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A Council Meeting was held on the 7th of September in the office of the Secretary, Education Department. Present: Col. Rogers, Pres.; Mr. C. C. James, Vice-Pres.; Alex. Fraser; D. Williams, Collingwood; W Rennie, York Pioneers; F. Yeigh, Treasurer; Mrs. E. J. Thompson; and Mrs. Forsyth Grant, President Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.

Col. H. C. Rogers read a report of the sub-committee re the appointment of a Secretary. Negotiations were reported in progress, but no definite result had been arrived at.

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Forsyth Grant that this report be referred to the Committee for reconsideration, the Committee to interview the Minister of Education and take up the matter pertaining to the appointment of a permanent Secretary and present the report at the next meeting of the Council and that the name of Miss Carnochan be substituted for that of Mrs. E. J. Thompson as a member of the sub-committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. Frank Yeigh that pending the appointment of a successor to the present Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Thompson be appointed assistant Secretary and that the remuneration be left to the Finance Committee. Carried.

At a Council Meeting held on October 18th there were present, Col. Rogers; Mr. B. Cumberland; Mr. Francis Cleary, K. C., President Essex Historical Society; Rev. Chancellor Burwash, President, Methodist Historical Society; Miss FitzGibbon, representing Mrs. Forsyth Grant as President of the Women's Canadian Historical Society; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, acting Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, seconded by Rev. Chancellor Burwash it was agreed to accept the offer of Canon Jarvis of copies of the early church records of Ernest-Town from 1737-1813.

Mr. Cumberland presented a long and interesting report on the Old Fort at Toronto and read a document he had forwarded to Peleg Howland, Esq., President of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Cumberland was cordially thanked by several of those present for his indefatigable services in connection with the presentation of the matter relating to the claims of the Old Fort for preservation and adverse criticisms were expressed also relating to the action of the Board of Control and the City Council. More aggressive action was advocated on the part of everyone interested and it was thought that public opinion had not yet been really aroused on the subject.

On Motion of Mr. Cleary, seconded by Mr. Fraser, the action of Mr. Cumberland on behalf of his Committee as reported in his letter read to the Council, was approved and his recommendation that the President of the Board of Trade should call a special Meeting of the Societies who have hitherto interested themselves in the preservation of the Old Fort is recommended.

Mr. Francis Cleary, President of the Essex Historical Society, tendered the thanks of his organization to the Historical Society for the readiness and willingness with which they consented to publish the copy of the baptisms, deaths and marriages of the church of the Assumption from 1776 and a similar list from St. John's Episcopal church, Sandwich, 1805.

The Council met in the office of the Secretary at 2 p.m. on April 2nd. There were present Col. Rogers in the chair; Mrs. E. J. Thompson; Miss Carnochan; Messrs. Cumberland, Williams, Fraser and the Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. Fraser and second by Mr. Williams that the Secretary communicate with Mr. John Harvie, 102 Yonge St. regarding some pictures and documents he proposed to present to the Ontario Historical Society in connection with the opening of the Northern Railway from Toronto.

The Secretary at once communicated, but the articles had in meantime been disposed of in another direction.

Mr. Cumberland presented a verbal report on what had been done up to date in connection with the preservation of the Old Fort and explained how the matter stands at the present moment.

A deputation of ladies, representing the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, consisting of Lady Edgar, Miss Mickle, Miss FitzGibbon, Mrs. Corley, Mrs. McKenzie and Miss McCallum was present to confer with the Council relating to money in the hands of the Ontario Historical Society as a result of the holding of the Historical Exhibition at Victoria College. Lady Edgar explained the object of the deputation, which was desirous of having the money paid over to the Women's Canadian Historical Society, of which she is President and informing the Council that already a considerable sum was on hand and that it was hoped in a short time to expend that money on building. Miss FitzGibbon went somewhat into detail respecting the situation, the chief complaint being the impression that the sum in question was not on deposit bearing interest. Mr. Coyne, ex-President of the Society explained that the money is bearing interest as a Savings Bank deposit, as the members of the deputation might easily ascertain by referring to the Annual Reports of the Ontario Historical Society.



On motion of Mr. Coyne, seconded by Mr. Williams, a document read by Miss FitzGibbon of the Women's Historical Society was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Cumberland reported progress on behalf of the special Committee relating to reorganization and the appointment of Secretary ; also his interview with the Minister of Education.

Mr. Coyne, seconded by Mrs. Thompson moved that the report be accepted and adopted and sent to the committee to continue the negotiations. Carried.

DAVID BOYLE, Secretary.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

1906-07.

### RECEIPTS.

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| June 1, 1906—Balance on hand..... | \$ 16 05  |
| Government grant, 1905-6.....     | 600 00    |
| Interest.....                     | 10 64     |
| Membership fees.....              | 149 00    |
| Sale of books, etc.....           | 14 00     |
|                                   | \$ 789 69 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                                     |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance re printing Vol. 7, Papers and Records..... | \$ 158 11 |
| Printing annual reports, 2 years, 1905-6.....       | 170 00    |
| Secretary's Salary.....                             | 150 00    |
| Postage and petty expenses.....                     | 84 59     |
| Copying records.....                                | 10 00     |
| Engrossing address.....                             | 10 00     |
| Services, acting asst. Secretary.....               | 50 00     |
| Printing and binding.....                           | 94 70     |
| Balance on hand.....                                | 62 29     |
|                                                     | \$ 789 69 |

FRANK YEIGH, Treasurer.

### MUSEUM FUND.

|                                                      |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| June 1, 1906—Balance on hand, in savings account.... | \$ 339 33 |
| Dec. 1, 1906—Interest .....                          | 5 07      |
| May 31, 1907, Interest... ..                         | 5 14      |
|                                                      | \$ 349 54 |

Audited and found correct.

J. J. MURPHY  
W. A. McLEAN

FRANK YEIGH Treasurer.



## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society for 1907 was held on July 18th and 19th at Kingston, in Grant Memorial Hall, Queen's University. The Meeting opened at half past two with Lt. Col. H. C. Rogers, of Peterboro, the President, in the chair. In the absence of Mr. David Boyle, the secretary, Mrs. E. J. Thompson was appointed to act as Secretary for the Meeting.

Among those present were :—Miss Carnochan, President Niagara Historical Society ; Miss A. M. Machar, Kingston ; Miss de St. Remy ; Mrs and Miss Pearse, W.C.H.S., Toronto ; Justin A. Griffin, President Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton ; Miss Augusta I. G. Gilkerson, Brantford ; Miss Fairfield, Ernestown ; T. J. Wallace, Secretary, Peterboro Historical Society ; Clarence M. Warner, President, Lennox and Addington Historical Society ; Mrs. Thompson, Toronto ; Charles Mackenzie, Napanee ; Canon Loucks, Kingston ; Prof. Adam Shortt, Kingston ; W. S. Ellis, Principal Collegiate Institute, Kingston ; Col. E. T. Taylor, R. M. C. Kingston ; T. E. Champion, "Telegram", Toronto ; David Williams, Secretary Huron Institute, Collingwood ; Mrs. C. Fessenden, Hamilton ; Mrs. Fraser, President Local Council of Women, Kingston, Miss Marjorie Jarvis, Napanee ; Miss Lenora Jarvis, Napanee ; Miss Gildersleeve, Kingston ; Mrs. and Miss Grant MacDonald, Toronto. Mrs. M. A. McIntyre, Kingston ; Miss Lillie Rogers, Kingston ; Mrs. D. D. Rogers, Kingston ; Dr. R. Vasham Rogers, President Kingston Historical Society ; W. T. Prithie, Vernon ; Miss Helen M. Merrill, Toronto ; Mrs. Cora M. Shaster, Belleville ; Miss Jane Gray, Toronto ; Mrs. Garnet A. Titus, Toronto ; Mr. E. J. B. Pense, M. P. P. Mrs Pense, Miss Drummond, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Adam Shortt, Miss White of Kingston ; Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope ; Rev. Canon MacMurino, D. D. Kingston ; Mrs. Machar, Kingston ; Dr. Watson, Vice-Principal of Queen's ; Mayor Mowat, and many others.

An address of welcome was given by Mayor Mowat, with an invitation from the Council and the Board of Trade to drive on Friday afternoon to places of historic interest in and around Kingston. He asked the co-operation of the Historical Society in preserving Fort Henry and the many interesting buildings and fortifications in the vicinity of Kingston, and extended a hearty welcome to all.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland pointed out to the Mayor that the Ontario Historical Society had a Committee whose duty it was to call the attention of the public to the preservation of historic sites in Ontario, and the matter would no doubt be referred to them.

Vice-Principal Watson, in the absence of Principal Gordon, then gave an address welcoming the Society to Queen's University. He said ;—In the absence of Principal Gordon, I have very great pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to the Ontario Historical Society in the name of Queen's University. The Society might find the history of our University, as preserved in its "Domesday Book", of considerable historical interest. That history is in a sense an epitome of the larger development of the nation. When at a meeting in this city in 1839, it was decided to establish what was afterwards called "Queen's University and College", two resolutions were passed—one of them moved by Mr. John A. Macdonald, afterwards Sir. John A. Macdonald which expresses the spirit which has always animated this institution. The first ran as follows : That the formation of said College being a Christian and patriotic object, this meeting anticipates not only the support of members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, but of all classes of the Christian community"; while the second read : "That no religious test or qualification shall be required of or appointed for any persons admitted or matriculated as scholars within the said College, or of persons admitted to any degree in any Art or Faculty therein." That the University, founded under such favorable auspices, has prospered, you do not require to be told. When I came here in 1872, the total number of students in Arts and Theology was 50, who received their instruction in one small building; last session the number of students had increased to 1139; and you have only to glance at the phalanx of buildings which now adorn the campus to obtain a visible index to the remarkable development we have been so fortunate as to experience. This expansion is in correspondence with the progress of the country, upon which the investigations of your Society are fitted to throw so much light. A people like the Canadian, composed of different stocks, each contributing its own element of strength or grace, and living under free institutions, cannot but issue in a great and strong nationality. Lord Strathcona has prophesied that in a century we shall number eighty millions. It may be so, and in any case, it is of supreme importance that our large and growing population should not only be provided with the means of subsistence, but should keep alive the spirit of constitutional freedom, as developed under the most favorable conditions; and the Historical Society of Ontario is doing a good service in helping us, by the understanding of her past, to come to a clear consciousness of ourselves. It is therefore a great pleasure, in view of our common aim to offer to you the hospitality of the University.



Mrs. Thompson, in the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Yeigh, read the Financial Report for 1906-7 showing the Receipts as \$789.69 with a balance of \$62.29 on hand. The adoption of the report was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Justin Griffin, and Carried.

The reports of affiliated societies were then read :—

The Niagara Historical Society by Miss Carnochan.

The Wentworth Historical Society by Justin Griffin.

The Huron Institute by D. Williams.

The Lennox and Addington Society by C. M. Warner.

The Peterboro Historical Society by T. J. Wallace

The Elgin Historical and Scientific Society by T. J. Wallace

The Kingston Historical Society, by Dr. R. V. Rogers.

The report of the Flag Committee, was presented by Mrs. Fessenden

The report of the Sites Preservation Committee, was presented by Barlow Cumberland.

The following Committees were appointed :

Nomination.—Miss H. M. Merrill, Miss Carnochan, Justin Griffin, Col. H. C. Rogers, and Barlow Cumberland.

Resolutions.—David Williams, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, T. E. Champion and Barlow Cumberland.

The Meeting then adjourned to accept the invitation of the Womens' Art Association to an exhibition of pictures, etc., which had been arranged in one of the class rooms. The delegates and visitors were received by Miss Gildersleeve, Mrs. Adam Shortt and Miss Drummond. Mrs. Arthur Hugh and Mrs. Hugh MacPherson dispensed tea.

There were a number of interesting portraits of early Kingstonians, Prof. Machar, the Cartwrights, Mowats, Gildersleeves, and others. In addition, the ladies of the Art Association had a large collection of water colored pictures and sketches of the old Martello Towers, Fort Frederick, Fort Henry, the old Block Houses, old St. Paul's Churchyard, etc. etc., which were much admired and many were bought as souvenirs of the visit to Kingston. In the Reference Library Prof. Shortt had arranged a number of old maps and plans of the locality, showing fortifications and other historic sites from 1812 to 1856.

The evening meeting was opened at eight o'clock when Col. H. C. Rogers, President gave his address as follows :—“When it was proposed that Kingston should be the place of meeting for the Ontario Historical Society in 1907, I took a deep personal interest in the proposal, for outside of its undoubted claim as an Historical centre, I have many pleasant personal recollections of

this City, having spent some of my school days here and most of my forty years service in the Militia were connected with this old Military post, the Headquarters of my District. Situated at the outlet of the great Lakes, it was for a time one of the two inlets of civilization from the East, (Ottawa River being the other) and later it was the entreport of commerce for the vast region surrounding the great fresh water seas which are still one of the wonders of the world. Kingston is the successor of Fort Frontenac, which succeeded Fort Cataroqui, erected under the early French Regime, and it was from here that the intrepid explorer La Salle started on his famous voyages of discovery into the unknown wilderness, but the details of the history of Kingston, I will leave to those members of this Society who, I understand, have prepared papers on the subject for this meeting, and will confine myself to the history of the Ontario Historical Society which on this occasion I have the honour to represent. I find there is a misapprehension abroad regarding the mission of the Ontario Historical Society. Let me here briefly state its mission is to collect history, not to write it, but not so much to collect it even as to superintend the collection from the various affiliated societies throughout the Province. I must ask the older members present to bear with me a few minutes while I give the leading events in connection with the history of this Society and the cause for its foundation, for the benefit of those who are not familiar with it. The first considerable settlement in Upper Canada came from the revolted New England Colonies, when, as it has been so aptly expressed by Col. Denison in his lecture on the United Empire Loyalists: "The Refugees were swallowed up in the wilderness while their enemies wrote their history." During the establishing of new homes in the forest, entailing in many cases a struggle for existence, little was done towards writing or preserving records of passing events. Even the Public Records kept at the seat of Government were lost in the sacking of York in the war of 1812—in this connection I would here mention a bit of reclaimed history of that time, in the series of papers prepared by one of our Ex-Presidents, Mr. James, showing great research and diligence and entitled, "The First and Second Legislature of Upper Canada" respectively; from 1792-1796 and from 1796-1800, which were read at the meetings of the Royal Society 1903-1904. The object of this Society is first of all to represent the Societies of which it is composed (which I fear has been largely lost sight of). 2, To encourage the collecting of documents, letters and recollections from the early settlers and their descendants, so that reliable data may be furnished the historian when he



comes to write the history of our beloved country. 3. To assist in preserving historic grounds, Forts and Monuments connected with the history of the Country. 4. To aid in erecting memorials to commemorate its great events and its great men.

I might here mention that our Provincial Government has since established an Archive Branch which should be a great help to the historian and of value to the public at large as well as to this Society, and I am glad to inform you that the Archivist, Mr. Fraser, is an active and valued member of this Society.

This Society was formed in Toronto in 1888 under the Presidency of the late Rev. Dr. Scadding who was as indefatigable life long labourer in this field. It was then called the Pioneers, Association of Ontario. It was re-organized in 1891 and the name changed to the Pioneer and Historical Association of Ontario, and it was again re-organized in 1898 when the present name was adopted. A Committee has been appointed at a previous meeting under the Chairmanship of Mr. Barlow Cumberland to still further revise our constitution and an effort is thus being made to have it established as a branch of the Department of Education with a permanent Secretary to re-place Mr. Boyle who has long desired to be relieved,

The flame lit by the parent Pioneer Society in 1888 has been kept alight (though sadly flickering at times) by the continuous exertions of a comparative few, though many coming and going. Among those who have toiled faithfully and are still to the fore I will mention, Canon Bull, Mr. Coyne, Mr. James, Miss Carnochan, Mrs. Thompson, Col. Cruikshank and others. In connection with the work of our various branches, I will make special mention of but three, situated in the South, the West and the North parts of the Province, showing the breadth and extent of our work.

1st. I begin with Niagara-on-the-Lake, the first Capital of the Province which is surrounded or rather backed by the District called the Garden of Canada, where, I am advised a rare collection of relics and curios has been made, not by the exertion of one man, but largely through the energy of one woman, and I here congratulate Miss Carnochan on her success and commend her example for imitation to other communities.

2nd. In the West it was my privilege to attend the annual meeting of this Society in 1904 at Windsor, held under the auspices of the Essex Historical Society where a most interesting series of papers were read and a most instructive visit made to the historic bank of Detroit River, which was the scene of so many stirring events in the early history of the Province, and though largely shadowed by a dominating element of historic seekers, among our

cousins across the river. I look for the men of Essex to hold their own in the contest as they did of yore.

Last year's meeting was held in the North at Collingwood, in the heart of the former home of the Huron and Tobacco Tribes, where a most commendable zeal was shown by the members of the Huron Institute in collecting Indian lore and relics, and situated, as it is, in the midst of surroundings abounding with such remains, we may look as time goes on for a rare collection in their museum so favourably placed.

To-day we make an appeal to what, in Provincial historic parlance may be dubbed the ancient City of Kingston. It is the farthest point east at which we have held a meeting and as history tells us "the wise men came from the East", we now lay claim to the counsel and assistance of the wise men, both of your city and of the various Academic Institutions for which Kingston has become famous.

And let me hope this meeting may be the means of largely augmenting the knowledge of our country already acquired and of awakening a more active interest in historic events in this locality where there is such a promising field for a rich harvest to the historic reaper, and in conclusion let me remind you the work must be largely performed by the local societies, and we hope to hear in the near future that the various branches in Kingston have become amalgamated on a solid basis and to express the wish that success may crown their efforts.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland then read a paper,—“Notes from an Naval Order Book issued to H. M. Navy on the Lakes”, in 1816, giving many interesting facts about the war vessels and internal economy of the Royal Navy of that period.

Mr. W. S. Ellis followed with an illustrated “Sketch of Kingston's History”, giving a graphic description of Frontenac's first visit, July 12th, 1673. He accompanied his address by many excellent lime light views.

On Friday July 19th, the morning meeting was opened at nine o'clock when Dr. R. V. Rogers, President of the Kingston Historical Society, read a paper on “The first Commission of the Peace for the District of Mecklenburg, July 24th, 1788”. Dr. Rogers, interestingly explained many of the terms used and gave sketches of the Justices of the Peace, etc.

Miss A. M. Machar followed with a paper giving an account of the “Founding of Fort Frontenac and the coming of the Loyalists; which owing to its length was concluded at the afternoon session.



Mr. Charles Mackenzie of Napanee gave "Place names from the Aboriginal", illustrating his text by writings on the blackboard.

The report of the Nomination Committee, presented by Miss Merrill, chairman, recommended the following officers and Committees for 1907-8 :—

Past President, Lt. Col. H. C. Rogers, Peterboro.

President, Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope.

First Vice President, Lt. Col. E. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls.

Second Vice President, David Williams, Collingwood.

Treasurer, F. Yeigh, Toronto.

Council,—H. H. Robertson, Hamilton ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto ; Prof. Shortt, Kingston ; Chancellor Burwash, Toronto ; Alex. Fraser, Toronto ; and Past Presidents, C. C. James, J. H. Coyne, G. R. Pattullo, Lt. Col. H. C. Rogers.

Monument Committee,—Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto ; Miss J. Carnochan, Niagara-on-the-Lake ; Col. E. Cruikshank, Niagara Falls ; H. F. Gardiner, Brantford.

Flag Committee,—Mrs. Fessenden, Hamilton ; Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope ; G. H. Hale, Orillia ; John Dearness, London.

Sites Preservation Committee,—Barlow Cumberland, Port Hope ; Prof. Shortt, Kingston ; A. H. U. Colquhoun, Toronto ; Alex. Fraser, Toronto ; C. M. Warner, Napanee.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Justin Griffin, that the report of the Nomination Committee be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Committee on resolutions presented by Mr. D. Williams, recommended :—

That the resignation of Mr. David Boyle as Secretary be and is hereby accepted, and that a minute be entered recording the Society's recognition of his long and faithful services, and that the appointment of a successor be left to the Council.

This Society desires to place upon record its cordial appreciation of the warm welcome received at the hands of His Worship Mayor Mowat and the Members of the City Council, and the Society equally desires to thank the City, as represented by the Corporation, and the Board of Trade for offering the opportunity and conveyances to visit old Fort Frontenac, Fort Frederick, Fort Henry, the Royal Military College, and other points of historic interest.

And the Society also wishes to gratefully thank Vice Chancellor Watson of Queen's University for the kindly welcome tendered by him on behalf of the University authorities.

The Ontario Historical Society hereby acknowledges its warm appreciation of the entertainment given them by the ladies of the Woman's Art Association, and they also desire to express

their thanks for the treat afforded them in the exhibition of historical pictures and plans arranged by those ladies.

The thanks of the Society be hereby tendered to the Authorities of Queen's University for their kindness in placing Grant Hall at its disposal, and thereby enabling them to hold this Annual Meeting amid such favorable and pleasant surroundings.

The Society acknowledges the kindness of Col. Taylor, R. M. C., in inviting the members to visit that Institution.

The Ontario Historical Society urges that the Forts, Block-houses, and Military and Naval properties of Kingston should be restored and preserved as memorials of the past history of the country, and for the instruction of our youth, and that the Council take the required steps to bring the matter to the attention of the Dominion Government and the Municipal Council of Kingston.

The action of the Council of the Society in calling the attention of the Local Historical Societies of the Province to aid in the preservation of the old Fort at Toronto is warmly commended, and that the Sites Preservation Committee be urged to continue its work until the fort is restored and all probability of its destruction for local purposes is removed.

Moved by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Cumberland that the report be adopted. Carried.

The following resolutions were moved and carried.

The Auditors be the same as last year.

The Finance Committee be composed of the President, Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Annual Report, including the report of this meeting, also those of the various affiliated societies, be printed at once. (500 copies.)

The Editorial Committee be composed of C. C. James, the President, and Secretary.

Those who contributed the several papers at the meeting be requested to file copies of the same with the Secretary.

The Council is authorized to proceed with its work for developing and co-ordinating the work of the Ontario Historical Society and the local societies and the Archives Bureau.

At half-past two o'clock the members met at the City Hall and as guests of the City Council and Board of Trade were taken for a drive to points of interest, first visiting the Tete de Port Barracks and tracing out the old walls of Fort Frontenac where the foundation of one of the towers can still be seen. Entering the carriages again the party crossed the bridge on the road to Barriefield and drove to the Military College, where they were welcomed by Col. Taylor and shown the Stone Frigate, the main building, with its



many handsome brass memorial tablets to the memory of graduates of the R. M. C. who have died for Queen and Country in all parts of the World and the mess room with its valued silver trophies and cups of which its friends are justly proud. The College was a place where all felt that they could linger, but there were other and older objects of interest to call the party away, and after a glimpse of Fort Frederick and the Naval cottages we continued our drive to Fort Henry, which was a surprise to most of the visitors, as few realized its size and interest. After the site of the condemned cell, in which the rebels of 1837 spent their last days, had been pointed out, the visitors with but a few candles to light the way, followed Col. Taylor down cold stone steps, along dark and damp passages, making many twists and turns in the trip, up other stairs and through mysterious cells, until the concealed batteries overlooking the moat, were reached where Col. Taylor was kind enough to explain how the old guns, which are still mounted, were worked and the ditch guarded. Many of the party secured shot and small cannon balls as souvenirs of the visit and all straggled back to the parade ground greatly impressed with the solidity and extent of the old fort, which all believed should be kept in good repair and preserved for future generations. Much of the fine masonry of the stone walls is still in excellent preservation, but in some spots decay is beginning. A moderate expenditure at the present time would secure its future preservation.

After a pleasant drive through Barriefield the party went on to Kingston Mills where the old blockhouses at the locks were an object of interest to many. The canal, which was built as a military work in 1826, was of interest to those who saw it for the first time. After admiring the wild and beautiful spot, the party were called to the tables set out under the wide spreading trees, where a bountiful repast had been provided. His Worship, Mayor Mowat, presided and after all had been attended to, proposed, the toast. "His Majesty, the King", which was honored with enthusiasm and the National Anthem sung by the happy and loyal party.

On the drive back to Kingston a short visit was paid to a blockhouse built in 1812 on the outskirts of the city and now used as a stable, but which the Local Historical Society hope to purchase.

The meeting on Friday evening was opened at eight o'clock, with the president, Lt. Col. Rogers in the chair.

Moved by Miss Carnochan, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that section 5 of the Constitution be amended by striking out that portion beginning with the word "Place", in the second line and ending with "Year", and substituting therefor "Time and place in Ontario as may be decided upon by the Council, at least one month's notice

to be given to members, of the intended meeting". Carried.

Rev. Canon MacMorine read a paper, "Early History of the Anglican Church in Kingston", which was listened to with much interest.

Miss Carnochan followed with "Kingston-Niagara, some Contrasts and Resemblances", pointing out that both had been the Capital for a time, both had been Military posts of importance, each guarded and end of Lake Ontario, with many other points in common.

Regret was expressed at the absence of Canon Jarvis, who was to have read a paper on "Cornwall in 1866, Recollections of the Fenian Raid"; also that the paper by Mr. S. H. McEathern of Winnipeg on "Early Perth and the Bathurst District", had not been sent to the meeting. A desire was expressed that both be printed in the next volume of Papers and Records.

Miss Gilkinson of Brantford, was to read her "Reminiscences", but owing to a misunderstanding in regard to her place on the programme she did not have the paper with her. She was asked to refer the paper to the Editorial Committee, to which she kindly agreed.

Miss Helen M. Merrill of Toronto read a paper on "Indian Pottery of Prince Edward County", which was listened to with great attention. Miss Merrill and her sister had collected all the pieces of pottery mentioned. A number of the pieces were shown, and a sketch map of the location where they were found was drawn for the information of the meeting.

Col. Rogers, having thanked the audience and members for their attendance, conducted Mr. Barlow Cumberland to the chair as President for 1907-8. Mr. Cumberland thanked the Society for the honor they had conferred upon him, and spoke of the pleasure, the drive in the afternoon had been to the members, he also drew the attention of the City Council and Board of Trade to the splendid asset they had in the Military Building and Forts, which would be visited by thousands every year, were they kept in repair and open to the public.

This brought to a close a small but enthusiastic meeting, which it is hoped will be the means of arousing local interest in the many historic places in the vicinity, of the "Limestone City".



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

## FLAG AND COMMEMORATION DAY COMMITTEE.

Since our last report there have been evidences which indicate a growing interest in the National Flag ; and of a firm intention to see that it shall be duly respected.

In England after somewhat at first slow progress, the erecting of flag-poles over the schools, and the raising of the National Flag upon them with appropriate ceremonies is fast becoming general. Many of the schools in towns, whose names have been repeated in the colonies, have sent out flags for schools, having the same name and the interchange of greetings between the scholars has increased their knowledge and strengthened their appreciation of the unity of the empire.

On this continent there have been some unfortunate occurrences. In Winnipeg, on May the 24th, this year the United States, Consul raised the American ensign above the Union Jack on the same flagstaff. It was promptly removed by some young men having respect for their country's flag and a better knowledge of how flags should be displayed. A "flag episode" was excitedly telegraphed through the public press. At Erie, Pennsylvania, U. S. on July the fourth a Union Jack was hoisted out of compliment to the day ; a mob broke in the door, tore down the flag and burned it amid the jeers of an excited crowd.

These incidents are mentioned solely for the purpose of pointing out that while loyal fervor is to be commended, inconsiderate action is to be deprecated. These national emblems, representing as they do, the countries and patriotism of their peoples, are worthy of reverent consideration and should be treated with respect. It is understood that instructions have been issued to the consulates of the United States to prevent any similar error. And here it may not be amiss to give some notes on the display of flags.

To hoist false colors is dishonorable.

A flag at half mast is a sign of mourning.

A flag reversed is a signal of distress.

The lowering of a flag is a sign of surrender.

The raising of the victor's flag in its place is a signal of capture.

To hoist the flag of one nation underneath that of another is to show it disrespect.

It is pleasing to note that the Minister of Education, Dr. Pyne, has decided to fly the flag on all our Ontario schools. The Premier of Manitoba, Mr. Roblin, has also set the same patriotic example,

which, owing to the great influx of foreigners, is much to be commended for the loyal teaching it imparts to this great country.

This year the trustees of the Orillia School Board furnished their children on Empire Day with flags. In London, England, for the first time twelve schools hoisted the Union Jack, the staffs for which were supplied by readers of the Daily Telegraph.

The almost universal keeping of Empire Day, which originating in Canada has now spread to England, Australia and other parts of the empire, is a matter for congratulation as tending to a better knowledge of our country's history and binding us all the more strongly together in an United Empire.

The Hamilton School Board, to accentuate the tenth year of the inception of Empire Day, resolved upon a great demonstration. It was largely attended and a most gratifying success. Flags were given all the children and souvenir badges struck off to mark the occasion. In connection with this the Hamilton School Board at its meeting on June the 13th, 1907 passed the following resolution.

That the Board of Education recognises the good work done by Mrs. Fessenden as originator of Empire Day, and desires to draw the attention of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to the fact that no expression of public satisfaction of Mrs. Fessenden's work has been made and the Board expresses the hope that the government will give due consideration to the claims of Mrs. Fessenden to public recognition in a tangible way, for her valuable services in organizing imperial sentiment in this country and empire.

In England, Sheffield led in point of number and excellency of programme, some thirteen thousand children took part in the celebration. A living Union Jack, formed on the square, by four thousand children of the various schools was one of the most inspiring acts in this great national tableau.

We may indeed hopefully look forward to the time, when the national anthem as sung by our school children shall reverberate around the world on Empire Day.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FESSENDEN.



## COMMITTEE ON "PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC SITES".

The movement for the preservation of the "Old Fort York" at Toronto so energetically initiated in 1905 by the public meeting at which His Honour, the Lieut. Governor of Ontario presided has been continued.

The Mayor and Board of Control of the city of Toronto having in October, 1906 declared themselves in favor of the construction of a double track Street Railway through the Old Fort, deputations from the Societies in Toronto visited the City Hall.

It was shewn that the construction proposed would practically destroy the Fort by the removal of large parts of the eastern and western ramparts and involved the destruction of buildings within the Fort which had existed since 1793 and its remodeling in 1816 and particularly of the central blockhouse which is one of the most excellent examples of that class of fortification in the earliest period.

Circular letters were sent to local affiliated societies advising them of the proposals and protests were received by the Mayor from all parts of the Province. The press also in many localities took the matter up, it being plainly made evident that the people of all Ontario take a vivid interest in this spot made historic by their ancestors and that it would no longer be permitted to remain in a state of neglect, nor to be sacrificed for local purposes.

We would specially thank the "New Brunswick Historical Society" for the vigorous protests they sent to the Minister of Militia, urging him to prevent the city of Toronto and the Toronto Electric Railway from harming the Old Fort by running their Street Railway through it.

Notwithstanding these protests the Mayor and the Street Railway persisted in their proposals, a bylaw was presented to and adopted by the City Council for the expenditure of \$125,000 in putting a new bridge at Bathurst Street for the construction of the extension of the Street Railway through the Fort.

The Societies and citizens of Toronto who supported them actively opposed the scheme and with the aid of most of the Toronto Press the by-law was defeated on a vote of 3968 in favor and 9004 against.

The following memorial was presented to His Excellency the Governor General through the cordial influence of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario who has always taken an active interest in the preservation of the Fort and was chairman of the public meeting referred to, held by the Ontario Historical Society in the precincts of the Fort on October 7, 1905.

The Right Honourable Earl Grey, G. C. M. G.

Governor-General of Canada, Ottawa.

May it please Your Excellency :—

The undersigned memorialists, representing various historical and patriotic societies of Canada, beg Your Excellency to receive and favourably consider the various representations humbly set forth in the following petition :—

On October 7th, 1905, a public meeting, called at the invitation of the Ontario Historical Society, was held on the grounds of the Old Fort at Toronto, to consider what steps might be taken to restore and preserve the Fort and its surrounding grounds :—

As Your Excellency will observe by the enclosed circular, the immediate occasion of the meeting was a proposal before the Board of Control of the City of Toronto to build a line of railway through the Old Fort, as a short route to the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor presided at the meeting, at which there were represented various historical and patriotic societies of the City of Toronto and elsewhere, and the opinions of the Assembly were embodied in the following resolution :—

Moved by Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University, and seconded by C. A. Brown, chairman of the Board of Education:—

That in the opinion of this meeting the preservation of these grounds should be considered a sacred trust, not merely for the citizens of Toronto, but for the Province and the Dominion at large ;

That no portion of the Fort or grounds should ever be alienated, but that they should be preserved for a public park in fulfilment of then express conditions under which they were acquired by the city ;

That the portion of the eastern rampart already destroyed to make room for a slaughter house should be restored, and that the other features of the Fort be repaired so that they may appear as nearly as possible in their original condition ;

And that to aid the authorities in determining the plan of restoration a committee be appointed to investigate and report, this committee to be composed as follows :—

The Honourable the Minister of Militia or his nominee, the Commandant of the Fort, the colonel of each regiment and the chief officer of each arm of the militia service in Toronto, three repre-



sentatives each from the various historical and patriotic societies, and three representatives each from Toronto City Council and the Board of Education. Carried.

The Honourable the Minister of Militia, Sir Frederick Borden, being then in the city, a delegation from the meeting waited on him, and presented the above resolution, and were glad to be informed that when an agreement was made some years ago to transfer this Fort and grounds from the Department of Militia to the City of Toronto, it was upon the condition that the property should be kept as a public park forever, and never be alienated to any other purpose.

Your memorialists are thankful to learn that this is the purpose of the Honorable Minister of Militia, because they believe that the value of such monuments in educating future generations in the history of Canada, and in awakening and maintaining an intelligent loyalty to the empire, can hardly be exaggerated. When, as in the case of the Chateau de Ramezay, of Montreal, the Old Fort at Annapolis Royal, N.S., and the Fort George at Niagara, attempts have repeatedly been made to obliterate or alienate to private uses such historic landmarks, it has been a subject of rejoicing that public opinion has prevented such vandalism, for the people have now begun to realize the great influence of these shrines in the education of the young and in the building up of our national character.

It is self-evident that but for the successful defence of these provinces in the war of 1812 our dominion would not be, as it is to-day, a part of the British Empire. The men who gave their lives at this particular post are, with about three hundred of their late enemies, buried in various places in and about the Fort. These grounds, therefore, aside from their historic interest as marking the beginning of the history of Toronto, and as being the only sample in Canada in any degree of preservation of a stockade Fort of the 17th century, are to be held in special reverence as a mausoleum of remains of Canada militiamen and British regulars who gave their lives to hold Canada for the empire. Your memorialists cannot believe that a spot that combines a shrine of history with a sepulchre of our forefathers will be desecrated by such an intrusion, since a railway could not be built through here without disturbing these remains and otherwise damaging the character of the place. Moreover your memorialists would point out that other routes not involving any disturbance of the Fort can be taken as a short cut to the Exhibition grounds referred to.

This Fort has other associations which entitled it to preservation, because, since its erection, over one hundred detachments of troops representing nearly every British regiment of the line, have been quartered within its walls, and men of these garrisons or their descendants by the thousand, now living in various parts of the empire, will rejoice to see this relic perpetuated.

Your Excellency will observe by the enclosed newspaper extracts that the daily press of Toronto has been a unit in appealing editorially for the preservation of the Fort and your memorialists believe that this appeal expresses the desire not only of almost every citizen of the loyal city of Toronto, but of the people of Canada at large, who have an equal inheritance in monuments that belong to their common history.

The Societies represented in this memorial realize with shame the past neglect which has brought about the desecration of a portion of these grounds to make room for a slaughter house, in erecting which the bones of some soldiers were dug up and scattered, and your memorialists now bespeak Your Excellency's sympathy and aid in counselling the Dominion Government not only to see that the demolished rampart is restored, and that the invasion now contemplated is prevented, but that public or private companies which have trespassed on these grounds in the past be compelled to retire, and that the Fort be placed beyond danger of future violation.

The best means of accomplishing this purpose appears to your memorialists to be the vesting of the property in a commission composed of a representative of the Dominion Government, a representative of the City of Toronto, and a representative of the historical and patriotic societies, who, may, as in the case of Annapolis Royal, administer the property under conditions which will guarantee the preservation of the grounds for the use of the people of Canada for all Time.

And your petitioners will ever pray :—

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, of Toronto.

M. Forsyth Grant, President.  
Josephine MacCallum.  
C. L. Corley, Recording Secretary.

U. E. LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

E. A. Maclaurin.  
Geo. A. Shaw, Lt. Col. R. L.  
E. M. Chadwick.



BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE, Toronto Branch.

Jno. W. Gamble Boyd, Secretary.  
J. M. Clark, President, Toronto Branch.

IMPERIAL ORDER DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE.

Edith Boulton Nordheimer, President.  
Marion Crerar.  
Helen M. Bruce.

YORK PIONEERS' ASSOCIATION.

Daniel Lamb.  
Wm. MacCallum.  
John Harvie.

THE NAVY LEAGUE, Toronto Branch.

W. Barclay McMurrich, President.

COMMANDANT OF PORT.

J. Vance Gravely, Lt. Colonel.  
Senior Ordinance Officer, Western Ontario.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

C. A. B. Brown, Chairman Board of Education, Toronto.

ONTARIO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS.

F. M. Bell-Smith, President.

VETERANS of "66"

N. M. Miller, President  
Wm. Gibson, F. G.  
D. Creighton, Past President,  
James Constable, Rec. Secretary.

VETERANS of 1885, North West Field of 1885 Association.

C. Harston, Lt. Col. Pres. N.W.F.F. 1885 Association.  
Alfred Curran, Major N.W.F. Force of 1885.

CANADIAN CLUB, Toronto.

John A. Cooper, President.

ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

George Pearce, President.  
Late Royal Horse Artillery.

SOUTH AFRICA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

G. Sterling Ryerson, Col., and President.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

George T. Denison, President.

THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, Toronto.

G. T. Harman president.  
Jno. W. Gamble Boyd, Secretary.

ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Barlow Cumberland, Vice-President.

The Hon. J. P. Whitney, Premier, also forwarded a strong remonstrance.

In the reply received by the Society from the Governor General-in-Council information was given that the conveyance to the city had not yet been consummated and that the suggestion of the vesting of the property in a Commission as proposed could not be considered until it be apparent that it may be intended to be used for purposes other than for which it is being acquired.

The destruction intended has, for the moment, been averted by the vote of the citizens of Toronto, but close attention will need to be given to avert any further attack and for settling beyond peradventure that the conditions upon which the Old Fort may be transferred to the City authorities to be guarded and maintained as an historical memorial shall be clearly set out and carefully safe-guarded.

In connection with historical memorials your committee would record the erection at Vandeleur, Co. Grey, of a granite monument unveiled on Dominion Day and bearing the following inscription.

1857-1907.

“To the Founders of School Section No. 11, Artemesia, whose courage, honest intention and stability of purpose converted the primeval forest into homes for themselves and those that come after them. Erected by their descendants.”

The names of the founders are also carved on the shaft.

This is an example which deserves the highest commendation for the pioneers who hewed out the forests of our country deserve recognition as well as those who have served in its defence.

Respectfully submitted,

BARLOW CUMBERLAND, Chairman.



## AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

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### YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT..... Wm. Rennie, sr. Esq., Swansea.  
 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Eli. Crawford, Esq.  
 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Capt. William McClain.  
 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Alex. Gibb, Esq.  
 4TH. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Daniel Lamb, Esq.  
 5TH. VICE-PRESIDENT..... Lieut. Col. McGillivray.  
 TREASURER..... John Harvie, Esq., 102 Yonge St.  
 SECRETARY..... Rev. H. S. Matthews, 5 Chicora Ave.  
 REGISTRAR..... E. W. Duggan, Esq., 183 Queen St. E.

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Captain Jessop, Chairman, John R. Bull, John Maughan,  
 William Crocker, James R. Briggs, J. D. Nasmith.

#### AUDITORS.

W. A. Parson, Esq. and W. E. Griffith, Esq.

With this Annual Report the York Pioneer and Historical Society have passed their thirty-eighth milestone. With the death of Sir W. P. Howland, which took place on January 1st of the year, there is not a single member living who joined in the year 1859, when the Society was first organized, and Mr. A. McLean Howard is the only living representative of those who joined in 1870. Of those who joined in 1871, all have gone to their long home. For 1872, Mr. J. Merritt of Niagara is the only representative living. Sir W. P. Howland was an honorary member when he died. Messrs. Howard and Merritt are also honorary members.

According to the past record of our membership, about one-half are removed by death every decade. Notwithstanding the number of deaths, removals, etc., our Society is growing in numbers and enthusiasm. Through the influence of Mr. Wm. Crocker and other members, thirty new members joined at our last monthly meeting.

The York Pioneer and Historical Society has been connected with the Industrial (National) Exhibition from its inception, by erecting a log cabin on the grounds and making exhibits each year

free of charge to the public and the Exhibition Association. The old log cabin has become a great attraction during Exhibition. Some days more than a thousand visit this old historic building. We have been hoping for a larger building, so that we can make a larger and more creditable display of the implements and utensils used by the old pioneers of this country.

Pioneer Day at the Exhibition is observed by a general turnout of Pioneers from many parts of Ontario. The centre of attraction is the York Pioneers' Home, where all are made welcome. After the regular monthly meeting, adjournment is made to the lunch room. After lunch, there is a short entertainment, composed of speeches, patriotic songs, etc., by prominent members of other Societies. This day is looked forward to with pleasure.

During the past year death claimed nine of our members. One of our earliest and most enthusiastic members was Alfred Wilson, P. L. S., and Commissioner for the Canada Company. He died May, 1906. He was a member of our Society since March, 1872. For several years he was one of our Vice-Presidents.

With pleasure I herewith extend a hearty invitation to all (who are eligible) to join this old Historic Society, where much is being done to put on record the old landmarks and incidents that occurred in the early settlement of the "Home District" in Upper Canada.

### TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN :—I beg herewith to submit my report for the year closing on 31st December, 1906.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| To Balance on hand from 1906..... | \$ 244 41 |
| “ Bequest of ex-Ald. Crocker..... | 100 00    |
| “ Fees and Bank Interest.....     | 170 94    |
|                                   | <hr/>     |
|                                   | \$ 515 35 |
| By Expenses for the year.....     | 280 95    |
|                                   | <hr/>     |
| To Balance carried to 1907.....   | \$ 234 40 |

JOHN HARVIE, Treasurer.

TORONTO, 12th February, 1907.

We, the Auditors duly appointed, have examined the receipts



and expenditures kept by the Treasurer of the Society, and beg to report that we have found the balance as reported on hand correct up to 31st December, 1906—viz., \$234.40

(Signed) W. A. PARSON.  
W. E. GRIFFITH.

### LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.....Rev. Canon Bull, M.A.  
PRESIDENT.....Colonel Cruikshank.  
VICE-PRESIDENT.....John A. Law.  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Rev. Dean Houston.  
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....James Wilson.

#### COMMITTEE.

Abel Land, Dr. Thompson, E. Morden, R. W. Geary and Major Vandersluys.

It is now twenty-one years since the Lundy's Lane Historical Society was called into existence by the exertions of Rev. Canon Bull, M.A., whose spirit was grieved by the apparent apathy and growing carelessness of the citizens of the Niagara peninsula in respect to the preservation of the memorials of the important events which have made this district famous in the annals of our country; He was also particularly anxious that some effort should be made to have the cemetery of Drummond Hill, where so many pioneer settlers of the district, and heroes of the War of 1812-14 lie buried.

After much consideration Canon Bull succeeded in interesting a number of his neighbours in the village of Niagara Falls, and the Lundy's Lane Historical Society was formed with Canon Bull as President. The first enrollment of members being Mr. M. M. Fenwick, Mr. Charles Patten, Mr. Geo. Sootheran, Mr. M. B. Morris, Mr. E. Morden, Mr. George Shrimpton, Mr. H. H. Marcon, Mr. R. Spong, Mr. F. W. Ellis. At this meeting the objects of the Society were defined as follows, viz.; "To collect and preserve all information available pertaining to the early history of this locality and especially to the period of 1812-14; to keep a record of the names of men and women who then served their country, with such other information as may be thought desirable; and to recommend the erection as a worthy memorial of them."

The first action of the new Society was to petition the Government to erect "a worth monument in memoriam of those who in 1814 fought and died on the hill of Lundy's Lane for their Country, including the name of Mrs. Laura Secord who died in later years ;" the village council were also memorialized to erect suitable directions for the benefit of strangers visiting the battle ground, and as an earnest of their zeal in the work each member agreed to collect as much historical information as possible and to lay it before the Society at the earliest opportunity.

From the modest commencement the work of the Society has been carried on with more or less vigor until the present time, each year witnessing some achievement, however small, in the prosecution of the aims and objects of the Society as these were defined at its organization.

In last year's report a list was given of the publications which had been issued from time to time, aggregating a total of some four thousand pages of very valuable historical matter, which had been contributed by such eminent and well known authorities as Mrs. Curzon, Miss Carnochan, Rev. E. J. Fessenden, Wm. Kirby, F.R.G.S., and Colonel Cruikshank, whose monumental work on the Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier 1812-14 has evoked such widespread interest and commendation.

The past season has not been unfruitful of results. Early in the year the seventh volume of 'Documentary History' was issued, containing 306 pages of matter and maps embodying all the contemporary documents which Col. Cruikshank has been able to discover bearing upon the period from August to October 1813. The printer has also been furnished with copy and has set up the greater part of volume eight, which will cover the period from October to December 1813.

Beyond the publication of volume 7 the most notable event of the year was the unveiling of a memorial on Queenston Heights marking the spot where Lieut.-Col. McDonnell, Aide-de-camp to Lieut. General Sir Isaac Brock, fell on the memorable 13th of October, 1812.

Advantage was taken of the occasion of a visit to the scene of the Battle by the 41st Regiment, Brockville, Lieutenant Colonel Fisher commanding to have the ceremony conducted with a proper military setting. The oration was given by our President Colonel Cruikshank. The Memorial, an oval bronze tablet mounted on a cairn of large boulders and suitably inscribed, was unveiled by Mrs. Cruikshank, the troops presented arms and the band furnished suitable music. A beautiful mourning wreath, the gift of the Brock-



ville branch of the daughters of the Empire was then placed upon the memorial by Mrs. Fisher.

After the ceremony a graphic resume of the battle was given on the heights by Colonel Cruikshank to the Regiment ; a large concourse of interested citizens being also present.

Throughout the year several Members of the Society have been most assiduous in attending upon visitors, both military and civil, to the battlefield of Lundy's Lane, and very much misunderstanding concerning the manner and the result of this the most famous battle ever fought in Ontario has in consequence been dissipated.

The Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending April 30th, 1907, are as follows :—

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDING  
APRIL 30TH, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

|           |                                          |        |               |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1906      |                                          |        |               |
| April 30. | By balance cash on hand.....             | \$ 382 | 83            |
| 1907      |                                          |        |               |
| April 30. | By cash membership fees.....             | \$ 11  | 00            |
|           | By cash sales of Society's publications. | 82     | 13            |
|           | By Grant from Ontario Government... ..   | 200    | 00            |
|           |                                          |        | <u>293 13</u> |
|           | Total.....                               | \$ 675 | 96            |

EXPENDITURE.

|           |                                    |       |               |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| 1907      |                                    |       |               |
| April 30. | To paid cost of Bronze Tablet..... | \$ 50 | 00            |
|           | for Queenston Heights.             |       |               |
|           | “ “ printing part VII Documentary  |       |               |
|           | History of War of 1812.....        | 285   | 10            |
|           | “ “ printing annual report, post   |       |               |
|           | cards, maps, envelopes, etc....    | 21    | 17            |
|           | “ “ postage, etc., on Society's    |       |               |
|           | publications.....                  | 24    | 42            |
|           | “ “ travelling expenses Rev.       |       |               |
|           | Canon Bull.....                    | 8 50  | \$389 19      |
|           |                                    |       | <u>286 77</u> |
|           | To balance cash on hand            |       |               |
|           |                                    |       | \$ 675 96     |

THE NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NIAGARA,  
ONTARIO.

OFFICERS 1907.

PRESIDENT..... Miss Carnochan.  
VICE-PRESIDENT..... Rev. J. C. Garrett.  
SECRETARY..... Alfred Ball.  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY..... Jno. E. Kersley.  
TREASURER..... Mrs. S. D. Manning.  
CURATOR AND EDITOR..... Miss Carnochan.  
HON. VICE-PRESIDENTS, Mrs. Roes, Mrs. H. Clement, C. F. Ball  
and H. Pafford.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. T. F. Best, W. R. McClelland, C. A. F. Ball, F. J.  
Rolland, W. J. Wright, M.A.

LIFE MEMBERS.

T. K. Thompson, Mrs. J. G. Wilson.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. Canon Bull, Lt. Col. Cruikshank F.R.S.C., Sir Jas.  
L. Monie, John Ross Robertson, Hon. Wm. Gibson, Jas. Wilson,  
C. E., David Boyle, Major Hiscott, G. A. Lancaster, M. P., Dr.  
Jessop, M.P.P., C. C. James, F.R.S.C., Newton J. Ker, C. E.,  
Hugh J. Chisholm.

It is with feelings of profound thankfulness, that we present  
our annual report for 1907, thankfulness that so much has been  
accomplished, as during the year the regular work of the Society  
has gone on with regard to meetings, reading of papers, publishing,  
additions to our collection sale of pamphlets; besides all this the  
work for which we have been laboring for three years, has we are  
glad to say been brought to a happy conclusion and we now have  
our valuable collection in a beautiful commodious building.

During the winter months several papers were read at the regu-  
lar meetings, one by Rev. J. C. Garrett on the late Jno. M. Clem-  
ent, another by the President on the Sir Isaac Brock. At a public  
meeting a valuable paper was read by Col. Cruikshank on "The  
first ten years of Niagara 1780 to 1790", which is to be published.  
During the year pamphlet No. 15 has been published, "Sir Isaac



Brock and Count de Puisaye", (the latter by permission of the Ontario Historical Society is reprinted) and also obituary notices of two valued members, Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C and Mrs. Green. Our finances as a Society are in good condition although our expenses have been heavier than usual, owing to the opening of our building to the public. We have now 150 members, but as only thirty of these are in town, the work of the society devolves on a few. We have distributed to members, Historical Societies and others nearly seven hundred of our publications during the year and have sold a larger number than usual. Our collection, ever increasing, has been examined by the Literary and Historical Club of St. Catharines, the Masten High school of Buffalo, Military visitors and many others numbering over a thousand.

As ours is the first building erected in Ontario for purely historical purposes, it may be well to give some of the steps taken to procure it. Other Societies have had buildings presented to them, as Wentworth and Peterboro' and many have rooms in Carnegie Libraries, but ours has been the result of three years' work. On 17th, September, 1903 a public meeting was called to which Toronto friends were invited and it was decided to collect money for a building, commencing with ourselves as a Society, our townspeople, old Niagarians at a distance, etc. Circulars were sent out in explanation and the sum of \$4,500 has been collected of which \$2,000 was given in sums varying from one dollar to fifty, larger sums were received from the Dominion and Provincial Governments and an old Niagara boy, Hugh J. Chisholm, now resident in New York sent a generous cheque for \$500. \$4850 has been expended and we owe between three hundred and four hundred dollars. A site had been given by the President and many meetings were held to decide on a plan and specifications. The work was begun in April 1906 and the building was finished all but the portico before the end of the year, but it was thought well to wait till the early summer for the opening. Mrs. Thompson of Toronto, one of our members gave several weeks of her time in arranging articles in the cases in which she displayed great taste. The building is of red brick with trimmings of buff brick and Queenston Limestone. the size 70x30 feet with metallic roof, a gallery, so that all the wall space can be used and ample room given to classify into military, naval, household articles, woman's work, literature, portraits, documents, Indian, etc.

For the opening the 4th, of June, invitations were sent out to the members, contributors to the building fund, Historical Societies and others interested. Sir Mortimer Clark the Lieutenant-

Governor presided and in spite of the rain successful meetings were held in the afternoon and evening.

We feel profoundly thankful that we have been able to provide a safe place of deposit for such valuable articles many of which could not be duplicated, and we expect that more and more additional articles will be given, as, indeed, has been the case before and after the opening day. To the young we feel convinced the room will have a distinctly educative value. Mr. Boyle has said in one of our publications that history is best taught by object lessons and our collection may be called a series of object lessons and thus may be learned lessons of patriotism when the youth of our country have recalled to them the deeds of their forefathers in preserving the soil sacred from the foot of the invader, counting not their lives dear if so they could save their country.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JANET CARNOCHAN, President.  
ALFRED BALL, Secretary.

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THE SIMCOE COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BARRIE, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR 1907-8.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.....Sir James R. Gowan.  
PRESIDENT.....Judge J. A. Ardagh.  
VICE-PRESIDENTS.....Judge W.F.A. Boys, Mr. G. H. Hale.  
SECRETARY.....A.F. Hunter, M.A., Barrie.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Lieut. Col. W. E. O'Brien, John Rogerson and John L. Warnica.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

Judge Ardagh, D. H. MacLaren, Donald Ross and the Secretary.

DELEGATES TO ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Judge Ardagh, A. F. Hunter, and John Rogerson.

The Society has sustained a loss by the death, on July 13th,



of its Treasurer, Geo. Sneath, Esq., at the ripe age of 87 years, who was one of the pioneer school teachers of this district, and had contributed several interesting articles to the Society and to the press on pioneer life in this section of the country.

The Society has undertaken the publication of some of its papers and documents, to which the timely grant voted by the Legislature at its last session will be devoted.

A. F. HUNTER, Secretary.

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HURON INSTITUTE, COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS, MARCH 1906-1907.

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| PATRONESS.....           | Mrs. E. F. Lett.   |
| HON. VICE-PRESIDENT..... | H. Robertson, K.C. |
| PRESIDENT.....           | G. W. Bruce, B.A.  |
| 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT..... | F. T. Hodgson.     |
| 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT..... | John Lawrence.     |
| SECRETARY.....           | David Williams.    |
| TREASURER.....           | James Morris.      |
| CURATOR.....             | C. E. Freer.       |

DIRECTORS.

G. K. Mills, B.A., I.P.S., C. C. McKenzie, J. W. Day, M. Gaviller, D. Williams, F. F. Telfer, J. H. Irwin, D.D.S., Miss F. E. Redmond and Miss M. Switzer.

Since the last annual meeting another year has passed during which our Institute has made substantial progress. The interest in its work was more widely extended with the result that its influence has been correspondingly greater.

During the year nine meetings in all were held, three open or regular and six executive. At the regular meetings lectures were given. On one occasion Mr. Frank Yeigh, in a most entertaining and interesting address, illustrated with stereopticon views, carried a large audience to and fro through what he terms the Twentieth Century Canada; on another, Mr. E. Stewart gave a descriptive talk on a trip to the Great Northland through which the mighty

Mackenzie River flows, while several members read papers on subjects pertaining to departments of the Institute, Miss F. E. Redmond on Charles Garnier, the Martyr of Simcoe, Dr. J. H. Irwin and Mr. F. F. Telfer on Civic Improvement.

A notable event in the history of the Institute was the visit of the Ontario Historical Society to Collingwood as our guests. The occasion was that of the Society's annual meeting, Thursday, and Friday, July 19th and 20th. Upwards of forty members were present and the visit proved very pleasant and profitable to our members and our townspeople. To assist the Institute in entertaining the visitors the town council very generously came to our assistance by making a grant of \$125, while the Provincial Government also gave a special grant in part on this account. This grant amounted to \$300. It is unnecessary to review the entertainment offered, but briefly we wish to refer to the visit to the Christian Island for which the steamer Minnie M. was chartered. The day was all that could be desired and the two hundred citizens who joined the visitors did their utmost to add pleasure to the day's outing. At the Island the historians visited the ruins of Fort Ste. Marie II, that occupied by the Hurons in the closing days of their sanguinary conflict with the Iroquois. Close inspection was made of the remaining portion of the walls which recalled the descriptive words of the historian Parkman wherein he tells of the struggle between the two bands of redmen. Mr. John Birnie, K.C., in an eloquent address, from a mound formed by a fallen bastion, briefly reviewed the last stages of the Hurons after having been driven from the mainland, a few miles distant, and crowded into the small fort of which only a vestige to-day remains.

Besides the educational advantages derived by the members of the Institute the visit of our Historical friends proved a blessing in other ways, notably by bringing the Huron Institute and its work more prominently before the people of the town and thus materially increasing our membership which was never so large as during the past year.

Our museum has continued to grow until to day we are crowded for space in which to display the numerous articles, relics, specimens, etc. During the year several new cases were added, but these are already filled, it might be said, to overflowing, numerous exhibits being stowed away awaiting proper facilities for display. In connection with this important work of the Institute it would be unjust and ungrateful to pass on without a word of recognition of



the invaluable service rendered by our late curator, Mr. C. E. Freer, and to refer to the loss we have sustained by his removal from our midst. Nothing was too much for him to do in the interests of the Institute. He loved the work and did it thoroughly, the result being that we possess to-day a museum of no mean importance and containing among others many relics which to quote Mr. Freer are "grand invigorators of memory."

During the year some historical research was conducted by different members of the Institute. Early in the spring Messrs. G. W. Bruce, C. E. Freer, F. F. Telfer, Jas. Morris and D. Williams made a visit to several village sites in the Pretty River Valley, notably that on the farm of Mr. Alex. Currie, Lot 34 Con. 12, Township of Nottawasaga, which is supposed to have been the location of the Petun village of St. Mathias. On the same occasion a visit was made to what is believed to be Ekarennondi or the Standing Rock of the Petuns. Photographs of the sites and the rock were secured, Mr. Webb, photographer, accompanying the exploration party. Later on in the summer the same members made a trip to the Nottawasaga River, the primary object being to secure, if possible, a cannon from the wrecked British warship Nancy which lies in the river. In this, however they, were not successful. Advantage was taken of being at the river to inspect the site of Fort Nottawasaga which figured so prominently in the war of 1812-14. Nothing now remains, other than possibly a few rusted nails or pieces of lime or bricks to mark the place of the once military stronghold, or to connect the present with the past.

To the five members already referred to, however, does not belong all of the credit for research during the past year. Our second vice-president, Mr. John Lawrence, has also been active in this particular. He reports the discovery of a new village site on the farm of Mr. Thos. Martin, near Craigleith, which he believes to be one of the villages which composed the mission of St. Jean, of which Fathers Charbonnel and Garnier were the resident missionaries. Other work of a similar nature will probably be taken up in the future, we hope with beneficial results.

In the geological department much good work has been done during the year, Mr. Gaviller, the director, having secured many valuable additions to the museum. The botanical exhibits of the Institute have also been largely increased, notably by a valuable collection of specimens, properly named and mounted, presented by Mrs. F. E. Webster of Creemore.

In conclusion, might it not be reasonably said, without being egotistic, that our Institute is doing a useful and valuable work, and that while those now engaged in advancing its interests will in time give place to others, that done will stand as evidence of their energy and enthusiasm.

D. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(For year ending March 19th, 1907.)

#### RECEIPTS.

|                                    |    |     |       |
|------------------------------------|----|-----|-------|
| Balance from 1906.....             | \$ | 2   | 93    |
| Grant from Town.....               |    | 125 | 00    |
| Grant from Ontario Government..... |    | 300 | 00    |
| Fees.....                          |    | 58  | 00    |
| Lecture.....                       |    | 9   | 25    |
|                                    |    |     | <hr/> |
|                                    | \$ | 495 | 18    |

#### EXPENDITURE.

|                                         |    |     |       |
|-----------------------------------------|----|-----|-------|
| Furnishings .....                       | \$ | 64  | 40    |
| Rent and Light.....                     |    | 12  | 00    |
| Caretaking.....                         |    | 22  | 00    |
| Lectures.....                           |    | 35  | 00    |
| Printing .....                          |    | 9   | 69    |
| Jesuit Relations account.....           |    | 8   | 70    |
| Ontario Historical Society Meeting.. .. |    | 168 | 91    |
| Balance on hand.....                    |    | 168 | 48    |
|                                         |    |     | <hr/> |
|                                         | \$ | 495 | 18    |

Audited and found correct.

R. E. FAIR.

JAMES MORRIS,

Treasurer.



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

OFFICERS, 1906-1907.

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Ahearn,  
HONORARY SECRETARY.....C. Elizabeth Billings.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Ahearn, who had been travelling abroad, the position was most ably and acceptably filled by the first vice-president, Mrs. Geo. E. Foster, who looked after the interests of the Society during the year of 1906-7.

Twelve meetings were held during the year, five general and seven executive.

A very successful loan Exhibition was held in October.

At the November meeting of the Society Mrs. Ahearn, as convener of the Exhibition Committee, reported that 410 articles of great value, had been loaned by 149 persons. This however, did not include hundreds of things sent unsolicited, many of which came in too late to be catalogued. The receipts from this exhibition amounted to \$118.55, expenses \$74.18.

The program for the winter's work consisted of a series of original papers on Canadian Waterways, first, naturally ; second, artificially.

The first of the series was given by Miss Cluff on "The Pioneers and Voyageurs," The second by Madame Sulte on "The Canals of the Ottawa River", The third by Madame Rheaume on "The Lachine Canal", and the fourth and last by Mrs. Arthur Matheson on "The Soulange Canal".

The four papers were, each, of peculiar merit, showing much study and research.

Besides the written papers, at Mrs. Foster's suggestion, the Society enthusiastically took up the study of Canadian History, and found it very necessary and decidedly beneficial.

At each meeting a certain amount of time was allowed for listening to a short resume, from memory or notes, by one of the members, and was afterwards discussed.

In the coming year, it is our hope and intention to do more and better work along the same lines.

THE PETERBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PETERBORO,  
ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907.

HONORARY-PRESIDENT.....Col. H. C. Rogers.  
PRESIDENT.....T. A. S. Hay.  
VICE-PRESIDENT.....Richard Hall, J. H. Burnham.  
SECRETARY TREASURER.....T. J. Wallace.

I beg to report that the Peterboro' Historical Society is in a flourishing condition. We have forty-one active members and have held a number of very interesting meetings during the past year. We are constantly adding curios and historic relics and documents to our museum and by the way of making our collection of animals, birds and insects more interesting we are completing the groups and as each group is completed we will have a lecture on the group.

In this way the teachers of the city will acquire valuable aid in their nature studies and our museum will become more interesting.

I beg to call the attention of the Society to the great necessity of preserving the great pre-historic remains in our neighborhood, The Serpent Mounds. I fear that it is doomed to destruction if the government does not soon step in and assume control of it. The Hill upon which it is situated is now almost deplete of trees. Some short time ago it was a beautiful grove, I would suggest that the Government would ex-propriate the land, giving the owner a fair value in return. The government of other countries do this in all cases. I would be sorry to see this monument of the past disappear and disappear it will unless the government at once sees to it.

Our Museum has been open since the 1st of May and we have many visitors.

Yours,

T. J. WALLACE, Secretary-Treasurer.



ELGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-8

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT.....      | James H. Coyne, M.A., F.R.S.C. |
| VICE-PRESIDENT..... | Mrs. J. H. Wilson.             |
| SECRETARY.....      | Frank Hunt.                    |
| TREASURER.....      | W. H. Murch.                   |
| CURATOR.....        | Mrs. Wm. St. Thomas Smith.     |
| EDITOR.....         | Judge Ermatinger.              |

COUNCIL

Dr. S. Silcox, Judge Colter, J. W. Stewart, Mr. Charles Oakes, K. W. McKay, Mrs. J. S. Robertson, Mrs. Judge Ermatinger, Mrs. Mary Duncombe, Mrs. W. R. Jackson.

The public programme of The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute during the winter of 1906-1907, consisted of the following addresses :—

1. Champlain and the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec, by the President, Mr. James H. Coyne, M.A., F.R.S.C.
2. The Downfall of the Hurons, by C. C. James, M.A., F.R.S.C.

The Institute was represented by its President and two other members at the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at Collingwood and Christian Island in July, 1906.

The preservation of historical monuments is one that has engaged our attention during the year. Communications have been sent to the Minister of Militia and Defence and to the Mayor of Toronto with a view to the preservation of the Old Fort at Toronto. The Southwold Earthwork, within ten miles of the City of St. Thomas, is not only regarded as the best preserved Indian earthwork in Canada, but is unique in its possession of a double wall. The Institute has already drawn the attention of The Royal Society of Canada and of the Ontario Historical Society to the need of measures to ensure the preservation of this interesting aboriginal relic in its entirety. We are therefore especially interested in the action taken by The Royal Society for the formation of an Association for the preservation of Historical Monuments. We would

suggest that the Parliament of Canada and the Provincial Legislatures be memorialized to pass legislation authorizing the expropriation of historic sites as in the British Islands, and the appropriation of public funds sufficient to pay the owners a reasonable compensation.

We have much pleasure in appending the annual report of the admirable work done by The Women's Historical Society of St. Thomas, an auxiliary organization composed of lady members of the Institute. Under its energetic President, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, the auxiliary has held numerous meetings, well attended, at which many addresses and papers dealing with Canadian history and especially history of the County of Elgin have been presented.

We note with pleasure the increased interest in the study of history on the part of our local educational institutions. Dr. S. Silcox, Principal of the Public School, the City Teachers' Association, its President Mr. J. M. Urie, and Dr. O. J. Stevenson, English Master at the Collegiate Institute, have co-operated in our work in important ways. Dr. Stevenson has published in local papers a number of historical studies by his pupils. In their preparation valuable information is collected and preserved, and the students are led to take a personal interest in the history of their country's development.

FRANK HUNT, Secretary.

JAMES H. COYNE, President.

THE WOMEN'S ELGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS, 1906-1907.

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| PRESIDENT.....               | Mrs. J. H. Wilson.     |
| 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....     | Mrs. J. H. Coyne.      |
| 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....     | Mrs. J. S. Robertson.  |
| 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT.....     | Mrs. Truman Duncombe.  |
| SECRETARY TREASURER.....     | Mrs. Graham Symington. |
| ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....     | Mrs. Comfort.          |
| CORRESPONDING SECRETARY..... | Miss Lena Travers.     |
| CURATOR.....                 | Mrs. F. M. Griffin.    |



## ANNUAL REPORT 1906-7

During the year, seven meetings were held. The leading subjects were: The principal cities of Canada.

Papers were read, or addresses given as follows:—

1. "The History of Montreal", by Mrs. J. P. Finlay.
2. "The History of Ottawa," by Mrs. J. H. Wilson.
3. "The History of Toronto", by Mrs. McLarty.
4. "The History of St. John, N.B.", by Mrs. J. S. Robertson.
5. "The History of Newfoundland," by Mrs. R. I. Warner.
6. A most interesting talk on "Champlain and the Quebec Tercentenary," by Mr. J. H. Coyne.
7. "Woman's place in the World", by Dr. Jennie Drennen.
8. "The Pioneer Churches of the County", by Miss Hattie Robinson.
9. A valuable paper on "The first Settlers of the Thames District", by Mrs. Louie King, giving an excellent description of the Oneidas, the Muncceys and Chippewas, being the result of her own research among the Indians.

The annual social evening was held in Stevenson's parlors on November 16th.

At the last meeting of the previous year, the most important matter under discussion was the coming exhibition of "Made in St. Thomas," at which the ladies of the Historical Society were asked to take charge of "Ladies' Day". The following ladies were appointed to act, viz., Mesdames J. H. Wilson, J. H. Coyne, McA. Gilbert, J. S. Robertson, R. H. McConnell, G. Symington.

In consultation with committees of various churches, it was decided to furnish a midday luncheon and an evening entertainment, which consisted of the following program:

"Singing Lancers" by thirty-two children in costume; A dramatic performance, called "The Burglar", or "The Maid of St. Thomas.

The report shows the united work of the ladies to have resulted in \$700.00.

The membership continues at one hundred, to which it is limited, with a number on the waiting list.

The Society has to its credit \$104.92 in the Southern Loan & Savings Company.

AMELIA A. WILSON, President.

BELLE SYMINGTON Secretary-Treasurer.

THE WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON,  
ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-8.

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| HONORARY-PRESIDENT.....      | Rev. Canon G. A. Bull. |
| PRESIDENT.....               | Justus A. Griffin.     |
| 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....     | S. F. Lazier, K. C.    |
| 2ND. VICE-PPRESIDENT .....   | H. H. Robertson.       |
| 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT .....    | Mrs. M. Rose Holden.   |
| SECRETARY-TREASURER.....     | John H. Land.          |
| CORRESPONDING SECRETARY..... | Mrs. R. G. Sutherland. |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Charles Lemon, J. H. Smith, T. H. A. Begue, Rev. Canon Bull, Mrs. Edward Martin, Chas. R. McCullough, Lieut. Col. A. H. Moore, D'Arcy Martin and J. W. Jones, B. A.

During the year one General meeting of the Society and three Committee meetings were held. The membership of the Society remains about the same as last year. A number of books have been donated to our Library. Several valuable papers have been prepared by members of the Society, are now in type, and with other papers being prepared, will appear in the volume which we are about to publish.

The Treasurer's Report showed receipts of \$289.91 and an expenditure of \$38.60, leaving a balance in the bank of \$251.31, a great part of which will be required for illustrating and printing our forthcoming volume.

The Treasurer of the Ladies' Committee, Mrs. Edward Martin, reported that the amount in the bank to the credit of that Committee for the purpose of building a Museum was \$1419.55.

J. H. LAND, Sec.-Treasurer.



WOMAN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR 1907-8.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PRESIDENT.....               | Mrs. John Calder.        |
| 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....     | Mrs. John S. Hendrie.    |
| 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....     | Mrs. R. R. Waddell.      |
| 3RD. VICE-PRESIDENT.....     | Mrs. J. M. Gibson.       |
| 4TH. VICE-PRESIDENT.....     | Mrs. John Crerar.        |
| RECORDING SECRETARY.....     | Mrs. Bertie Smith.       |
| CORRESPONDING SECRETARY..... | Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet. |
| TREASURER.....               | Miss Ethel McKay.        |

TRUSTEES.

Stoney Creek Battlefield, Hon. John S. Hendrie, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Thomas, W. Watkins, Esq.

This has been a banner year for the Woman's Wentworth Historical Society. The grant of \$300 from the Ontario Government, with the fees of several new life members enabled the society to pay off the balance of the morgage on the Stoney Creek Battlefield property, and this historic ground is now free of all debt. The old Gage house, so closely connected with the battles, is being repaired and improved. A small cannon ball embedded in one of the posts gives evidence of its part in that important battle.

Last winter four causeries were held at the residences of members. Interesting addresses were given by Miss Fitzgibbon, on the "Battle of Stoney Creek"; by Barlow Cumberland on, "Canadian "Historic Sites"; by C. R. McCullough on "Heroic Women of Canada,"; by Prof. F. F. McPherson on, "Has Canada a National Literature". These talks created much interest in the city. The membership has greatly increased during the year, and the number of life members is large.

The Society has plans for much effective work during the coming season.

MINNIE JEAN NISBET, Corresponding-Secretary.

LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
LONDON, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-8.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| PRESIDENT.....           | Mr. Frank Lawson.          |
| 1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT..... | Mr. F. Leonard.            |
| 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT..... | Mrs. A. Fraser.            |
| SECRETARY.....           | Miss Florence A. Mitchell. |
| TREASURER.....           | Mr. Henry Macklin.         |
| CURATOR.....             | Dr. Woolverton.            |

The Society has held seven monthly meetings during the year. Although the membership is small there is always a good attendance and many outsiders who show great interest.

A brass tablet was placed on the first brick house in London, the home of the late Peter MacGregor, also brass tablets on the three guns in Victoria Park, which were captured in the Crimean War and presented to the city. Two glass cases were purchased, also two volumes of early Pioneer Life. The first map of the County of Middlesex printed 1854 was donated to the Society by Mr. Buchanan.

The Printing Committee have just placed in the hands of the printers a valuable collection of papers and essays to be published in book form.

\$100.00 was granted to the Daughters of the Empire towards the erection of the monument in memory of the soldiers who died in the South African War.

Following is the synopsis of the meetings.

1. Address on the events which practically exterminated the Indians who formerly resided in Western Ontario by Mr. Dearness.
2. A letter of Mr. Samby's read by Dr. Woolverton on the Indian Earthen works on the Shaw-Woods farm and specimens shown taken from the fort.
3. Paper on life of late David Glass was read by Mr. F. Glass.
4. Illustrated lecture entitled ; England in the last century also current events and important personages of the time by Mr. Spence.
5. Lecture on the Indian mutiny by the Indian Orator and Journalist Mr. Saint Sing.



6. Life of late Elizah Leonard read by Mr. Cottam.

7. Annual meeting when reports were read and general business carried on.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE A. MITCHELL, Secretary.

FRANK LAWSON, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Government Grant.....  | \$ 100 00 |
| Fees from Members..... | 16 50     |
| Balance on Hand.....   | 127 09    |
|                        | <hr/>     |
| Total.....             | \$ 243 59 |

GENERAL EXPENSES

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Including paying of lectures..... | \$ 32 52  |
| Tablets.....                      | 44 00     |
| Grant towards Monument.....       | 100 00    |
|                                   | <hr/>     |
| Total.....                        | \$ 176 52 |
| Balance now in Treasury.....      | \$ 67 07  |

HENRY MACKLIN, Treasurer.

Per. F. A. M.

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LENNOX AND ADDINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
NAPANEE, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-8

HONORARY-PRESIDENTS... Rev. Canon Jarvis, John Gibbard Esq.  
 PRESIDENT..... Clarence M. Warner.  
 VICE-PRESIDENT..... Mrs. A. W. Grange.  
 SECRETARY-TREASURER..... Mr. Ulysses J. Flach.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. H. T. Forward, Mr. Frederick Burrows, Uriah Wilson,

Esq., M.P., George D. Hawley, Esq., Sheriff, Rev. Alexander Macdonald.

Our Society starts with a representative membership. At a meeting held June 11th, 1907, a Constitution and set of By-Laws were adopted and twenty-seven citizens were enrolled as members. Several others have expressed a desire to join the Society.

The accessions to date have been numerous, and the friends throughout the County appear anxious to have everything of an historical nature deposited in our Archives.

The town has given us the free use of the upper floor of the Library Building, and a Committee is now working upon the problem of how best to furnish and decorate the room. Citizens have subscribed \$100 towards this work.

Our annual dues are \$1.00 for active members, and \$1.50 for active family members. By contributing \$15 to the funds of the Society, any one may become a life member.

CLARENCE M. WARNER, President.  
U. J. FLACH, Secretary-Treasurer.

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## THE BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WALKER- TON, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Lt. Col. A. E. Belcher, Southampton.  
SECRETARY.....Norman Robertson, Walkerton.

During the past year there has been published under the auspices of the Society, the "History of the County of Bruce", written by the Secretary.

A. E. BELCHER, President.  
NORMAN ROBERTSON, Secretary.



THE FRONTENAC HISTORICAL SOCIETY, KINGSTON.  
ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Dr. R. V. Rogers.  
SECRETARY.....Abeir A. Chowan.

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THE BOWMANVILLE WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO.

OFFICERS, 1907-1908.

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. W. W. Tamblyn.  
VICE-PRESIDENT.....Miss Armour.  
2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mrs. James Reid.  
SECRETARY.....Miss Bertha Tamblyn.  
TREASURER.....Miss Edith Hillier.

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ESSEX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WINDSOR,  
ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....Francis Cleary.  
1ST. VICE-PRESIDENT.....A. P. E. Panet.  
2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT.....Rev. Thomas Natress.  
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....A. J. E. Belle Perche.  
CORRESPONDING-SECRETARY.....Miss Jean Barr.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Madame Panet, D. H. Belford, Jno. Barnett, Judge McHugh,  
James McEwan, F. P. Gavin, Capt. Cheyne, Mrs. O'Shea.

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HALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MILTON, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....David Robertson, M. D.  
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....R. Coates.

There has been an effort made to snatch the History of Milton from the shady past and fix it somewhat as we do the features of our friends by enlisting the printer's aid. This is the jubilee year of Milton's incorporation and an effort was made to celebrate the event with proper form and dignity. A short history was printed on "Grip Number" with several portraits of leading citizens and prominent residents. A better history is in preparation and will be completed shortly in the Milton Reformer.

DAVID ROBERTSON, President.

R. COATES, Secretary-Treasurer.

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## MEETINGS OF PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

### Pioneer Association of Ontario.

Organized September 4th, 1888, at Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

1st Vice-President, Eli Crawford.

Secretary-Treasurer, W. H. Doel.

(Mr. Doel drafted the original by-laws.)

Rev. C. C. Johnston, chairman of committee, to arrange for a Provincial Association.

1890.

Wm. Rennie, Secretary, 1st report published.

York and Peel Pioneer Societies.

Lundy's Lane Historical Society. Organized 1887.

1891.

June 3rd, Brampton.

Name changed to Pioneer and Historical Association.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

Vice-President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Wentworth Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized Jan., 1889.

Grenville Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized May, 1889.

1892.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.



1893.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D.

July 18th, Centennial Celebration at Niagara and Toronto.

1894.

Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Simcoe County Pioneer and Historical Society. Organized November, 1891.

Thorold and Beaverdam's Historical Society. Organized June 5th, 1894.

Historical Section Canadian Institute.

1895.

June, Brampton.

President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Niagara Historical Society.

Kingston and Frontenac Historical Society. Organized, 1893.

Bay of Quinte District Historical Society. Organized, 1893.

Canadian Club Hamilton Historical Society. Organized, 1893.

1896.

June, Hamilton.

Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

Elgin Historical Society.

Women's Historical Society of Toronto. Organized November 9th, 1895.

1897.

June, Niagara.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

The Town and County of Peterborough Historical Society. Organized, December 7, 1896.

September, Industrial Exhibition, Toronto.

Re-organization Committee appointed.

1897.

September, Re-organization Committee.

Rev. Henry Scadding, Rev. Canon Bull, Rev. Dr. W. K. Parker, His Honor Judge Ardagh, Mr. A. F. Hunter, Mr. Eli Crawford, Mr. J. B. Reynolds, B.A., Mr. Wm. Rennie, Mr. George H. Mills, Mr. D. B. Read, G.C., Mrs. J. D. Edgar, David Boyce, Mrs. Curzon, Miss Mary Agnes FitzGibbon, Mr. James Bain, Professor Mavor, Rev. Prof. Wrong, Mr. C.C. James, Rev. P. L. Spencer, Very Rev. Dean Harris, L.L.D., Miss J. Car-

nochan, Major Cruikshank, Rev. Dr. Teefy, Mr. J. D. Brant Sero, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers and Miss Sara Mickle.

1898.

March, Re-organization Meeting at Toronto and Ontario Historical Society formed.

1898.

June, Onswéken—Six Nation Reserve.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

September, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1899

February, Special Winter meeting, Toronto.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

1899.

June, Canadian Historical Exhibition, Toronto.

September, Toronto Exhibition.

1900.

June, Hamilton.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

August, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1901.

June, Belleville.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

June 22, Unveiling of the Laura Secord Monument at Lundy's Lane.

August, Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

1902.

June, Peterborough and Lindsay.

President, James H. Coyne, B.A.

April, Ontario Educational Association.

1903.

June, St. Thomas.

President, C. C. James, M.A.

May 27, Unveiling Simcoe Monument.

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April, Ontario Education Association.

President, C.C. James, M.A.

June, Windsor.



1905.

June, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.  
President, George R. Pattullo.

1906.

July, Collingwood.  
President, Lieut-Col. H. C. Rogers.

1907.

July, Kingston.  
President, Barlow Cumberland.

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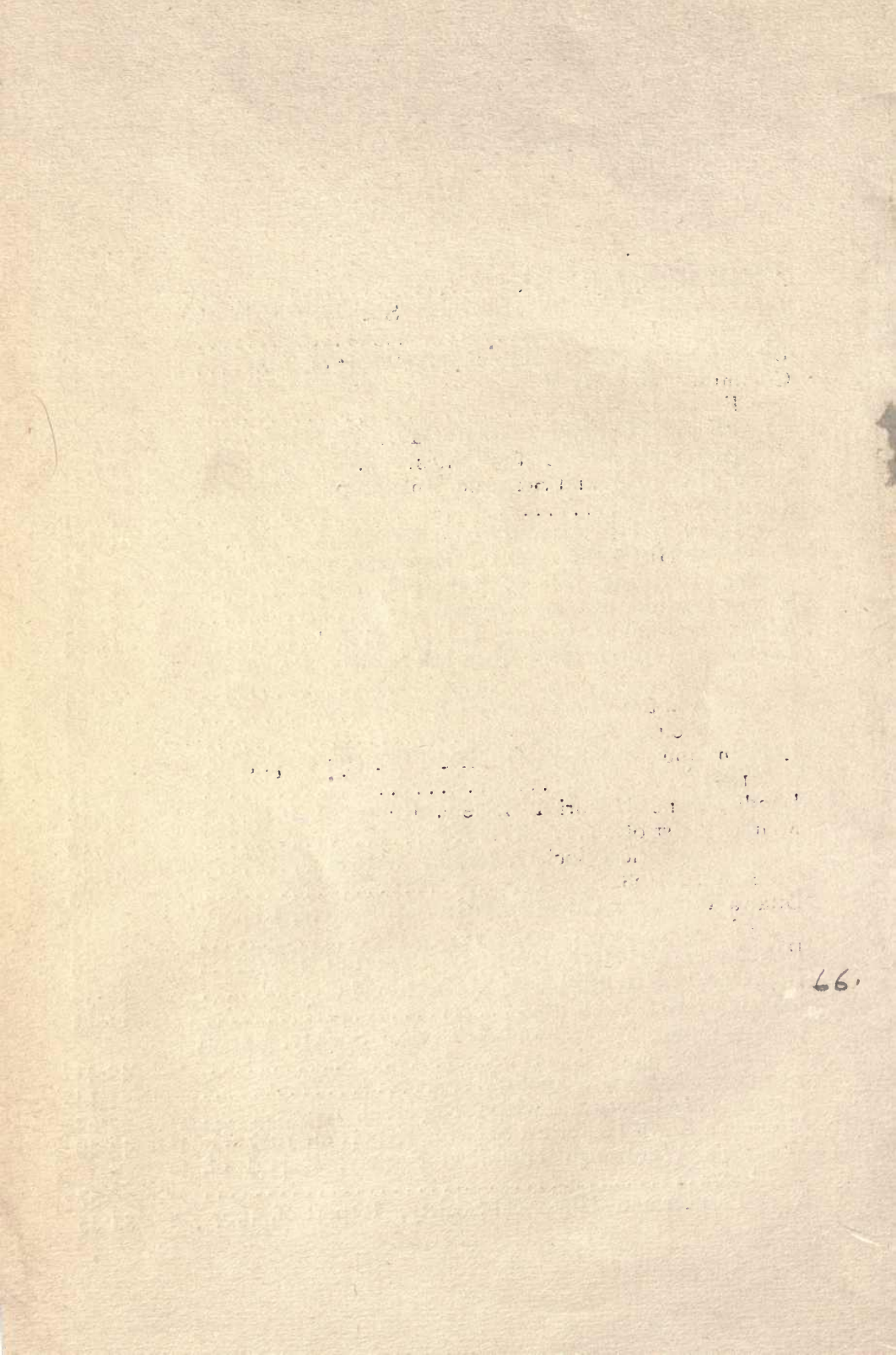
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