printed.

It was resolved to increase the remuneration of the Secretary by \$100.

GEO. R. PATTULLO, *President*.
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Number of members, 70; increase during year, 16; balance from last year, \$20.07; income, \$172.27; expenditure, \$193.34; number of business and committee meetings, 12; lectures, one; historical excursions, one; additions to library, 41; additions to museum, 154; publications, 2.

JANET CARNOCHAN, *President.*

ALFRED BALL, *Secretary.*

May 11th, 1904.

In presenting our report we are happy to be able to chronicle considerable work done since last year. Our membership has increased, as we have now seventy members, but as more than half of them are non-resident the chief work of the Society is still done by a few. Regular monthly meetings were held in the winter months, and the following papers read: "An Historic House," "Extracts from Early Works of Travel, relating to Niagara," by the President; "The Influence of the United Empire Loyalists on the Growth of the Country," by Rev. A. Sherk. One pamphlet was published, "Reminiscences of Niagara," number eleven. The historical collection is steadily increasing and many visitors in summer have recorded their names, and our exchange list is growing. During the year we have distributed over four hundred of our publications.

Last year at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society a resolution was passed appointing a committee to write to the Dominion Government asking that the historic spots here, be put into better condition. A letter was sent signed by the five members of the Committee, C. C. James, Pres. Ont. His. So.; David Boyle, secretary; Col. Cruikshank,

Jas. Wilson, Supt. of Victoria Park, and the President of Niagara His. So., but so far no steps have been taken. The condition of the old building, the only remnant of Navy Hall, was so bad that we spent a few dollars in trying to save it from utter destruction.

But the principal work has been done in the direction of providing a more suitable building for our collection. A public meeting was held on the 17th Sept., our anniversary, to which a number of prominent historians, and those interested in historical research were invited. The visitors were driven to points of interest, but as the day was rainy the usual placing of flowers on the graves was deferred till next day. The speakers were entertained at lunch, and in the afternoon addresses were given by C. C. James, the President of the Ont. His. So.; D. Boyle, the Secretary; Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C.; Rev. A. Sherk, A. W. Wright, the Mayor, and Mrs. Thompson. It had been intended to petition the municipalities and Provincial Government first for aid, but we were strongly advised to see what sum we could raise ourselves before doing so. This advice was followed, and a committee was appointed, a circular printed, five hundred of them have been sent out, hundreds of letters have been written to old Niagarians and others likely to help, and as a result over \$1,000 has been subscribed. An appeal was then made to the Provincial Government and a special grant of \$500 was given. We have not yet decided whether to use this sum in fitting up a room in the Court House or, as we have been so successful already, to go on and collect till we have a sum sufficient for a separate building. We feel very much encouraged with the result of our canvass. Many have nobly responded to our appeal and we hope that many more may yet do so and that our valuable collection may soon be placed in a building worthy of such a collection, and having thus climbed part of the hill Difficulty we trust ere long to gain its summit. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JANET CARNOCHAN, *President.*

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THE WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON,
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Number of members, 81; income, balance forwarded, \$111.51, received \$136.00, total, \$247.51; expenditure, \$68.35; number of business and committee meetings, 5; historical excursions, 1; additions to library, 22 vols.; publications, book in preparation.

JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, *Secretary*.

CHAS. LEMON, *President*.

HAMILTON, May 28, 1904.

We have a volume of our transactions in the hands of the printer and we believe its contents will be found of much value to historians. There will be militia lists of the early part of last century, with biographical sketches and authentic portraits of many of the officers, beside much other valuable information.

Yours truly,

JUSTUS A. GRIFFIN, *Sec.-Treas.*

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<i>President</i>	D. W. Bruce.
<i>Secretary</i>	David Williams.
<i>Curator</i>	E. Freer.

THE ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION,
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

<i>President</i>	Sydney Sileox, Ph. D.
<i>Vice-President</i>	Mrs. (Senator) Wilson.
<i>Sec.-Treasurer</i>	W. H. Murch.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Miss Christine Coyne.
<i>Curator</i>	Mrs. H. St. Thos. Smith.
<i>Editor</i>	Judge Ermatinger.

Number of members, 180; income, \$314.48; expenditure, \$287.05; number of business and committee meetings, 10; historical excursions, 1.

The year just closed was an eventful one in the annals of our Society, for in it we celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the Talbot Settlement.

At the invitation of our Society the City Council and citizens cheerfully co-operated and made it the grandest holiday event in the history of the county and settlement—the weather, the decorations, and the entertainments were all that could be desired.

The first tree felled by Col. Talbot to inaugurate the settlement was on May 21st, 1803. The Centennial Day was celebrated and honored by a splendid banquet under the auspices of the Elgin Historical Society, at which sat down the representative Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers—it was a brilliant function.

The three following days were given up to parades, sports, illuminations and displays, worthy of the time and of those taking part.

A permanent memorial was erected in the public park in the form of a "Cairn of Stones," each stone representing a township with its name cut on. Enclosed in the centre of the cairn are copies of daily papers, coins of the Empire and such records as will be matters of history in the next hundred years.

The celebration culminated in a grand military demonstration by the Grenadier Guards of Toronto and the battalions from Windsor and Chatham, together with local corps and Collegiate Institute Cadets.

Following this was the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, which you know all about. After such intense excitement there came the usual re-action, and no meetings were held for some time, save and except those necessary to wind up the business of the Centennial.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, however, kept up their meetings and prepared a number of valuable papers, which will be embodied in their own report.

W. H. MURCH, *Secretary*.

ST. THOMAS, May 9th, 1904.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE ELGIN HISTORICAL
AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE, ST. THOMAS, ONT.

<i>President</i>	Mrs. A. A. Wilson.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Mrs. Coyne, Mrs. Jackson Mrs. Gustin.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. K. W. Anderson.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Mrs. Stevenson.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mrs. R. H. McConnell.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. E. H. Caughell.
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Miss McLachlin.
<i>Curator</i>	Mrs. T. Smith.
<i>Assistant Curator</i>	Mrs. F. H. Griffin.

Executive Committee.

Mesdames Silcox, O'Shea, Robertson, Reynolds, Rich, Gilbert, Hutchinson, McLachlin, Doherty, Moore, Cameron, Miss Fitzgibbon, with the Officers of the Society.

Number of members, 108; increased during year, 2; discontinued, 14; joined, 16; income, \$67.43, balance from last year, \$25.39, total, \$92.82; expenditure, \$38.95, on hand, \$53.87; number of business and committee meetings, 6 regular, 3 committee; historical excursions, 1; additions to museum, given to Senior Society; publications, local papers have published papers read at meetings.

AMELIA A. WILSON, *President.*

KATE W. ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

May 13, 1904.

Our Society continues in a flourishing condition. There has been quite a change in the membership, which shows an increase of two, for although 14 have dropped out 16 have joined. Death has claimed two of our members, a life member, Mrs. Oaks, and Miss Murch, one of our most active members. Five have left the city, and several have suffered from domestic afflictions which have caused their temporary withdrawal from our Society.

We have had an increased attendance at our meetings, and the papers read have had added interest.

We had addresses from two of the Senior Society, and hope next year to be able to secure more.

The \$53.87 at our credit in the Loan Co. shows our satisfactory financial condition. We have held six regular meetings besides committee meetings, with one still due this month.

One only social meeting was a whist party, held in December,

attended by the members and their husbands. It was in every way a decided success.

The Annual Meeting is held in June.

The literary programme for the year comprised poetic readings by Mrs. O'Shea, Mrs. Griffin and Miss Mickleborough, and papers as follows:

October—

“History of Talbotville,” Mrs. St. Thos. Smith.

“The Loyalists of Long Point,” Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

Address by Mr. Coyne, including letters to and from Col. Talbot.

November—

“History of the Valley at the Foot of Farley's Hill,” Mrs. Dawson Kerr.

January—

Address by Dr. Warner, “Customs and Events in the Early Days in the Niagara District.”

February—

“Life of Lady La Tour,” Miss Gilbert.

“The Canada Company,” Miss Maggie Christie.

“Pioneer Life in Elgin,” Miss McCausland.

March—

“Early Days in St. Thomas, in Rhyme,” written by an old lady, read by Miss Wilson.

Reading from Dr. Ryerson's “Loyalists,” Mrs. Spohn.

Paper, “Life at Vancouver,” Mrs. J. P. Finlay.

April—

Paper, “Chief Brant,” Mrs. McConnell.

“Jacques Cartier,” Mrs. Silcox.

“Central Methodist Church,” Mrs. Warner.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

<i>Patroness</i>	Countess of Minto.
<i>Hon. President</i>	Lady Laurier.
<i>President</i>	Mrs. S. E. Dawson.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	Mrs. Gwynne.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	Lady Ritchie.
<i>3rd Vice-President</i>	Mme. Pigeon.
<i>4th Vice-Presidents</i>	Mrs. R. Ells. Lady Bourinot. Lady Davies. Lady Strong. Mme. Sulte. Mrs. Friel. Mme. Girouard. Mrs. Geo. E. King. Mrs. Chas. Goodeve.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mme. Pigeon.
<i>Librarian</i>	Miss Northwood.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. Sedgewick, Mrs. B. Powell, Mrs. A. Burritt, Mrs. Martin Griffin, Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall, Jr., Mrs. Costigan, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, Mme. Le Lievre, Mme. La Motte, Mrs. H. Allan Bate.

Number of members, 144; increase during year, 10; decrease during year, 2; income, \$115.19; expenditure, \$97.58; number of business and committee meetings, 18; lectures, 3; additions to library, numerous volumes of transactions and books.

MRS. THOS. AHEARN, *President*.

MRS. MCDUGALL, *Cor. Secretary*.

May 31st, 1905.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Recording Secretary begs to submit the following report of the work of Ottawa Historical Society for the year 1903-1904.

During the past year there have been eight Executive and six General Meetings.

At the opening meeting in October last, as the writer of the historical paper for that month was prevented from preparing her paper Mrs. Ahearn, our Treasurer, very kindly consented to give the Society her impression of Egypt gathered during a recent visit to that land.

In November last, as the memories of the Coronation were still fresh in our minds, our President wished the Society to have the pleasure of hearing an account of it from one who had actually witnessed the great procession to Westminster Abbey. Mrs. J. Lyons Biggar very kindly gave a bright and graceful account of what she has seen, touching on many most interesting incidents the result of her own personal observation.

The subject for December last was "Aylmer." A paper read by Miss Read showing much careful preparation and full of historical interest.

At the January meeting a very clever and scholarly paper was read by Miss Whiteaves on "The Women Workers of Ottawa," acquainting us with many interesting facts.

It was with intense interest that we listened in February last to Madame Pigeon's careful study of the "Indians of the Ottawa Valley," a paper full of poetic description of the Ottawa River scenery, aboriginal Indian customs, characteristics, legends, and history, the fruit of many months of careful study and preparation.

In March Mrs. D. H. McLean prepared and read the first of a series of articles on Canadian men of note. The subject of her sketch was "The Life of Sir James Macpherson Le Moine, D.C.L.," a paper which gave us a very clear insight into the life, character and work of this truly remarkable figure in Canadian life and history.

At the February and March meetings Miss McDougall read two most interesting newspaper clippings, sketches of Champlain and his girl wife.

Ere long the Society intends to have these papers printed so that the members as well as those interested in the Society and its aims may have the pleasure of reading them.

A most enjoyable Drawing Room meeting was held in January last at the residence of Mrs. Ahearn. To the delight of all present Dr. Drummond read a few selections from his book of poems "The Habitant," affording great pleasure to all who had the good fortune to be present.

Our President, Mrs. Dawson, has during the past year kept the diary of "Current Events," which will prove a record of the greatest interest but a few years hence. In January last Mrs. Kirby undertook this work for the present year.

One of the Society's treasures are the copies of the South African letters of Mr. Edward Holland, V.C., which he kindly presented to this Branch of the Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted.

ALICE BURBIDGE, *Recording Secretary.*

The Corresponding Secretary begs to submit the following report.

During the past year 45 notes and letters have been written, a list of which is hereto affixed.

A most interesting pamphlet containing Mrs. Morden's paper on "The U.E. Loyalist Women," read before the General Brock Lodge (Daughters of the Empire), at Brockville, was received with pleasure by our Ottawa Branch.

The Librarian of the National Museum Stockholm, Sweden, wrote in November last that the Royal Academy of Belle Letters, History and Antiquaries of Stockholm, a Society formed in 1763 and already connected with 12 Societies in Canada and 673 in other parts of the world, wished to enlarge its connection with other Societies and proposed to exchange publications with the Ottawa Branch of the W. C. Historical Society.

"The Antiquarian Journal" was afterwards sent from Stockholm neatly and attractively bound, but the extent of the research it contained had to be taken for granted, as it was printed in the Swedish language and has not yet been translated.

"The Antiquarian Journal" was afterwards sent from Stockholm early in the present year.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANCES L. HOWARD, *Cor. Secretary.*

SCRAP BOOK COMMITTEE.

The work on the Scrap Books has been progressing slowly during the year. The three books of the Committee are the "Local Events," in Miss Masson's charge; "The Canadian Events," in Miss Eva Read's care, and the one devoted to "Ottawa," that is the growth and improvement of the city itself, is kept by Miss Horsey. The members of the Society all had an opportunity of seeing these books for themselves at the Drawing Room meeting held at Mrs. Ahearn's house in January last.

Clippings are all dated, the name of the paper from which they are taken inserted above, and they are kept safely in large envelopes until pasted in the books. Naturally this work is slow but steady, and the Committee hope that others will benefit by what will be "history" in the future.

AMEY HORSEY, *Convenor.*

THE LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LONDON, ONTARIO.

<i>Hon. President</i>	Sir John Carling
<i>President</i>	Dr. Cl. T. Campbell.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Mr. James Egan.
	Dr. W. M. English
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	Mrs. H. F. English
<i>Secretary</i>	Mrs. M. J. Gehan.
<i>Asst. Rec. Secretary</i>	Miss Florence Mitchell.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr. Henry Macklin.
<i>Curator</i>	S. Woolverton, D.D.S.
<i>Directors</i>	Rev. J. G. Stuart, B.A.
	Col. John Macbeth.
	Miss Priddis.
	John Cameron, P.M.
	C. B. Edwards, M.A.
	John Dearness, M.A.

Number of members, 53; increase during year, 21; income \$142,00, which includes Government grant of \$100; expenditure, \$36,75; number of business and committe meetings, 10; historical excursions, 2.

JOHN DEARNESS, *President*.
FRANK LAWSON, *Cor. Secretary*.

Nov. 18, 1904.

ANNUAL MEETING, LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL
SOCIETY.

Secretary's Report.

Since the last annual meeting of the London and Middlesex Historical Society held on March 11, 1903, seven regular monthly meetings have been held, in April, May, October, November, December, January and February. On every occasion except one the President has been in the chair.

We have not had so many papers by the pioneers of the county as we had last year, for obvious reasons, but it is a matter of congratulation that those reminiscences are now carefully preserved in convenient form by our curator. The programmes have been quite diversified and most interesting, showing careful research into history by those living now, instead of the recollections of the old residents.

At the April meeting Dr. Tamblyn of the Western University gave

a most enjoyable talk on Dr. Drummond, the poet of the French-Canadian habitant, illustrating his remarks by selections from the poems. In May Mr. J. I. Poole of Comber, read a paper on the Battle of the Longwoods, fought near Delaware, in the war of 1812, which proved him a most painstaking and enthusiastic historian, and interested the audience greatly. During the same month a number of our readers attended the Annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society held in St. Thomas, visiting points of interest about the Talbot Settlement and having their interest in things historical deepened. Miss Priddis also represented our Society at the meeting of the National Council of Women in Toronto, at which a proposal was made to form a National Historical Society. The majority of our members did not think the time was ripe for it, and action was deferred.

After the interval of the summer months we had in October an excellent paper by Mr. G. R. Patullo, Registrar of Oxford, on Municipal Government and Civic Improvement. The paper contained so many excellent suggestions that the Society brought it to the notice of the Minister of Education, and obtained his promise to secure the circulation of those ideas amongst the schools of the country. In November our subject was "The Verse Writers of the County" with special reference to Mr. Robert Elliot, and it was most delightfully treated by Mr. Dearness and Mr. Frank Lawson. Dr. Woolverton also gave an interesting report of the proceedings at St. Thomas, and as a result of his suggestion, a committee was appointed to try to secure a base for the monument that the Daughters of the Empire propose erecting in Victoria Park. In December, we had our only pioneer paper, the recollections of Mr. Arthur Sydere who resided in London in the early fifties and gave a very graphic account of many of the people and incidents of that period. A letter was received from Mr. Guy Carleton Lee, of Johns Hopkins University asking for any information that might assist him in writing an exhaustive History of North America. He was referred to the President, Dr. Campbell, and Mr. Coyne of St. Thomas for information. In January Ven Archdeacon Richardson dealt with Early Anglican Missions throughout Canada, down to the formation of the Diocese of Huron, 1857. In February Mr. James, President of the Ontario Historical Society gave us an address on the "Making of Ontario," which was full of good history and patriotism.

The audiences at those various meetings have been far smaller than the merits of the subjects presented deserved, and it is a matter of regret that more interest is not taken in them, especially amongst our young people.

The meetings have frequently been enlivened by music, vocal and instrumental, always of a high order, contributed by the Misses Rowntree, Matheson, Blackburn, and others.

Several meetings of the Executive Committee have been held, the

business being chiefly the providing of materials for the programmes of the monthly meetings. In this work the President has been most indefatigable, the ladies have secured the music.

Our thanks are due to the *Free Press* and *Advertiser* for the reports of our meetings, in some cases the papers have been published almost in full.

The thanks of the Society have in every case been given to those who contributed to the interest and profit of our meetings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. GEHAN, *Secretary*.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
TORONTO, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

<i>Hon. President</i>	Mrs. Mortimer Clark.
<i>President</i>	Lady Edgar.
<i>1st. Vice-President</i>	Mrs. Forsyth Grant.
<i>2nd. Vice-President</i>	Mrs. Edward Leigh.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Miss MacCallum. 13 Bloor Street, West.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	Miss FitzGibbon.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Mrs. Seymour Coiley.

Number of members, 245; increase during year, 45; decrease during year, 3 by death, 16 by absence; income grant of \$50.00 only from 50c. fees not all paid; number of business and committee meetings, 9 executive, 6 regular, 21 special; historical exhibition of Paul Kane's pictures of Indian life and character; additions to library donations, 10; additions to museum exchanges, 13; publications, transactions No. IV.

LADY EDGAR, *President*.

M. Agnes FitzGibbon, *Secretary*.
86 Glen Road, Rosedale.

This Society had by the kindness of Mr. E. B. Osler, M.P., who had purchased the collection of Paul Kane's pictures from the Hon. George Allan estate, the privilege of exhibiting them in Scot's Gallery. The exhibition was opened by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, on March 5th, and remained opened until the 26th. Large numbers visited it, and a considerable sum was added to the Memorial Hall fund through receipts from entrance fee. Having obtained the loan of a copy of the now rare volume "The Wanderings of an Artist among the North American

Indians" by Paul Kane, the Secretary was able to add much to the interest of the pictures by quoting extracts giving the history of the originals and the scenes depicted.

A very largely attended evening meeting was held in the Hall of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, on February 23rd, when a valuable paper on the life and work of the Hon. Joseph Howe was given by Mr. George Morang.

The Memorial Hall fund now amounts to \$3,313, and it is the intention of the Society to continue to augment it until a suitable hall in memoriam to the late Empress Queen Victoria and the Canadian soldiers who have fallen in the service of the Empire can be erected.

Transaction No. IV, has been published during the year.

THE THOROLD AND BEAVERDAMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THOROLD, ONTARIO.

President..... J. H. Thompson.
Hon. Vice-President.....Mrs. Munro.
Secretary..... Miss Amy Ball.
Historian..... Mrs. Sophia Ball.
Vice-President and Treasurer..... W. Bald.

After the publication of our "History of Thorold, Town and Township," we had gone over the ground so thoroughly we could not find anything more to do.

We have not held any meetings for three years, because there was nothing to meet about. However we are not disbanded.

On the 2nd February, 1903, my house having taken fire from the adjoining one was burned, my own private library and the T. and B.H.S. documents destroyed. By chance the minute book was saved.

If any of our members can attend the Annual Meeting, June 1st and 2nd, 1905, I will notify you. The Vice-President and I, being teachers, shall not be able to leave so near examinations.

Number of members, 30; income, 25c. fee from each member; expenditure, 24c. postage; number of business and committee meetings, 1904, 2; additions to library, Ontario Historical Society Vol. V. book of altitudes.

J. H. THOMPSON, *President*.
 AMY BALL, *Secretary*.

Nov. 7, 1904.

THE LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SARNIA, ONTARIO.

Hon. President..... Hon. Alexander Vidal.
President..... Frederic C. Watson.
Secretary-Treasurer..... Joshua Adams.

Number of members, 49; increase during year, 4; income, \$2.00; expenditure, \$1.50; number of business and committee meetings, 1 annual.

FREDERIC C. WATSON, *President*.
 JOSHUA ADAMS, *Secretary*.

I am very sorry my report for our Society for 1903-4 is practically formal. For various reasons we were able to do nothing during the year by way of meetings, lectures, etc., but our way appears to be much brighter for the coming year, and arrangements are being made for practical work in the coming fall and winter, and especially as we are hoping to have the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society held here next year.

On the 27th inst. our Annual Meeting was held. It was the earliest date in May we could get. The Hon. Alexander Vidal was appointed Hon. President; Frederic C. Watson, Esq., President, and myself as Secretary-Treasurer, and I am appointed as the only delegate of our Society to the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society to be held at Windsor on 1st and 2nd June.

Yours truly,
 JOSHUA ADAMS, *Sec.-Treasurer*.

THE BELLEVILLE AND BAY OF QUINTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.

Hon. President Lieut.-Col. Helliwell.
President..... Mrs. J. G. Terrill.
1st Vice-President..... J. F. Jeffers.
2nd Vice-President..... Mrs. L. W. Yeomans.
Treasurer..... Mrs. May.
Corresponding Secretary..... A. McGinnis.
Recording Secretary..... A. Barragar.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. W. W. Pope, Colonel Ponton, Miss A. Lister and Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

Number of members, 32; increase during year, 2; income, \$8.50; expenditure, \$10.40; lectures, 4; historical excursions, several personal excursions; additions to library, 1; additions to museum, 1; publications, 4.

EUPHEMIA TERRILL, *President*.

F. H. YEOMANS, *Secretary*.

May 21st, 1904.

No meetings held since February, 1903.

THE PETERBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
PETERBOROUGH. ONT.

<i>Hon. President</i>	His Honor Judge Weller.
<i>President</i>	Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	Richard Hall, J. B. McWilliams, and Mrs. Birdsall.
<i>Secretary</i>	T. A. S. Hay.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs. Wilson.

Executive Council.

Lieut.-Col. Edwards, D. Spence, F. R. Yokom, W. J. Francis, Rev. J. C. Davidson, E. Elcome, Dr. Harrison.

Museum Board.

Dr. Burnham, H. T. Strickland, and T. A. S. Hay.

Number of members, 62; increase during year, 4; income, our year ends in September, we are therefore unable to give "income" and "expenditure" until then; number of business and committee meetings, 3; additions to library, 55 vols.; additions to museum, numerous and varied articles; publications, none issued.

H. C. ROGERS, *President*.

T. A. S. HAY, *Secretary*.

May 4th, 1904.

During the past year there has been no marked change in our numbers or income. It has been, in fact, an uneventful year. From the fact of our having in our midst a literary society, known as the Fortnightly Club, which has a course of lectures throughout the winter, on historic as well as other subjects, to which most of our members belong, we found it advisable not to attempt anything in that line, but to confine our efforts to the collection of relics and curios for our Museum and the recording of stories from the old settlers (so fast passing away), in which lines we have been fairly successful, gradually adding to our store of material for the historian of the future, who may come to write the history of our county.

Allow me here, Sir, to congratulate the Ontario Historical Society on

its successful meetings in the past, and its selection of place for the present year, feeling that here on this frontier we are indeed on historic ground where so many stirring events in the infancy of our beloved Canada were enacted, and I anticipate that this meeting will impress on our memories the noble struggle that was waged on this peninsula by a few British soldiers, a small band of pioneers from the then sparse settlements of white people and our allies among the aborigines, in defence of the country we are now so proud of.

The county which I have the honor to represent at this meeting was not represented by settlers in those frontier fights, from the fact that there were no settlers in those parts at the time, but I am informed that bands of our dusky brothers who then occupied the region aided the British, and we know that the Mississagas were always loyal to the King, and still pride themselves on not being his subjects, but his allies, and in that connection I have with me a story given verbatim by the present hereditary Chief, who claims that these traditions of his tribe have not before been written and which, with your permission, I will now read.

H. C. ROGERS, *President*.

THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LINDSAY, ONTARIO.

<i>Hon. President</i>	His Honor Judge Dean.
<i>President</i>	W. H. Stevens, B.A.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	C. D. Barr.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i>	W. F. O'Boyle.
<i>Secretary</i>	Miss E. G. Flavelle, B.A.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	Miss M. L. Taylor.
<i>Treasurer</i>	I. E. Weldon.

Executive Committee.

Messrs. L. Herriman, M.D., V. C. Cornwall, M.D., E. A. Hardy, B.A., H. J. Lytle, R. J. McLaughlin, D. R. Anderson and M. M. Boyd.

Number of members, 30; number of business and committee meetings, 2; lectures, 1; additions to library, 10 books, 12 pamphlets.

W. H. STEVENS, B.A., *President*.

E. G. FLAVELLE, *Secretary*.

Our Society has little to report. We are, however, having a room allowed to us in the new Public Library building, and expect to occupy it next month. We then will have a place to gather our books and papers together in, and hope to start a museum immediately, as promises of various collections have been given to us. Our library is slowly increasing, particularly in our pamphlets.

I hope next year we may have something to report.

Hoping the Convention may be a great success.

E. G. FLAVELLE, *Secretary*.

THE CANADIAN METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
TORONTO, CANADA.

President.....Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., LL.D.

Secretary.....E. A. Chown.

Number of members, 87; increase during year, 1; income, \$4.00; expenditure, 75c.; number of business and committee meetings, 2; lectures, 1; additions to library, 87; additions to museum, 5.

TORONTO, May 31, 1904.

This Society is able to report that at the meeting of the London Conference held in Wingham last June a branch of the Society was formed for the Conference. Rev. Jas. Hannon, D.D., Exeter, was elected President, and Rev. E. W. Edwards, B.D., Tiverton, Secretary. The first Annual Meeting will be held in London this week, and the Rev. J. R. Gundy, D.D., will deliver a lecture on "The Origin and Progress of the New Connexion Methodist Church in Canada,"

The lecture before the Annual Meeting of the parent Society was delivered in Victoria College Chapel in September, by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., and the subject was "Methodism in the 40's," or "The Story of a Breach and How it was Healed."

At that meeting arrangements were made for a lecture on "The Rise and Progress of the Bible Christian Church in Canada," and the Rev. Geo. Webber has consented to deliver it at the Annual Meeting held in November next.

Rev. R. Cade, D.D., has kindly consented to undertake a similar effort in regard to "The Primitive Methodist Church in Canada."

The existence of the Society has served the purpose of directing the attention of the people to the importance of preserving valuable historical material and the Curator has received numerous additions to the library and museum as the result of the work of the Society being brought to the notice of the public at large. Enclosed herewith find statistical report.

E. A. CHOWN, *Secretary*.

THE NORFOLK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SIMCOE, ONTARIO.

President..... Judge James Robb.
Secretary-Treasurer..... J. J. Wadsworth, M.D.*
Curator..... Henry Johnson.

Number of members, 81 (a number are honorary); increase during year, 4; income, \$32.00; expenditure, \$21.00; number of business and committee meetings, 12; lectures, 1 (Mr. J. H. Coyne); additions to library, several; additions to museum, a few; publications, local newspapers publish our papers.

JAMES ROBB, *President*.
 J. J. WADSWORTH, *Secretary*.

During the year now closing the Society met a few times, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, April 20, May 29, and Nov. 27.

The number of members on the roll for 1903 was 81, four being new members.

On April 20th a public lecture on the "Early Explorers of the Province" was delivered by Mr. James H. Coyne, M.A., of St. Thomas, at Wells' Hall. The lecture was illustrated by numerous maps, copies of valuable originals found in the archives of Paris. The attendance was large, and the chair was occupied by the President, Judge Robb. At the conclusion of the lecture a paper on the "Aims of the Norfolk Historical Society" was read by Dr. J. J. Wadsworth. The proceedings were varied by a reading from Mr. J. D. Christie, and musical selections by Professor Owen, Miss Haskett and others.

In June Judge Robb attended the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at St. Thomas as delegate representing the Norfolk Society.

During the year some valuable contributions were received, including maps and books from Hon. Col. Tisdale, M.P., a record of an early fire company from Mr. H. B. Donly, and a collection of newspapers of early date from Mr. David Boyd.

The Curator has faithfully cared for the documents entrusted to the Society, and the Secretary has continued his work on the Scrap Book.

At the November meeting an important paper was contributed by Rev. Richard Hicks, B.D., on the "History of the Church of England in Norfolk."

Negotiations with Mr. Harry Ansley, of Port Dover, have resulted in his making a liberal promise in regard to the Galinee Site, and it is hoped that the year 1904 will see a suitable memorial erected by the Society.

During the year the County Council has again shown its appreciation of the work of the Society by granting us the use of the Council Chamber for our meetings and also by a money grant of \$25.00.

The Society desires to express its thanks to the County Council for the valuable aid and indorsation it has afforded us.

We have also to thank the *Simcoe Reformer* and the *British-Canadian* for the liberal use of their columns.

J. J. WADSWORTH, *Secretary.*

SIMCOE, Jan. 29th, 1904.

THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF
ONTARIO, HAMILTON, ONT.

(HEAD OF THE LAKE BRANCH.)

Hon. President.....Major O'Reilly.
President.....His Honor, Judge Snider.
Vice-Presidents.....S. F. Lazier, K.C.
W. A. H. Duff.

Committee.

J. H. Smith, A. C. Beasley, J. M. Dingwall, W. G. Moore, Justus Griffin, Edwin Mills.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.....H. H. Robertson.

Number of members, 72; exclusive of associate members; increase during year, 4; income, \$41.50; expenditure, \$40.04; number of business and committee meetings, business, 6, committee, 2; lectures, 6 (see report herewith); publications, a Register of Marriages and Baptisms in the Gore and London Districts by Rev. R. Leeming, 1816-1827, 800 copies, in March, 1903, a lost register.

COLIN G. SNIDER, *President.*
H. H. ROBERTSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

May 11th, 1904.

ANNUAL REPORT, FEBRUARY, 1903-1904.

It was the melancholy duty of the Society to record the death on the 15th November last at Toronto, of the President of the General Association, the Rev. C. E. Thompson, and to transmit a memorial of condolence. Mr. E. A. MacLaurin is now acting President of the Association. Our Branch also regrets the removal by death, in December last, of Mr. Samuel Davis, one of its members. Mr. Davis was the son of Jonathan

Davis, U.E.L., and grandson of William Davis, U.E.L., of North Carolina, who, with his two sons, Jonathan and Asahel, came to Upper Canada at the close of the Revolutionary War. Elizabeth, a daughter of William Davis, married Thomas Ghent, of Franklin County, North Carolina. Mr. Samuel Davis, as the son of an original U. E. Loyalist, was entitled to rank as Honorary Vice-President of our General Association. His retiring disposition precluded his accepting the title, and although he was unable to attend our meetings he always evinced a keen interest in them.

The work for the past year has been very satisfactory. The officers appointed for the year have remained. Six meetings, at which papers were read, have been held, and two committee meetings.

Early in the year the Secretary, while investigating the genealogy of the Hatt family, found in the possession of Mr. John T. Hatt, of Buffalo, a legatee under the will of the late Rev. Ralph Leeming, the first missionary to the Gore District in 1816, a register of marriages and baptisms in which he officiated during his ministry from 1816 to 1827. The document was long given up. Mr. Hatt consented to the delivery of it to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, and the original register was accordingly presented to him, 800 copies having first been published and distributed by this Association.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Historical Society held at St. Thomas in June, was attended by the Secretary as a delegate from this Association.

The attention of members and others is called to the recent appointment of a Provincial Archivist. The objects of his department are similar to all Societies such as ours, in the preservation and collection of documents of historical interest. The archivist, Alexander Fraser, of Toronto, asks your co-operation through his correspondent, Mr. H. H. Robertson.

The publication of the Transactions of the General Association delivered to members of our Branch, afforded satisfaction.

The list of members is hereto appended, showing a membership of 72, exclusive of associate members. The financial statement, duly audited, is also appended, showing a balance on hand of \$11.46.

The following papers have been read on the dates mentioned:—

1903.

March 10—

“The Recovery of the Marriage Register of the First Missionary to the Gore District, Rev. Ralph Leeming,” by H. H. Robertson.

May 12—

“The Work of the Lundy’s Lane Historical Society,” by Rev. Canon Bull.

June 9—

“The Capture of Fort Niagara, and the Retaliatory Campaign of 1813,” by Mrs. P. D. Crerar.

October 13—

“Anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights,” an abridgement of Col. Cruikshank’s description. Read by the Secretary.

December 10—

“Britain’s Command of the Sea and What it Means to Canada,” by H. J. Wickham, Hon. Secretary Navy League, Toronto Branch.

1904.

January 12—

“The Past and Present of the Six Nation Indians,” by the President, Judge Snider.

A Joint Committee from the Historical Societies was courteously received by the Chairman of the Parks Board, with a view of improving the educational value of the Museum at Dundurn, and now waits to be convened, together with a sub-committee of the Parks Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. H. ROBERTSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

HAMILTON, Feb. 10, 1904.

THE ESSEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.

President..... Francis Cleary.

Vice-Presidents..... A. P. E. Panet and
Rev. Thos. Nattress.

Secretary-Treasurer..... A. J. E. Belleperche.

Corresponding-Secretary..... Miss Jean Barr.

Executive Committee.

Miss Kilroy, Mrs. Panet, D. H. Bedford, A. W. Joyce, John Barnett, Judge McHugh, and Principal Gavin.

REPORT OF THE ESSEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Essex Historical Society was formally organized at a meeting held in the auditorium of the Public Library on the evening of the 19th of January last, and is consequently less than five months old.

For a number of years spasmodic attempts have been made to start such a Society, but came to naught, principally from the fact that nobody seemed willing to take the initiative. Finally Mr. Andrew Braid,

Secretary of the Public Library Board, succeeded in calling a fairly well attended meeting in the auditorium of the Public Library, where the project was discussed and met with such approval that at a subsequent meeting held on the 19th of January, 1904, as stated above, the organization of the Society was effected and the name "The Essex Historical Society" was adopted.

The aims of the Society are best set forth in a report of the Executive Committee, which I incorporate herewith:—

1. To invite all persons who are interested in the natural, civil or ecclesiastical history of the Province to become members of the Society;

2. To request by special invitation all pioneers or their representatives to co-operate with the Society in procuring, collecting or donating contributions of incidents, papers, pamphlets, books, maps, portraits, Indian relics, natural curiosities or ancient records bearing on the early history of the county;

3. To have a Vice-President appointed in each township of the county who would send in to the Secretary of the Society the names of persons who desire to become members or who would contribute papers to the archives of the Society;

4. That the Library Board grant the Society the privilege of using a special place in the Library as a repository for the historical collections;

5. That the Library Board be requested to appoint a representative on the Society;

6. That a date in mid-summer be named annually for social re-union of the members and their friends at some point of historic interest in the county;

7. That a Committee be named to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the Society;

8. That the membership fee shall be fifty cents per annum for gentlemen and twenty-five cents for ladies, payable in advance in January of each year;

9. That the meetings of the Society be held at least once a month;

10. That the meeting for the election of officers be held in December of each year.

The above recommendations were accepted by the Society.

The Library Board has appointed one of its members on our Executive Committee.

The Society has held one public meeting and many meetings of the Executive;

We now have a membership of 47, including gentlemen and ladies;

I beg leave to present to the Ontario Historical Society the above report of the Essex Historical Society.

A. J. E. BELLEPERCHE, *Secretary.*

ANNUAL MEETING AT WINDSOR.

WINDSOR, June 1st., 1904.

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society began in the auditorium of the Public Library here to-day at 2 p.m. The President, C. C. James, Esq., M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, in the chair. Among those present were: J. H. Kenning, Windsor; Miss J. Carnochan, Niagara; S. White, Windsor; W. Martin, Windsor; James McEwan, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers, Peterboro'; Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls; Lieut.-Col. A. E. Belcher, President Bruce Historical Society, Southampton; Dr. S. Woolverton, London; A. Phi. E. Panet, Vice-President, Essex Historical Society; Josephine B. Panet, Windsor; J. I. Poole, Comber; Wm. Matheson, Lucan; Horace Levitt, Windsor; Mayor J. W. Drake, Windsor; Francis Cleary, President Essex Historical Society; Miss Abbie H. Miller, Newbury; Miss Margaret Claire Kilroy, Windsor; T. Muriel Merrill, Picton; T. H. Parker, Woodstock; George R. Pattullo, Woodstock; Minnie E. Pond, Windsor; Flora T. La Belle, Windsor; Miss Pook, Jean W. Barr, Windsor; Harriet Priddis, London; S. A. Thornton, Windsor; Joshua Adams, Sarnia; Mrs. F. H. Mann, Windsor; Miss M. Gerard, Windsor; F. Barlow Cumberland, Toronto; Alexander Fraser, Toronto; D. MacGillivray, Windsor; J. O. Reaume, Windsor, and the Secretary.

Mayor Drake delivered an address of welcome to the Society to which a fitting reply was made by the President.

The Secretary read his Annual Report, which was of a very encouraging character. He also read the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Mr. Yeigh. This report showed a good balance on hand with the prospect of numerous additional payments for membership fees. Reports were also received from the Flag and Monument Committee, the former by Mrs. C. Fessenden, of Hamilton, urged that pupils be taught the significance of the British flag, and that it should be properly displayed on all suitable occasions. The report of the latter Committee from Mrs. E. J. Thompson, pointed out that some work remained to be done in connection with the removal of certain stones at Chippawa; on motion, both committees were re-appointed.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Pattullo, seconded by Colonel Cruikshank, it was resolved that the various reports as read be received and adopted.

The Secretary then announced that he had received reports from the following affiliated Societies, viz.:—York Pioneers, Niagara; U. E. L. Association, Hamilton; Belleville and Bay of Quinte, Halton, Norfolk, Elgin, Elgin Women's Auxiliary, Thorold, Bruce, London and Middlesex, Bowmanville Women's Historical Society, Wentworth, Wentworth Women's, Lambton, Victoria, Canadian Methodist, Ottawa Women's and Peterboro'.

The reports of Societies represented at the meeting were read by the delegates from the Societies concerned. Most of these were of a highly encouraging character.

The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. C. M. Burton, of Detroit, President of the Michigan Historical Society, extending an invitation to the members of the Ontario Society to visit his library in Detroit.

On motion of Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Belcher, it was resolved that the Ontario Historical Society beg leave to acknowledge the very kind and courteous invitation extended to them by Mr. C. M. Burton, of Detroit, to visit his historical library, and that the Secretary be instructed to tender Mr. Burton the sincere thanks of the Society. This was attended to by telegram from the Ontario Historical Society.

A letter was then read from the Rev. Mr. Morrison of Springfield, expressing a desire that the Society would support him in coming to an arrangement with the Wedgewood Chinaware Firm for the purpose of manufacturing dinner plates bearing representations of Canadian historic scenery. Mr. Morrison stated the price at which such plates could be purchased per dozen, and requested that the Society appoint a committee of two or three to select twelve historical subjects for the set.

It was moved by Lieut.-Col. Rogers, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pattullo, that Mr. Morrison's letter re pictorial plates bearing designs of historical subjects be referred to the Council.

The President having called attention to the fact that the Society had suffered since last meeting by the deaths of the Rev. C. E. Thomson, M.A., President of the York Pioneers, and Mr. D. B. Read, K.C., a member of the same organization, two veteran workers in local historical matters, and welcome attendants at the Annual Meetings of the Ontario Historical Society, it was moved by Mr. Joshua Adams of Sarnia, seconded by Mr. W. Matheson of Lucan, that the Secretary and President be instructed to prepare resolutions of condolence to the families and relatives of the deceased gentlemen.

The President appointed Col. Rogers, Miss Carnochan, Col. Cruikshank, and A. B. Panet, a nominating Committee to suggest the names of officers for next year.

Messrs. Pattullo, Cumberland and Woolverton were also appointed a Committee on resolutions. The choice of a place for next Annual Meeting was by resolution placed in the hands of the Council of the Society.

Those present at the meeting accepted an invitation from the people of Windsor to visit the adjoining town of Sandwich by street car. Here visits were paid to St. John's Church, now upwards of hundred years since its establishment; the grave of Dr. Hume with its remarkable epitaph; the old Baby House, once a Hudson's Bay trading post, the old Jesuit Mission House and other interesting historical sites.

Miss M. C. Kilroy, President Francis Cleary, Mr. Solomon White,

and Mr. W. J. McKee, acting as guides, afforded much valuable information to the party.

At 8 p.m. the Society met again in the auditorium of the Public Library every seat being occupied and some visitors having to stand. President Cleary of the local Society welcomed the Provincial organization, and was happily responded to by Mr. C. C. James, President of the parent Society, who pointed out that many of the local Societies were doing excellent work in various parts of the Province, naming those of Niagara, Lundy's Lane and Ottawa as examples.

He also pointed out that Essex as a frontier county possessed great advantages for historical purposes. He advised the publication of local history notes in the city and county newspapers, and expressed his certainty that editors will be pleased to receive material of this kind. Mr. Cleary then read a paper on "The Early History of Essex." As this paper will probably appear in extenso elsewhere, it is unnecessary even to epitomize it here.

Following the reading of Mr. Cleary's paper, Miss Halley recited the stirring poem "Abigail Becker, and the Rescue of Shipwrecked Sailors near Long Point."

Miss M. C. Kilroy read a very well written paper on Local Historic Places in Essex County. This lady's knowledge of what pertains to the early history of Essex is remarkable for its accuracy as well as for its extent.

After the reading of Miss Kilroy's paper an excellent song entitled "Freedom" was well sung by Mr. Colin McDonald, and who as an encore gave "Bonnie Dundee."

Miss Jean Barr then delivered a more than usually excellent address on "The Battle of Windsor" in the course of which she gave the particulars relating to the death of Dr. John James Hume, "who was inhumanly murdered by a gang of ruffians from the United States styling themselves patriots."

A paper was read by Colonel Ernest Cruikshank on "A trip from Montreal to Mackinac in 1749."

WINDSOR, June 2nd, 1904.

This morning at 9 a.m. the members of the Society and their friends to the number of nearly eighty, were conveyed in two electric cars to Amherstburg. On arriving at that town a large number of carriages was in waiting to convey the party still further south where visits were paid to the old Elliott and Reynolds residences. A visit was also paid to the Christ Church cemetery and the stone on which Tecumseh is said to have addressed his men. Under the excellent management of the Amherstburg Committee, everything possible had been done for the entertainment and pleasure of the guests, who, after visiting the place mentioned, were treated to an excellent repast in the town hall.

Mr. N. C. Coste, Chairman of the Citizens Committee, who presided, delivered an admirable address of welcome to the guests, to which an appropriate reply was made by President James.

Mr. John Auld, M.P.P., in a short speech referred to a movement in Amherstburg to secure the grounds with old Fort Malden as a National Park, and suggested that the Ontario Historical Society should officially endorse the action about to be taken.

On motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Cumberland, the Ontario Historical Society was urged to act upon this suggestion, and thus to secure the old fort grounds for park purposes.

By special request Miss Halley again recited "Abigail Becker," and what rendered the recitation on this occasion especially interesting was the fact that Captain Jones, one of the two survivors of the wreck referred to in the poem, was present. Messrs. F. Cleary, Solomon White, and Alexander Fraser, Provincial Archivist, gave brief addresses.

A visit was afterwards paid to old Fort Malden. The guests were then conducted to Bois Blanc Island, where the old Blockhouse and other interesting spots were carefully examined.

On the return trip the Rev. Thomas Nattress read his paper on "The Western District Philosophical and Agricultural Society of Amherstburg in 1842."

In the evening another large audience was in attendance at the auditorium of the Public Library when as on former occasions the President of the Society occupied the chair. A brief address was delivered by Mr. Alexander Fraser, of Toronto, respecting his duties, aspirations and aims in relation to his office, as Provincial Archivist. Mr. Fraser pointed out the various ways in which the people might assist in the collection and preservation of historical documents.

Col. H. C. Rogers of Peterboro read a paper, the substance of which was communicated by Padash, son of Cheneebesh, son of Gemoaghpenassee relating to the migrations of the Missassagas and their settlement at Nanabajou, or Hiawatha, at Chemong, and at Scugog. The material of this paper had been carefully collected by Mr. Hampden Burnham, of Peterboro', and edited by him for presentation to the Society.

Mr. A. W. Marsh of Amherstburg read a paper on "The Causes that led to the War of 1812," and Mr. C. W. Martin, United States Vice Consul read a paper on "The First Grant of Land made by the Indians to the Whites near Detroit."

The proceedings were enlivened by songs from Miss Denning and Mr. Colin MacDonald, a violin solo by Mr. H. McCaw and a recitative monologue by Mrs. E. H. Black.

It was moved by Barlow Cumberland, seconded by George R. Pattullo, that the fullest thanks of this Society are hereby expressed to the Mayor of Windsor for his cordial welcome, and to the President and members of the Essex Historical Society for their invitation to hold our Annual

Meeting in Windsor and for the admirable and complete arrangements made for our business meetings and our pleasurable outings.

The papers read before us by the members of the Essex Society were full of information to us, and we trust that our meeting here will help to deepen the interest in historic research, which has been already so well evidenced by the members of the Local Society, will encourage others to join them in collecting and preserving the historical records of this most historic frontier.

The Society would desire to express their thanks to the Public Library Board of Windsor for so kindly placing the auditorium at our disposal for our meetings, and to the presidents of Sandwich, who so kindly noted to us during our visit here the places of interest in their neighborhood.

The historic excursion on the second day afforded us infinite interest and the Society heartily thanks the Chairman, Committee, and Citizens of Amherstburg, who so bountifully provided for our welfare, and enabled us to visit the old homesteads with their early and valuable collection, and the historic defences of Fort Malden and Bois Blanc Island. We would express our utmost hope that these speaking memorials of past days be preserved for all time, for the education and inspiration of our people.

The Society further expresses to the public press of Windsor, Amherstburg, and Detroit their grateful appreciation of the full reports they have given of the proceedings of our meeting and visits, and feel that greater interest in the attractiveness of these districts will thereby have been much promoted."

At the conclusion of the general meeting a meeting of the members of the Society was held for business purposes, the chief of which was the election of officers, with the following result: Mr. George R. Pattullo, Woodstock, President; Col. H. C. Rogers, Peterboro', Vice-President; Mr. David Boyle, 2nd Vice-President, and Mr. Frank Yeigh, Treasurer.

Council.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Lieut.-Col. E. B. Edwards, Miss Jean Barr, H. H. Robertson, and His Honor Judge Macbeth.

The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

WINDSOR June, 1904.

After the close of the general business meeting in the auditorium of the Public Library, Windsor, a meeting of Council was held in an adjoining room. Present: President, George R. Pattullo; Ex-President, C. C. James; Vice-President, Col. H. C. Rogers; 2nd Vice-President, David Boyle; Miss Carnochan, Miss Barr. The principal object of this meeting was to elect a Secretary, but after discussing the matter for a little while action was deferred.

GEO. R. PATTULLO, *President.*
DAVID BOYLE, *Secretary.*

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BY C. C. JAMES.

The Council of the Ontario Historical Society decided to meet this year in Windsor. We have accepted your kind invitation, for here we are on historic ground. To many of us the opportunity will be given for the first time to visit places in the County of Essex that have been associated with some of the important events in the history of this Province, events, in fact, that have had a continental significance. It may be that we shall see places that appeal to some of us from the East far more than they do to you who are residents, for you know that there is an old saying that familiarity breeds contempt—if that be so, we trust that our visit will help to quicken the local interest in your history and your historical spots, and that the leaven of historical research may be quickened until it shall thoroughly permeate the entire community.

One of the objects of this Society is to visit every June some fresh field of historic worth and to endeavor to increase the local interest in historic study. In selecting the Detroit River as our meeting place this year we have come filled with enthusiasm, and anticipating a rare treat for we believe there is a wealth of historic material all along this river on the Canadian side from Lake St. Clair to Amherstburg, awaiting the enthusiastic and painstaking student to gather it together and present it to our people in a readable and attractive form. The old workers are passing away, the veteran historians are one by one laying down their pens, and the call is for fresh recruits, young men and young women, to take their places. Within the past month one of our most honored members has gone, Mr. David Breakinridge Read, of Toronto, whose face was so familiar at our meetings. He had reached the very old age of 81 years. Though he had filled many important public offices his name will longest be associated with the five books that he has left to Canada: "The Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada and Ontario (1888)," "The Life and Times of General John Graves Simcoe (1890)," "The Life and Times of Major General Sir Isaac Brock (1894)," and "The Lieutenant-Governors of Upper Canada and Ontario, 1792-1899 (1900)." D. B. Read was to me always an old man, for he had reached years of maturity when first I met him, but I have a most respectful remembrance of him, and my most pleasant recollections of him are of occasional visits, when he would drop into my office for a half hour's chat. From his storehouse of early experiences he would draw out most entertaining and interesting stories that were an incentive and an inspiration. We say good-bye to the veterans and we look around for volunteers to take their places.

What has our Society done during the past year? Last year we had the announcement of the completion of the Simcoe Monument in the Queen's Park at Toronto. We have no monument to report this year, but we can claim some progress made, for the officers of the Society have given some little assistance to one of our oldest and most promising local Societies, and perhaps the story of that may be of some suggestive help to the Society at Windsor. The Detroit River is a frontier or boundary river—so is the Niagara River. At the old town of Niagara there is a local Society whose progress is due largely to the patient and faithful care of the worthy President, Miss Carnochan. There has been accumulated during the past few years a very valuable collection of historical exhibits that have been crowded into a small room in the top story of the old Town Hall.* Late in the fall we crossed the Lake to assist in holding a public meeting to discuss the situation. It was late in the season, the summer residents had gone home, and to add to the depression, a rain set in. We visited the historic spots as best we could, and then gathered in the Town Hall. After a series of addresses and much serious discussion, it was decided to begin a campaign to raise by subscription from the townspeople and friends of old Niagara as much as possible to provide suitable quarters for the Historical Museum. The most ambitious proposal was a Memorial Hall in the town park. By the beginning of the year \$1,000 had been collected, and then it was deemed timely and advisable to apply to the Government for a supplementary grant, on the plea that the Government should help those who first help themselves. The faith of the President was not disappointed, for a grant of \$500 was obtained. An arrangement has been suggested by the town authorities to use part of the Town Hall for the new Museum. The money is now in hand and during the present summer the very valuable collection may be properly displayed in suitable cases in a large Museum room, where it will be readily available to the townspeople and the many visitors to the first capital of Upper Canada. This Provincial Society has been waiting until Miss Carnochan had the historical Museum properly set up to accept an invitation to meet them, for we know that now the invitation may soon be expected. A letter recently received from the town of Lindsay states that the new library building of that town will soon be completed, and that in it ample accommodation is provided for the papers and records of the local Historical Society. I refer to these facts as suggestive to the city of Windsor. Get a local habitation as well as a name, and, if you can provide convenient and safe housing for historical relics, you will be surprised at the amount of material that will be procurable.

The Ontario Historical Society has during the year issued Vol. V. of its Papers and Records, a volume of 236 pages, containing material that will increase in value year by year. We have in sight, or in hand, enough material for Vol. VI., but we are limited in our publications by

* Recently re-installed in much better quarters.

the funds available. That you may understand how economical we have to be I may say that our last volume cost over \$460 for printing. Owing to the increase in postal rates on printed matter it cost 11c. to mail each copy. We have an annual report to print in addition. Our annual grant from the Province is only \$600. It will be seen, therefore, that we spend all our grant in printing, and all fees are required for the running expenses of the Society. We appeal to the people of Windsor and to the citizens of Ontario for a more generous support; we believe we are doing a good work, but we could do much better if we had a larger grant and a greatly increased membership. This Society is not kept going on lavish grants, the officers are giving their time and their hearty support to it because they are interested in the work and desire to assist in the collection of historical material before it is too late. We must not be discouraged if the growth of historical sentiment is slow, and the officers of the Essex County Society should loyally and patriotically keep together the few members who have associated themselves in this new organization. Even half a dozen men and women may keep alive the interest, and gradually, though probably very slowly, the interest will spread. I have referred to the importance of having a local headquarters where you can store or display material that will interest the public. The next piece of advice that I would give is to use the local newspapers. You will find the editors of the local papers ready, yes, eager, to print notes and papers of local historic interest. Arrange for a local historical department and see that it is well filled. You will gradually attract the attention of many who are now indifferent, and call forth reminiscences that will be eagerly watched for by old and young. I could mention Ontario papers that make a specialty of this work and that have as a consequence greatly extended their field of influence.

My next suggestion is that you should not narrow your boundaries—do not make the mistake of limiting the Essex County Society to the city of Windsor. There is a large field of historic research outside of Windsor. You should have a vigorous branch at Amherstburg, and you might arrange your meetings so as to meet at other places in the county, that a large number of residents might have the advantage of the papers and discussions. Set to work little groups of members here and there throughout the county, that the whole field may be covered.

The County of Essex is one of the richest historic fields in old Upper Canada. You have here the meeting ground, the concentration point, of the early Indian movements; your history goes back to the romantic days of the early French regime; you have here the beginnings of Upper Canadian life in connection with the old District of Hesse; you have the attractive elements that come through your being the frontier county, with all the military events that necessarily followed; you have the coming in of the negroes as a contribution to your varied population; located on the greatest highway of the continent, you have interesting questions

to study that flow from modern transportation changes. In a word, you have right here one of the most promising fields of investigation in Canada to be found west of Quebec and Montreal. What are you going to do with it? You have great privileges, but you have also imperative duties—the Essex County Historical Society may and should prove one of the most effective factors in the material and moral progress of this much favored section of Canada. I say *material* and moral progress.

The ordinary citizen does not see much material benefit in historical investigation and therefore the membership of such a Society is limited. But there is a point not to be neglected. The travellers to the Old Land seek all places of natural beauty, and they also make pilgrimages to places of historic interest. Old Quebec is world famous, not only because of its magnificent situation, but also because of its historic fame—it is “The Seats of the Mighty,” and many a visitor has been drawn thither because of the desire to see the place where great events of human destiny were enacted. Find out your history, set up your monuments, put up tablets, arrange your folklore, your legends and your historic tales in order, put them in available printed form, and there will gradually be aroused a public interest that will add materially to the value of these historic places. Set to work with a will and you will find that your enthusiasm will penetrate the community, and ere long you may find the local Historical Society a power for good in helping to build up a progressive people interested in the past, energetic in the present and confident of the future of one of the brightest parts of our Province of which we are all proud to be citizens.

ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY.

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- Proceedings of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin at its Fifty-first Annual Meeting, October 15th, 1903. The Society.
- Appendix "B" to Appeal Book containing maps and plans used at the Trial re The Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, and the Honorable Sir Oliver Mowat, Her Majesty's Attorney-General for the Province of Ontario on behalf of Her Majesty's (Respondents) Plaintiffs, and George Henry Howard and Thomas Swinyard, (Appellants) Defendants. Amelius Irving, K.C., Toronto, Ont.
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