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In presenting the ninth Annual Report of the Ontario Historical Society, I think it might be interesting, not only to refer to the work of the past year, but what has been accomplished since the re-organization of the Society in 1889; for we have been working quietly along many lines set out in the Report of the Special Meeting held in Toronto on March 30, 1898. At that time a change was made from a membership consisting of delegates from eleven Historical Societies then in the Province to a paid membership which has increased to two hundred and twenty-eight with ten Honorary members and seven Corresponding members and twenty-two Ex-officio Members.

Many new Historical Societies have been started in the ten years. Some of them have done splendid work by rousing interest in historical research in their own neighborhood and by publications; others have after a short existence lapsed for lack of interest. This is to be regretted, particularly in the older counties, for the time is passing very quickly and much pioneer history will be lost, as the children of the original settlements are fast passing away.

Among the Societies which have done good work, we might refer to the Wentworth Pioneer and Historical Society in Hamilton, which has sent out its publications from time to time; the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, with the longest list of publications of any Local Society in the Province, of which Colonel Cruikshank's eight volumes of the "Documentary History of the War of 1812" will always remain as an authoritative book of reference to future students of that period. The Niagara Historical Society has in ten years issued fifteen publications. It has been the first Society perhaps in the Dominion to erect a building for the purposes of an Historical Museum and although the opening took place a little over a year ago, it has only a small debt remaining. It has had a large increase to its collections, and owes very much to its energetic President, Miss Carnochan, whose name is known from one end of the Dominion to the other for her splendid work in original research into the history of the first Capital of Upper Canada, the old Town of Newark. The Women's Historical Society of Toronto has also published original papers from time to time with an Annual Report. The York Pioneer and Historical Society of Toronto has also issued an Annual Report, but it is to be regretted that many of the valuable and interesting papers read at their meetings have not been printed so as to be available to the student of our history. The Thorold and Beaver Dam's Historical Society some years ago published a very good history of the Township of Thorold. The Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute

has issued a pamphlet, since its publication of Historical Sketches of the County of Elgin. The Peel Pioneers' Society of Brampton; the Oxford Historical and Pioneer Society of Woodstock, and the Grenville Pioneer and Historical Society have ceased to hold meetings. A good deal has been done by various Societies in the way of publication of papers in local newspapers. Societies then in affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society other than those referred to have not published either reports or original documents, but have held meetings from time to time, and it would be a very good thing if some steps could be taken to awaken interest in their work and to encourage them in the publication of papers relating to their own localities.

During the ten years we have issued eight Annual Reports, and eight volumes of Papers and Records. Among the valuable material published by us have been "The Early Church Records of Eighteen Different Parishes or Charges," covering many of the early churches in what is now the Province of Ontario. We have also from time to time published papers read at the Annual Meetings and referring to the history of the locality in which our Meeting has been held. There have also been a number of sketches of "Early Pioneers" published. In Vol. 4, our first President, Mr. James H. Coyne was translator and editor of "Galince's Narrative and Map with the English Version including all the Map Legends." At the time of the publication of this paper, a Part Second containing many notes was promised, but owing to press of work this is not yet ready, and it is to be regretted as we constantly have letters asking for Part Second of Vol. 4 by Libraries and private individuals, who wish to have their publications bound. A list of our publications will be found in Vol. 8, and it has been a great pleasure to find that the demand for them is yearly increasing. We now exchange with forty-three American Societies, and thirty-four British and Canadian, as well as sending each year copies of our Papers and Records to all Affiliated Societies, and we exchange with many authors for copies of their own works relating to the history of the Provinces. During the past year we have received thirteen volumes in this way. Our publications are in many of the leading Libraries of the country, and it is a great pity that more Members of the Affiliated Societies are not Members of the Ontario Historical Society. I should like to say here that there are comparatively few Members of Affiliated Societies who are Members of the Ontario Historical Society and it is desirable that the Local Societies should be more largely represented in the Provincial Society. In the original constitution it was proposed to charge a small fee to each Affiliated Society.

This has never been done. The individual membership fee is only one dollar and in exchange each member receives a copy of the Annual Report and a volume of Papers and Records as well as being notified of the meetings, and we have the privilege of sending papers read before the Royal Society or kindred organizations to the members in addition to our own publication.

Since the re-organization in 1898, when we had eleven Affiliated Societies, twenty additional Historical Societies have been organized in different parts of the country. Some of them only existed for a short time; others have gone on with the good work, and to-day are to be congratulated on the progress they have made.

During the past year your President and Secretary have paid visits to some of the Societies. Mr. Cumberland attended a meeting of the Wentworth Historical Society in Hamilton, gave an address to the Lennox and Addington Historical Society at Napanee, and also was present at the last Annual Meeting of the London and Middlesex Historical Society. Your Secretary had the pleasure of visiting the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa, and also of attending the Annual Meeting in London. Both your President and Secretary were present at the meeting of the Royal Society in Ottawa in May, and during the Tercentenary at Quebec. During the summer, while in Perth I tried to arrange for the formation of a Society for the old Bathurst District settled in 1816. There is a great deal of good material for publication in and around the old Town of Perth. This was one of the oldest military settlements, the records have been well kept, and nearly all the documents relating to it are now in the Archives Office in Ottawa. If a strong local Society could be founded in Perth, a very interesting centennial of the Settlement might be held. Perth has given many prominent men to the various Parliaments of Canada, to the judicial Bench of our own Province, and a very large number of prominent lawyers throughout the Dominion can claim Perth as their home town.

Last December the Society had the pleasure of presenting to our late Secretary, Mr. David Boyle, an illuminated address, referring to his long and arduous duties on our behalf, for much of the success of the Society has been owing to Mr. Boyle's untiring zeal and enthusiasm during eight years of faithful service.

During the year we have had the pleasure of welcoming two new Societies: The Tecumseth Historical Society of East Kent, and the Lennox and Addington Historical Society of Napanee. There has also been a new Society in Brantford, and

the re-organization of the Kingston and Frontenac Historical Society. We have had an addition of twenty-three new members during the year, and a loss of seven members by death. It is with the deepest sorrow that I refer to the death of Dr. James Bain, one of our honorary members, and one to whom many of us owe a deep debt of gratitude for his great kindness and interest in helping us by his advice on our visits to the Reference Library in Toronto. It will be many years before Dr. Bain's place can be filled. No one had a profounder or wider knowledge of Canadian history or of the many valuable original papers in the Library in Toronto. We also have to regret the death of M. Gabriel Gravier of Rouen, France, who has been a corresponding member since the formation of our Society.

A large number of letters have been written and circulars sent out. It is to be hoped that before long the Society will appoint a permanent Secretary, as I am very much afraid the proper progress is not being made. I think that if a strong energetic man is appointed to fill the office, the Society will benefit by the change. My connection with the Society has been a very pleasant one, and I have to thank the officers and members for their forbearance kindness to me during my very unsuccessful attempts to fill the place of Mr. Boyle. If the Society would allow me to continue my work with the Library, I would be very pleased to do so, to show my appreciation of the kindness shown me during the many years that I have had the pleasure of helping with the work.

We have also to regret the resignation of our very energetic and painstaking Treasurer who has been our faithful officer since 1899. We regret that Mr. Yeigh insists upon his resignation being accepted because he has certainly done splendid work in keeping the membership list in such a good financial position.

There is another matter of importance, which I think may be brought before the Society, and that is, the clause in the original Act of Incorporation of 1899. In clause 12 it reads:—

"In the event of any such Affiliated Society ceasing to exist, its library, museum and other property, if any, shall immediately become vested in the Ontario Historical Society which may by its officers in that behalf take possession of the same until a Society with objects similar to those of such former Society shall have been formed, in the same municipality, when the same shall be handed over to such new Society upon such conditions and provisions for the security of the same as may be agreed upon."

It is very important this clause should be understood by the members of our Affiliated Societies, for in the case of any

Society dropping the work which it has begun, the Papers and Records and Minutes of the said Society should be sent at once to the Secretary of the Ontario Historical Society where they should be kept safely and be of some use to the Parent Society, or could be returned in the case of re-organization to the locality from which they came. And I regret to say that in one or two cases where Societies have ceased to exist, material of this kind has been scattered and it is now impossible to trace it in any way. If this clause could be enforced it would be a protection to any of those who donate papers, books, pamphlets or such material to the Local Societies, and I think would increase the donations to the said Societies.

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The Council met on Oct. 11, 1907, in the office of the Deputy Minister of Education at half-past two o'clock, when those present were : Mr. Barlow Cumberland, President ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, acting Secretary ; Mr. J. H. Coyne, St. Thomas, ex-President ; Mr. Alex. Fraser, Toronto ; Miss Carnochan, President Niagara H. S. ; Mr. Wm. Rennie, President York Pioneers ; Mr. Justus Griffin, President Wentworth H.S. ; Mr. Frank Yeigh, Treasurer O. H. S.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Council Meeting on April 2nd and reported that she had sent copies of the Annual Report for 1905 and 1906 to the members of the deputation from the "Woman's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto," containing the report of the Historical Museum Fund which now amounted to \$339.33 and which the ladies of the W. C. H. S. thought had not been bearing interest.

Mr. Coyne and Mr. Cumberland both explained the position of the O. H. S. in connection with this Fund which could not be paid over until a museum had been built.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase for the Library the new Index to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society from Vol. 1 to 38, price \$3.00.

Moved by Justin Griffin and seconded by Miss Carnochan—That Mrs. Thompson be paid the sum of \$17.50 for work done from January to June, 1907.—Carried.

The Secretary reported on the number of publications on hand :

Vol. I is out of print.

Vol. II—250 copies.

Vol. III—300 copies.

Vol. IV—500 copies.

Vol. V—320 copies.

Vol. VI—1150 copies.

Vol. VII—600 copies.

Moved by Hr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Miss Carnochan—That the President and Mr. Coyne be a committee to prepare a resolution to be recorded on the minutes expressing the Society's and Council's appreciation of the services of Mr. David Boyle as Secretary of the Society from its organization in 1898 until the last Annual Meeting and to arrange that a copy of the resolution be suitably engraved and presented to Mr. Boyle.

The following resolution unanimously adopted at the Annual Meeting at Kingston on July 19th, was also ordered to be inscribed on the minutes. On motion of Mr. James H. Coyne, seconded by Miss Janet Carnochan—That in accepting the resignation of Mr. David Boyle, Secretary of the Ontario Historical Society from the re-organization in 1898 until the present time, this Society desires to record its high appreciation of the special qualifications the ability, energy and self-sacrificing devotion which he brought to the performance of his important duties, its grateful sense of the long and valuable service rendered by him to the Society and to the people of Ontario, and its best wishes for his future years, earnestly hoping that they will be attended in abundant measure with health, strength and prosperity.

That in placing on record this appreciation of Mr. Boyle's services, the Council is gratified to know that it is at the same time carrying into effect the wishes of the Society directed at the last Annual Meeting.

That a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed and signed on behalf of the Society, be presented to Mr. Boyle.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Justin Griffin—That the President be asked to write a letter of condolence to the family of the late Miss Jean Earle Geeson and that the Society place on record their appreciation of the work done by Miss Geeson in calling the attention of the public to the destruction of the Old Fort at Toronto.—Carried.

Mr. Cumberland laid on the table a copy of a circular letter written by him and to be sent to residents of Port Arthur and Fort William re the forming of an Historical Society to be called the Thunder Bay Historical Society (55 circulars sent). See scrap book.

The Secretary was instructed to try and recover the scrap book containing the correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to the Old Fort which had been loaned to the late Miss Geeson.

The Council met on Tuesday, March 31st, 1908, at 2.15 p. m., in the Theatre of the Education Department, those present being: Mr. Barlow Cumberland, Pres. O.H.S.; Mr. David Williams, Second Vice-Pres.; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Secretary; Mr. Frank Yeigh, Treasurer; Mr. C. C. James, ex-President, Chancellor Burwash, Mr. Alex. Fraser and Members of the Council.

Letters were read from Col. Cruikshank, Miss Carnochan, Mr. C. M. Warner, Mr. Francis Cleary, Mr. J. H. Coyne, Lt.-A. Belcher, Mr. H. H. Robertson and Mr. Tamblyn regretting their not being able to attend.

Mr. Cumberland read the minutes of the Council Meeting on October 11th.

A letter from the late Secretary, Mr. David Boyle, was received, thanking the Society for the illuminated address which had been sent to him on Dec. 24th.

The resignation of the Treasurer, Mr. Frank Yeigh, was laid on the table to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Alex. Fraser—That the affiliation of the Tecumseh Historical Society of East Kent with the Ontario Historical Society be accepted and the Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the Tecumseh Historical Society of East Kent at Thamesville.—Carried.

Moved by Chancellor Burwash, seconded by Mr. C. C. James—That the affiliation of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society with the Ontario Historical Society be accepted and that the Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the Lennox and Addington Society, Napanee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Alex. Fraser, seconded by Mr. C. C. James—That several requests having been made in recent years on behalf of the London and Middlesex Historical Society that the Ontario Historical Society should hold its Annual Meeting in London, the Council agrees that the Annual Meeting be held there this year, provided the same be suitable to the Society in London, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 14th and 15th. being the dates proposed, the President and Secretary to arrange the date after communicating with the local Society.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. David Williams—That the following be a committee to arrange for the

Annual Meeting : President, Secretary, Mr. Alex. Fraser and Mr. Dearness of London.—Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Dr. McKenzie of the Tecumseh Historical Society of East Kent about papers from his locality for the Annual Meeting. It was also ordered that Col. Cruikshank be asked for a paper for the London Meeting.

Mr. Yeigh reported \$316 in the bank with a grant of \$800 to come in for this year.

The cost of Vol. VIII was \$596.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. Alex. Fraser—That \$5.00 be paid to Mr. Biggar for the estate of the late Miss Jean Earle Geeson.—Carried.

(Miss Geeson had paid for printing and postage in connection with the Old Fort. After her death there were a number of unpaid bills and each of the Historical and Patriotic Societies were asked to grant \$5.00.

Moved by Mr. C. C. James, seconded by Mr. Alex. Fraser—That Mr. Cumberland be elected representative of the O. H. S. to the Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada at Ottawa in May and to prepare a report for the same.—Carried.

That the committee to revise the constitution be Mr. Cumberland, Mrs. E. J. Thompson and Mr. D. Williams.

That the proposed joint meeting of the O. H. S. and the Ontario Educational Association be not held this year.

That Mr. Cumberland, who reported re the Old Fort, draft a resolution to the Minister of Militia or Militia Department, asking for a military plan of the Old Fort and its buildings as they are at present.

That Mr. Cumberland and Mr. James be a committee to confer with the Department of Education respecting a re-arrangement of the present relations of the Society and its future direction and to report at the Annual Meeting.

An informal discussion took place as to the increase of membership and whether a fee should be collected from the Affiliated Societies. Only eleven Presidents of local societies are individual members of the Ontario Historical Society.

The Secretary was asked to enter the following list of Affiliated Societies and the date of affiliation in the minutes :

- 1869—York Pioneer and Hist. Soc., Toronto.
- 1884—Wentworth Hist. Soc., Hamilton.
- 1887—Peel Pioneer and Hist. Soc., Brampton.
- 1887—Lundy's Lane Hist. Soc., Niagara Falls.
- 1899—Woman's Wentworth Hist. Soc., Hamilton.
- 1891—Simcoe Co. Pioneer and Hist. Soc., Barrie.

- 1891—Grenville Pioneer and Hist. Soc., Prescott.
 1893—Belleville and Bay of Quinte Hist. Soc., Belleville.
 1893—Kingston and Frontenac Hist. Soc., Kingston.
 1894—Thorold and Beaver Dam's Hist. Soc., Thorold.
 1895—Niagara Hist. Soc., Niagara-on-the-Lake.
 1895—Woman's Can. Hist. Soc. of Toronto.
 1896—Elgin Hist. and Scientific Soc., St. Thomas.
 1896—Woman's Elgin Hist. Soc.
 1896—Peterborough Co. and Town Hist. Soc., Peterborough.
 1897—Oxford Co. Hist. Soc., Woodstock.
 1898—Woman's Can. Hist. Soc. of Ottawa.
 1899—Halton Co. Hist. Soc., Milton.
 1899—Lambton Co. Hist. Soc., Sarnia.
 1901—Norfolk Co. Hist. Soc., Simcoe.
 1901—Perth Co. Hist. Soc., Stratford.
 1901—Victoria Co. Hist. Soc., Lindsay.
 1901—Prince Edward Co. Southampton.
 1901—Prince Edward Co. Hist. Soc., Picton.
 1902—London and Middlesex Hist. Soc., London.
 1902—Woman's Can. Hist. Soc. of Bowmanville.
 1903—Cobourg and Co. of Northumberland Hist. Soc.,
 Cobourg.
 1903—Canadian Methodist Hist. Soc., Toronto.
 1904—Essex Co. Hist. Soc., Windsor.
 1904—Huron Institute, Collingwood.
 1907—Tecumseh Hist. Soc. of East Kent, Thamesville.
 1908—Lennox and Addington Hist. Soc., Napanee.
 The issuing of Vol. IX. was left to the Editorial Committee,
 Mr. James, President and Secretary.
 The meeting adjourned at 4.20.

On Thursday, April 23rd, 1908, a conference with Mr. Dearness and Mr. Edwards of London was held in Room 3 of Toronto University at twelve o'clock, when those present were :—Mr. C. C. James, President ; Miss Carnochan, Mr. A. Fraser, Mr. Frank Yeigh, Mr. John Dearness, Mr. C. B. Edwards.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson acted as Secretary and read a letter of regret from Mr. Cumberland who was unable to be present.

The Secretary read an invitation from the London and Middlesex Historical Society to the Ontario Historical Society, to hold the Annual Meeting for 1908 in London.

Mr. Dearness explained that Mr. Lawson, the President of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, was absent from London when the notice of the Council Meeting on March 30th was received and regretted that London had not been able to send the invitation to hold the Annual Meeting in London to that meeting of the Council.

Moved by Mr. Alex. Fraser, seconded by Miss Carnochan—That the invitation to London be accepted for Sept. 10th and 11th, and that the Secretary write to Miss Mitchell, Secretary of the local society, accepting the same.—Carried.

The following subjects were proposed for papers for the Annual Meeting :—

1. Naval Engagements on Lake Erie.
2. Moraviantown and Tecumseh.
3. Early London (Dr. Campbell).
4. Simcoe's Efforts to Make London the Capital of Upper Canada.
5. The Dorset Settlement.
6. Canada Company.

The meeting adjourned at 12.45.

ELIZABETH J. THOMPSON,
Acting-Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1907-8.

Receipts—

July 11, 1907, cash on hand.....	\$ 62.29
Government grant, 1907-08.....	600.00
Membership fees.....	231.00
Interest on deposits.....	18.58
*Bal. due Treasurer, June 30th, 1908.....	53.31
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	\$965.18

*This was a deficit for a day only, as the 1908-9 Government grant of \$800 was available on July 1st.

Expenditures—

Payment on account, Vol. 8, Papers and Records....	\$250.00
Printing Annual Report, 1906-7.....	121.00
Secretary's Salary.....	200.00
Services of Secretary before appointment.....	17.50
Postage, express and petty expenses.....	134.70
Binding account.....	75.30
Engrossing address.....	15.00
Printing (other than Report and Vol. 8).....	63.24
Photos, cuts and maps.....	36.59
Press clippings.....	6.85
Travelling and other expenses of President and Secretary	45.00
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	\$965.18

Audited and found correct—

W. A. McLEAN,
J. J. MURPHY.

FRANK YEIGH,
Treasurer.

MUSEUM FUND, 1907-08.

June 30, 1907, balance on hand in savings bank... ..	\$348.25
Interest, 1907-08... ..	10.54
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June 30, 1908, cash on hand.....	\$358.79

Audited and found correct—

W. A. McLEAN,
J. J. MURPHY.

FRANK YEIGH,
Treasurer.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society was held in London, September 10th and 11th. The meeting opened in the Lecture Room of the Public Library at 11.20 with the President, Mr. Barlow Cumberland, in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Coyne that in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Thompson (owing to an accident), Miss Carnochan, President of the Niagara Historical Society, be asked to act as Secretary for the meeting.—Carried.

Those present were :—Mr. James H. Coyne, St. Thomas, President Elgin H. S. ; Col. Cruikshank, Ottawa ; Mr. Justus A. Griffin, President Wentworth H. S. ; Mr. Herbert F. Gardiner, Brantford ; Mr. David Williams, Secretary Huron Institute, Collingwood ; Mr. Thomas P. Hart, President Oxford Historical and Pioneer Society ; Mrs. E. Terrill, Belleville and Bay of Quinte Historical Society ; Mrs. T. B. Coutts, Thamesville ; Mr. H. M. McColl, Strathroy ; Miss Carnochan, President Niagara Historical Society ; Mr. Francis Cleary, President Essex County Historical Society, Windsor ; Mr. Norman Robertson, Secretary Bruce County Historical Society ; Mr. W. P. Hart, Woodstock ; Mr. Thomas E. Champion, Toronto ; Mr. George Howse, Galt ; Miss Gilkinson, Brantford ; Judge Ermatinger, St. Thomas ; Mrs. Ermatinger, St. Thomas ; Mrs. James H. Coyne, St. Thomas ; Mrs. Symington, St. Thomas ; Mrs. J. H. Wilson, President Woman's Branch Elgin Historical Society ; Mr. Wm. Matheson, Lucan ; Mrs. David Williams, Collingwood ; Mr. C. B. Edwards, Mr. T. E. Leonard, Dr. Wolverton, Miss Priddis, Miss Fraser, Mr. G. F. Breakenden, Mrs. G. F. Breakenden, Mr. Henry Macklem, Mr. J. S. Pearce, Mr. Frank Lawson, Mr. A. M. Fraser, L. Gibson, Mr. Douglas Wright, Mrs. E. B. Smith, Prof. Dearness, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. R. J. Evans, Mr. Thomas Bryan, Miss F. Loughheed, Mrs. A. F. Campbell, Mr. W. H. Winnett, Mrs. M. J. Gahen, Mr. Alex. McQueen, Rev. J. G. Stewart, Dr. C. E. Campbell, Miss F. A. Mitchell, Mrs. C. Healy, Mr. H. G. Caswell, Mrs. Anderson, and many others, London.

The hour before the meeting was spent in examining the interesting collection brought together by Dr. Wolverton, Mrs. Caswell, and Mr. Wright, consisting of Indian relics and weapons, books, papers and coins.

The President welcomed the delegates present and asked that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting be taken as

read as they had been printed in the Annual Report for 1907.

It was moved by Mr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Mr. Macklem, that the minutes be taken as read.—Carried.

Letters of regret were read from the following : Mrs. Seymour Corley, W. C. H. S., of Toronto ; Mr. Monroe, Woodstock ; Mr. Alexander Fraser, Toronto ; Canon George A. Bull, Hamilton Historical Society ; Rev. E. A. Chown, Secretary Methodist Historical Society ; President T. A. S. Hay, Peterborough Historical Society.

Mr. Hay regretted that the Peterborough Society was not making the progress it should. Correspondence was read from Dr. Fletcher, Secretary of the Royal Society, and Earl Grey's appeal for the Battlefields Commission ; also a letter from Mr. Parmelee of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, acknowledging copies of the correspondence between Mr. Cumberland and Earl Grey, and thanking our Society for the interest we had shown in the preservation of the Plains of Abraham as a permanent memorial to great men and great events.

Also a letter from J. Geo. Garnier, Esq., Chairman of the National Battlefields Commission, acknowledging receipt of our circular referring to the restoration of the Plains of Abraham and thanking us for our interest.

An invitation from the President of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire to the President and members of the O. H. S. to be present at the hoisting of the "flag" at the Old Fort, Toronto, on Friday, Sept. 11th, by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Mortimer Clark.

A telegram of congratulation was sent to Mrs. Nordheimer, President of the Daughters of the Empire.

RESIGNATION OF TREASURER.

A letter from Mr. Frank Yeigh, resigning his position as Treasurer, was read, and it was accepted with regret as Mr. Yeigh had been a most efficient Treasurer for nine years.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of the Acting-Secretary was read and adopted, and it was moved that with some verbal corrections it be accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer was then read and on motion

of Mr. David Williams, seconded by Dr. Wolverton, it was adopted.

AFFILIATION.

The affiliation of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society of Napanee.

The Tecumseh Historical Society of Thamesville, which had been received at the Council meeting of March 31st, was confirmed.

Application was also received from the Brant County Historical Society.

Dr. Campbell of London and Mrs. Terrill of Belleville spoke of the necessity of publishing papers read at the annual meeting.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

The reports of the affiliated Societies were then called for and pleasure was expressed at the large number received this year and regret that some of the older Societies had failed to send in their reports in time for the meeting.

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Miss Carnochan read the report of the Niagara Historical Society.

ELGIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mrs. James H. Coyne, Elgin County Historical Society.
Mrs. Symington, Woman's Auxiliary Elgin Historical Society.

HURON INSTITUTE.

Mr. David Williams, Huron Institute, Collingwood.

WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. Justus Griffin, Wentworth Historical Society, and the Stoney Creek Branch of the W. H. S.

At one o'clock it was moved by Mr. Dearness that the remaining reports be read later.

Those present then proceeded to the rooms of the Y. W. C. A., where a luncheon had been provided by the kindness of the London and Middlesex Historical Society.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

2 p.m.

At this meeting the President and members were welcomed to London by Alderman Armstrong in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor.

Mr. Cumberland replied, and after his address the meeting adjourned to accept a complimentary excursion to Spring Bank Park and the Banks of the Thames, by trolley, as the guests of the local Society.

SPRING BANK PARK.

Upon arriving at the Park the reading of papers was resumed in the Pavilion, the first being Dr. C. T. Campbell's on "The Beginnings of London," in which he traced the history of the locality from the visit of Governor Simcoe in 1830.

Mr. H. McColl of Strathroy followed with his admirable paper on "The Highland Pioneers of Middlesex."

These papers were particularly interesting as the railway and the Park follow the Banks of the River Thames and the visitors had pointed out to them the places mentioned in the papers, as also in passing through other parts of the city.

The party then returned to the trolley cars and were taken around the city, and later attended a garden party given by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard at their residence. Upon leaving, Mr. Cumberland, on behalf of the Society, thanked Mrs. Leonard for her kind hospitality.

EVENING MEETING IN NORMAL SCHOOL.

at 8 p.m.

The evening meeting was well attended and opened with an address from Mr. Macklem, President of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, who welcomed the Ontario Historical Society to London, and in his address referred to the similarity of names in London, England, and its Canadian namesake, namely, Middlesex, Westminster, Thames, Pall Mall, Black Friars, Lambeth, &c.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The President's address followed, and is printed elsewhere in this report.

Letters of approbation and regret were read from Mr. A. H. U. Colquhoun, Deputy Minister of Education, and Mr. C. C. James, Past President.

Judge Ermatinger spoke of the history of the present Court House in London, which had been built at Col. Talbot's advice upon the model of Malahide Castle, the home of the Talbots in Ireland, and pleaded that it should not be destroyed in the city, but kept as an historical museum or an art gallery.

Moved by Mr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Mr. L. E. Champion—That a vote of thanks be given Mr. Cumberland and Judge Ermatinger for their excellent addresses.—Carried.

During the evening Messrs. Clark, Ashley, Harding and Hychard, gave a quartette, and Miss McBride and Mr. Cyril Dwight Edwards sang a number of patriotic songs which were enthusiastically received. There were also songs by ten little girls, attired in white. God Save the King brought the meeting to a close.

The Friday morning meeting opened in the Public Library at 10 o'clock with a paper by Mrs. Kathleen B. Coutts on "Thamesville and the Battle of Moraviantown."

Mr. Francis Cleary of Windsor, President of the Essex Historical Society, read a paper on "The History of Fort Malden" and made a strong plea for the preservation of this historic landmark.

Mr. Thos. E. Champion, of Toronto, then gave a paper on "The Pioneers of Middlesex," followed by Mr. H. F. Gardiner of Brantford who spoke on "The Brant Centennial."

Col. Cruikshank was to have read a paper on "The Nancy and Naval Operations on the Georgian Bay," but owing to the short time left, spoke instead of the Dominion Archives at Ottawa where he is now in charge of the military papers and records. He detailed the work he desired to do in collaboration with the Historical Societies and the greatly increased material which had been collected from the Imperial authorities and the French Government upon the early history of Canada. Col. Cruikshank paid a high tribute to the late Dr. Brymner.

The meeting adjourned at o'clock when lunch was again provided for by the local Society.

The meeting was resumed at 2 p.m. when the reports of the nomination and resolution committees were received.

The report of the Flag Committee by Mrs. Fessenden was presented and read by the President in the absence of Mrs. Fessenden.

Dr. Campbell conveyed to the meeting the regrets of Sir John Carling that he was unable to attend the meeting and

Mr. Justus Griffin gave the same message from Canon Bull who for so many years has taken a deep interest in the Historical Societies of the Province.

RESIGNATION OF MR. YEIGH.

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. J. H. Coyne—That the thanks of the Society be sent to Mr. Frank Yeigh for his long and faithful services as Treasurer to the Ontario Historical Society.—Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF W. A. McLEAN AS TREASURER.

Moved by Mr. J. H. Coyne, seconded by Miss Carnochan—That Mr. W. A. McLean of Toronto who for so many years was one of our Auditors, be appointed Treasurer of the Ontario Historical Society to succeed Mr. Frank Yeigh.—Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. J. H. Coyne, convener, Mr. Macklem, Mrs. K. B. Coutts and Miss Carnochan, presented their report as follows :—

HON. PRESIDENT—Hon. Dr. R. A. Pyne, M.D., LL.D., M.P.P., Minister of Education, Toronto.

PAST PRESIDENTS—James H. Coyne, M.A., F.R.S.C., St. Thomas ; C. C. James, M.A., F.R.S.C., Toronto ; George R. Pattullo, Woodstock ; Lieut.-Col. H. R. Rogers, Peterborough.

PRESIDENT—Barlow Cumberland, M.A., Dunain, Port Hope.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank, F. R. S. C., Ottawa.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT—David Williams, Collingwood.

EX-OFFICIO VICE-PRESIDENTS—Presidents of all affiliated Societies.

SECRETARY—To be appointed by Souncil.

TREASURER—W. A. McLean, Toronto.

COUNCIL.

COUNCILLORS—H. H. Robertson, Hamilton ; Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto ; Rev. Chancellor Burwash, LL.D., F. R. S. C., Victoria University, Toronto ; Alex. Fraser, M.A., F. R. S. C., Bureau of Archives, Toronto ; Frank E. Leonard, London.

MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Toronto.

Miss J. Carnochan, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank, F.R.S.C., Ottawa.
H. F. Gardiner, Brantford.
Mrs. Kathleen B. Coutts, Thamesville.
Thomas E. Champion, Toronto.
Dr. S. Wolverton, London.

FLAG AND COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. C. Fessenden, Hamilton.
Judge C. O. Ermatinger, St. Thomas.
Geo. H. Hale, Orillia.
John Dearness, B.A., London.

HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

Clarence M. Warner, Napanee.
Adam Shortt, M.A., Ottawa.
Miss Priddis, London.
A. H. U. Colquhoun, LL.D., Deputy Minister of Education, Toronto.
Alexander Fraser, M.A., Toronto.

AUDITORS.

J. J. Murphy and Frank Yeigh, Toronto.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Justus Griffin, convener, Thomas E. Champion, David Williams, Thomas O. Hart and Miss Gilkinson, presented the following report:—

1. The Committee on Resolutions recommend that a circular be addressed to the editors of the various daily and weekly newspapers throughout the Province, asking them to furnish the Secretary of the Ontario Historical Society with copies of their papers when they may contain articles of historical interest.

2. They further recommend that the affiliated Societies be urged by circular to recommend their members to join the Ontario Historical Society in order that they may obtain the books, pamphlets, &c., published by that Society relating to Canadian history.

3. They further recommend that (though they fully appreciate the work accomplished by Mrs. Thompson as Acting Secretary) the time has come for the Society to appoint a permanent official and that the Council make the appointment.

4. They also recommend that hereafter the rail expenses of the members of the executive attending Council meetings be defrayed.

5. They further desire that it should be placed on record that the Society cordially appreciate the warm welcome extended to them by the Acting Mayor, Alderman George A. Armstrong, and the members of the City Council, and the Society also desires to acknowledge the unbounded hospitality of the London and Middlesex Historical Society and of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard and that we desire to express our appreciation of the singing of Miss McBride, Mr. Cyril Dwight Edwards, Messrs. Clark, Ashley, Harding, Hychard, and the others who contributed to the musical programme at the evening meeting.

Moved by Mr. David Williams, seconded by Mr. Francis Cleary, that the report of the Resolution Committee be accepted.—Carried.

OLD FORT.

Moved by Mr. David Williams, Collingwood, seconded by Mr. Francis Cleary, Windsor—

The Ontario Historical Society representing Historical Societies in 29 counties of the Province at its annual meeting in session in London, 11th September, 1908, reiterates the following facts :—

1. That the Old Fort at Toronto is an historic landmark, agreed to be held as an historical memorial forever.
2. That the City of Toronto has as yet done nothing whatever toward the restoration of the Fort as agreed to be done, as part consideration for the transfer to it of the Garrison Common.
3. That before any transfer of the property from the Dominion is completed, distinct understandings should be given by the City for its restoration.
4. That plans are required to be submitted for such restoration in character satisfactory to the Government, and the Historical Society.
5. It is therefore resolved that the work of the President and Council of the Society during the past year is approved, and that it be referred to them to have the necessary plans prepared and submitted, showing the restoration which will be acceptable to the Patriotic and Historical Societies of the Province.

That copies of the resolution be forwarded to His Excellency, Earl Grey, the Minister of Militia and the Interior and the Mayor of Toronto.—Carried.

Reports were also received from the following Societies :—

Essex County Historical Society, Windsor.

Norfolk Historical Society, Simcoe.

Canadian Methodist Historical Society, Toronto.

Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.

Women's Canadian Historical Society, Bowmanville.

Women's Canadian Historical Society, Ottawa.

London and Middlesex Historical Society, London.

Lennox and Addington Historical Society, Napanee.

Bruce County Historical Society, Walkerton.

Women's Wentworth Historical Society, Hamilton.

The meeting then adjourned to visit the large private collection of Mr. James Tune and many availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting his collection.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

PROGRESSION OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

In holding the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society in London, this year, we are following the practice always followed, of meeting in alternation in successive sections of our Province.

Last year we met in the East at Kingston amid the surroundings of an ancient fortified City where grim guns still point out from stone ramparts and Martello towers rising from the water's surface tell of the days when an enemy's fleet lay outside the City Harbour. A place of military and naval recollections and of records of mortal strife, reaching far back into the days of Indian and French occupation when Cataraqui and Fort Frontenac were newly given names and native and successive nationalities held sway.

In the previous year we had been within the Huron country adjacent to Collingwood, visiting the hallowed fortifications of Ste. Marie on the Christian Island and hearing on the spot, of the closing days of the French Mission and the decimation of the Hurons by the relentless Iroquois.

To-day in meeting in London we come to a newer centre, not of such vivid and scintillating story, but yet the scene of as earnest and as keen a record of early fortitude and struggle, not of the war of man against his fellow-men, of shots and strife, of wounds and glory or despair, but in brave-hearted achievement in entering the fastnesses of uncultivated nature and winning fair fields and smiling competence from where erstwhile was naught but forest tangle. A contest for the supremacy over the soil, for the bringing of its products to the service and maintenance of fellow-men.

Yet the story of each strife is equally history and an honoured portion of the annals of our country's life.

It is by alternations of conditions such as these that the Ontario Historical Society comes into personal touch with the varied sources of knowledge of our country's beginnings, ascertains and develops their narratives, and records them for the benefit of wider information.

We aim too by arousing, or reviving, an interest in history by the general public in each of the districts in turn, to

strengthen the efforts of the Local Historical Societies who, in modest and unassuming way, are doing real work for our country's welfare by preserving the records and noting the lives and histories of the men and women who first led the way in opening up each new community, keeping alive the stories of our national development and leading our youth and ourselves to a fuller appreciation of the advantages we enjoy in home and patriot land.

THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Our Society is the Central Historical Society of the Province of Ontario, incorporated by special Act of Parliament with the Minister of Education as Honorary President and headquarters in Toronto. It is managed by a Council, elected by its members and representing the several portions of the Province.

Its members are nominated to, and elected by the Council. Affiliated with this Central Society are the County and Local Societies of the Province who thereby obtain the powers and advantages of incorporation, their Presidents become ex-officio Vice-Presidents and Members of the Council, and their delegates entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

The Societies are widely distributed at Brampton, Barrie, Belleville, Hamilton, Thorold, St. Thomas, Simcoe, London, Ottawa, Stratford, Southampton, Collingwood, Napanee, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Prescott, Kingston, Peterborough, Woodstock, Milton, Sarnia, Bowmanville, Cobourg, Lindsay, Brantford, Thamesville, Port Arthur, Fort William and Toronto.

It is evident that this parent organization can with energetic interest be made an implement of much value in the promoting of unity of work in the otherwise separated Societies, blending the information received in one with the results of local research in others, bringing their membership into touch and comparison for the stimulating of enthusiasm and the deepening of a sense of our responsibility in the maintenance of reverence for the days and for the men of the past and the lessons to be learned from the record of their history.

During this year three new Societies have been added in our affiliation: The Lennox and Addington Society at Napanee, The Tecumseh Historical Society at Thamesville, The Brant Historical Society at Brantford. All these are in Counties of much early interest and from the evidences already produced will be the means of saving and placing in secure and accessible condition much of the hitherto scattered early memorials of these localities.

The reports received from many of the County Societies show continued progress and widened endeavors, others would appear to be resting for a while from their labours, which is not to be unexpected for there are times of rest for the renewal of vigor. The field seems silent, but the seed is germinating under the surface, and later the new activity of harvest will come.

INCREASED MEANS NEEDED.

It is here I think that our Society will bear improvement. As at present constituted its means are too limited for the possibilities that vigorous action could evoke. The Department of Education has given us quarters in the Educational Buildings at Toronto where our Historical Library comprising some 3,000 volumes and receiving constant annual accessions, is open for public reference.

Our present income is entirely absorbed in the publication of the Annual Reports of this and the affiliated County Societies and the annual volume of the "Papers and Records of the Ontario Historical Society"; of these 8 volumes have now been issued, that of 1908 comprising 228 pages and many illustrations. These volumes contain selections from the papers read at the annual meetings, particularly those specially relative to the district then being visited. Also other contributed papers of historical moment, church records and family genealogies of early days as from time to time recovered and for the first time published. Members on paying the annual fee of \$1.00 are entitled to receive a copy of each of these issues, containing a compendium of local Ontario History and now being much sought after and becoming increasingly valuable.

Increased opportunity for visitation by the officers of the Central Society is greatly desirable to aid the activities of the County Societies, promote the interest of their meetings and advise and assist in the progress of their work. To do this efficiently means for travelling expenses for visiting members of the Council and for a permanent Secretary require to be provided, our present means being entirely inadequate.

THE WORK OF COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES.

To Local County Societies particularly belongs the making research and the collecting of local annals of their district. It is a search which can be best done by persons on the spot and by individual interest spurred on by personal enthusiasm.

How much better shall we and our youth esteem the advantages and privileges of our present day, if we have become

acquainted with the heroisms and trials of those who first opened up the 'side lines' in the bush. The wide tilled fields which spread so broad and fair before our eyes, dotted with orchards, nestling close to roomy barns and pleasant houses, speak of plenty and of comfort. We see the oft-thriving villages and busy cities with every indication of taste and enjoyment, thronged by a people who appear happy with their lot. Once the aspect was greatly different. With, now, so fair a country we are prone to forget the men who brought it into being, the women who worked beside them and made the forest cabin the beginnings of a home.

These are the heroes of our countryside, — these are the makers of our history.

HISTORY.

What is history? It is described as an "inquiry into the records of past days, a story of the moving causes and a gathering of the lessons which are to be derived from them and from the lives of those who moved in them."

What a rich mine of inquiry lies in searching the history of our first settlers—Who were they? Whence did they come? What did they do?

They themselves had no time to write history, for their lives were spent in hard and isolated toil, when the necessities of life were more difficult to obtain than are the luxuries of to-day.

From their courage and perseverance, their helpfulness to one another, and their ungrudging zeal in work for the public benefit, we have gained much; we may glean encouragement to emulate their self-denial, as we enjoy the fruits of their labours.

MATERIALS FOR HISTORY.

The County Society is the proper place in which may be collected and stored any records which they may have left. Old letters often contain information which fills in the missing links in other narratives. Individual search may be made for them, indeed those having them should freely offer them for the care of the Society. If there are any letters or documents with which the owners do not care to part, copies may be made and filed with the Society's papers. Old pamphlets, old newspapers, old drawings exist in many separate households which by themselves do not appear to have great general

value, but when brought together, sorted and indexed will form valuable material for writers on early history. The records of the first school houses, their scholars and the teachers who in succession taught in them. So too with the churches and their registers and the first steps in magisterial and municipal workings. Collect the traditions of past times, seek information as to the customs and habits, the amusements, means of communication, dress and deportment of those early settlers. Many of these have passed away, but yet there are not a few left who have annals handed down to them from their predecessors. There is nothing more interesting than to take these narratives down in writing and add them to the records of your Historical Society. I have made these suggestions somewhere in detail, as help to those who have not yet entered into the enterprise and because of a rather prevalent idea that where there has been no warring strife of battles and adventures there is no history and therefore no historical work to be done.

Where can we get better examples of self-denial, self-help and stirring determination than in the manly vigor of our early men of the type of the "Backwoods' Hero" described by McLachlan, the poet of our Canadian Countryside :

"He hither came in days when this
 Was all a howling wilderness
 With little save his axe
 And cut, and slashed, and hewed his way
 And scarce a moment night or day
 His efforts did relax.
 He chopped, he logged, he cleared his lot
 And into many a dismal spot
 He let the light of day ;
 The church, the school-house and the mill,
 The store, the forge, the vat, the kiln
 Were triumphs of his hand ;
 And many a lovely spot of green,
 Which peeps out there the woods between
 Came forth at his command."

Each one joining your Historical Society may contribute some little circumstance to the general knowledge and certainly will be able to enjoy the evenings devoted to hearing the results of the labours of others. Thus shall we seek to do hon-

or to our forerunners and learn lessons from their lives for the building up of our national spirit.

A most necessary portion of the work of a County Society is publication and the indexing of their scrap books, letters and collections as notably done by the Lennox and Addington Society. These and the special papers on local subjects should be printed and thus be available for the information of all the members and for exchange with other localities. The publications of the "Lundy's Lane" and "Niagara" Historical Societies are prominent examples to be followed. I would urge upon the citizens of each locality that they extend their cordial aid to research and publication by becoming members of their Historical Society and so provide the funds necessary for such purposes. Particularly I would exhort the instructors and the students in the High schools to enter actively into the membership and this historical work by which their courses of study will be put at once into practical use.

HISTORICAL MEMORIALS.

Among the notable works done during the year by the Affiliated Societies must be recorded the continued and admirable preservation of the historic landmarks 'at Stoney Creek.

Some years ago the Gage property which was in the heart of the midnight engagement of June 15, 1813, and in which the American generals were confined after their capture, was acquired by the "Women's Wentworth Historical Society," and their museum and headquarters installed in the homestead which was repaired and restored to its original condition as in 1812. This year by the energies of the ladies the mortgage was paid off and the land deeded to the Society in permanent memorial.

The County of Wentworth Veterans' Association negotiated for and purchased a part of the battlefield of Stoney Creek in which a number of the soldiers of both the contesting armies had been buried. Being thus recovered and set apart for sacred uses it was consecrated on 1st May by Bishop Dumoulin amid impressive ceremonies in the presence of a large concourse of people drawn from Hamilton and all parts of the county. By good works such as these, the heroism and sacrifice of our defenders is kept alive, respect shown to their memories and the spirit of our youth strengthened to emulate their valour.

Not less instructing and right worthily won, is the record on the granite monument recently erected at Vandeleur in the County of Grey on which is inscribed :—

"To the Founders of School Section No. II, Artemesia,
1857—1907"

"Whose courage, honest intention, and stability of purpose
converted the primeval forest into homes for them-
selves and those that come after them."

All these are examples of a true appreciation of the makers of history in places of life and duty, far separated, yet equal in valour and importance.

They are also instances of practical historical work which may well be emulated in other localities.

DISCOVERY OF THE REMAINS OF VERENDRYE.

The finding of the remains of Verendrye and his companions which has just occurred is a most telling instance of persistent historic research, being at length crowned with success, and is worthy of being noted as resulting from the energies of the priests of St.-Boniface College, Manitoba.

To the intrepid explorers of the French-Canadian period is due our first knowledge of the north-west of Canada.

Their names still extant are set like jewels along all the interlacing lake and river routes which formed the lines of their discoveries. Frontenac, Fort Rouille, Detroit, Sault Ste. Marie, Marquette, Duluth, Fond du Lac, La Salle, St. Louis, New Orleans, record how they swept far back into the interior of the Continent and encircling the English colonies which had clung to the borders of the Atlantic, joined by their discoveries the two main river systems of the continent, the St. Lawrence and the Mississippi. Over these two mighty waterways and the interior trade of their Canada and Louisiana they raised the fleur de lis ensigns of their kings.

It was of one of these adventurers that interest has been aroused and maintained.

The Seigneur of Varennes held for 22 years the position of Governor of Three Rivers, the central point of importance between Quebec and Montreal. His French-Canadian son, Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, had entered the French army and after serving in Europe where he was severely wounded at Malplaquet had returned. Seeking like so many other French-Canadians the freedom and adventures of the woods he adopted the additional name of "de la Verendrye" and sallying forth held appointment in command of the French post on Lake Nepigon in 1728. Here he conceived the idea of still further explorations to the West and presented his plan to the Marquis de

Beauharnois, the "Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the whole of New France, lands and country of Louisiana." Having obtained the approval of the Governor he received his commission and orders to proceed "for the discovery of the Western sea."

Verendrye started from Montreal in 1731, but as the French home government had refused to contribute to the expenses of the expedition it was undertaken by him at his own expense as a trading venture. How far he travelled and how energetically he established his trading posts may be judged by their list and position.

Fort St. Pierre in 1731 on the Rainy Lake and in the following year Fort St. Charles on the Lake of the Woods were the earliest expansions. The first was named after his own Christian name and the latter Fort in honor of Charles de Beauharnois, the Governor of Canada from whom he had received his commission.

RENE LAKE.

The origin of the name of Rainy Lake and River, as now given, has been the subject of much conjecture. Some consider that it is the translation of the French, "Lac de la pluie," a watery name given indiscriminately like Longue Pointe to many localities, others thinking it should be spelled "Rene," as said by tradition to have been after some French explorer. This latter derivation is the more reasonable, and we may consider that as Verendrye had given the Christian names of himself and of the Governor to two places in the neighborhood he had named the Lake in honor of "Rene, Gaultier de Varennes," his grandfather. It would be a pleasant thing that the present spelling which, although in pronunciation the same, is much objected to as being unsuitable to the locality and conveying a detrimental suggestion should be returned to the name which will preserve an historical memorial and which there is every reason to consider it was originally given. Some other instances of degradation of names in this Lake Superior District may be mentioned. The "Amagdeloid Channel" of Isle Royale has become in sailors' language "Mackelroys Channel" and the Indian name of "Waiska Bay" has been corrupted into "Whiskey Bay!"

Proceeding further inland Verendrye established during the subsequent six years, Fort Maurepas on the Winnipeg River, Fort Rouge on the Red River, now one of the principal residential localities of the City of Winnipeg and still retaining

the name, Fort Dauphin on Lake Manitoba, Fort La Reine on the Assiniboine, Fort Bourbon on Cedar Lake and Forts Poskoyac and La Corne on the Saskatchewan. Pursuing his explorations in search for the Pacific still further west by the head waters of the mighty rivers of the plains he was the discoverer, through his sons, of the Rocky Mountains, for which he was decorated with the order of St. Louis by his French sovereign.

Portions of Verendrye's journals have from time to time been discovered and one was published for the first time in the Canadian Archives Report of 1889. In this frequent mention is made of his efforts to attract the trade of the Indians from the English who were then seeking to divert the trade of this interior west from the French St. Lawrence to the English route of the Hudson Bay. The localities chosen for his Forts and Depots were admirably selected by him for the purpose, in fact, they have all developed into prominence and are the trade centres of the West to-day. If Verendrye had lived in later times he would have been a good authority on the selection of town sites.

Two centuries have since passed away, the then unknown country into which he penetrated has expanded to be the dominant source of food products seeking the sea. To-day the routes of the St. Lawrence and Hudson Bay, instead of being in contest under rival nationalities are being developed for combined advantage by the English and French speaking Canadians of our United Kingdom. We of the present day are heirs to the energies of both these great competitors, we reap where they have sown.

Verendrye in his diaries narrated the details of the terrible disaster when on June 8, 1736, his son, Jean Baptiste, a Jesuit Father Aulneau and nineteen French-Canadian voyageurs were massacred upon an island in the south-west angle of the Lake of the Woods by a band of Sioux Indians. In the following September he led a canoe expedition to the scene and relates that he discovered the heads of the voyageurs and the bodies of his son and the Jesuit priest and had conveyed them to his Fort, St. Charles, where the remains were reverently buried beneath the chapel of the Fort.

The memory of these martyrs has been carefully preserved by the Jesuit Fathers and during the past century many expeditions have been made in search of the site of Fort St. Charles, but without success.

As historical enquirers have delved among the documents and papers accumulated in European archives and by publica-

tion made them known, additional evidences have from time to time been added to assist in the persistent endeavor. Later discovery made some twenty years ago in a remote French village by two Jesuit priests gave hope of better possibilities, but the riddle still remained unsolved. This present summer the brethren of the Jesuit College of St. Boniface continued the enterprise and search was made in a most systematic manner by the several parties they sent out. In July after closely comparing the French narratives with the traditions of the Indian tribes of the locality, and the ancient maps with the outlines of the shores, the places which appeared to present any likelihood were explored and trenches laboriously dug. At length a site which was apparently that of a Fort was discovered.

Further trenching (done with greatest difficulty through the closely growing trees) disclosed the foundations of these chimneys, the palisades and the positions of the buildings of the Fort as set down in the original narratives. Bones, old knives, nails, keys and buckles were taken out of the excavations and brought to Winnipeg.

In August last another expedition was sent out from the College and report has been made that after a further three days of hard work in excavating, at last the sacred burial site was disclosed. Nineteen separate skulls were found set close together. Next day remains of three skeletons lying separately were found and then the remnants of a box in which two skeletons were contained. The remains which lay separately are described by Father Dugas, the Rector of the College of St. Boniface in his interview with the Winnipeg Free Press, as being two of them younger, and the third older than would be those of the men sought for, but that the appearance and the marks on the two skeletons enclosed in the box indicate that they are the remains of Jean Baptiste and of Father Aulneau.

The discovery is of the utmost interest as verifying the records, and infinitely to the credit of the Roman Catholic clergy who have so affectionately pursued for so many years the search for the recovery of the relics of their martyred compatriots. Let us hope that full and detailed report will be published by the College authorities.

May we not note here the effect of individual inquiry upon collective knowledge. Step by step as widely separated letters have been disclosed, their contents made known and their information added to that already extant, the traces of the past history have been followed up and success at last arrived at. These are results which encourage Historical So-

cities to persevere in the collection of local material out of which perhaps there may come some gleams' of added knowledge which shall be a source of light to students in other localities and so aid in the solving of the history of past days.

OBITUARY AND RECOGNITION.

During this year two prominent members of our Society have passed away: Dr. James Bain, the Public Librarian of Toronto, was a man whose usefulness in the community will be greatly missed. His ripe knowledge, the result of a life-time spent among books, was cheerfully at the command of every student enquirer. As a Librarian he excelled not only in the choice of books, but in being an appreciative and capable guide to the varied contents of the great Public Library of Toronto, which had been mainly gathered under his charge. It would have been a pleasure had he been spared to see the completion of the new Library building for which he had so earnestly planned, but the Library to be stored within its walls will be his most telling memorial.

Miss Jean Anne Geeson, an efficient and much loved teacher in our Public schools, had done great service to the Society in her strenuous defence of the precincts of the Old Fort York from spoliation. Her letters and pamphlets on the Fort showed much research and were effective aids in spreading knowledge and widening interest in this historic spot to which she gave ungrudging and devoted labour.

As directed at the last annual meeting the Council presented to our retiring Secretary, Mr. David Boyle, an illuminated address, testifying to our high appreciation of his many years' service to the Society and received from him pleasing acknowledgement.

The publications of the Lundy's Lane Society have been among the most valuable and continuous of any of our County Societies. The Documentary History of the campaign in the Niagara Frontier 1812-14 contributed by Col. Cruikshank in eight volumes in successive years is of itself a notable achievement and forms a mine of information to those studying the military movements of that period. Col. Cruikshank has recently been appointed to the staff of the Canadian archives at Ottawa under Dr. Doughty to take particular charge of the military and war records in which his special aptitude and wide experience will greatly advantage the opening of these storehouses of information. The appointment is one

which was well deserved and receives the fullest commendation. We congratulate our vice-president upon the enlarged scope opened for his proved ability.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

The annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada was held in Ottawa in May and a report of the proceedings of this Society was presented by your President. As this is the tenth year since the re-organization of the Ontario Society a resume was given of the progress made and of the general methods of working which was received with much interest. Our nine Societies in affiliation in 1898 have risen to thirty-two, established in almost all the counties of the early Province of Upper Canada and doing excellent historical work. I had the honor of being elected one of the vice-presidents of the Landmarks section of the Royal Society as representative for the Province of Ontario, and Mrs. E. J. Thompsan, a member of the Council. It is proposed by this Royal Committee to promote and secure the care and maintenance of historic landmarks in all parts of Canada under the charge of independent commissioners. Our Society has already urged the setting apart and restoration of Fort Malden, Fort Erie and Fort York, and it is to be hoped that as increased prominence is now being given to the patriotic value of these old memorials of stirring days that practical results will be arrived at.

THE RESTORATION OF OLD FORT YORK.

During the year your Council has been constantly engaged in defending attacks being made upon the Old Fort York at Toronto. The position taken by the Society is, that as the City of Toronto has agreed so long ago as 1898 to completely restore the Fort as a part of the consideration for the transfer from the Dominion of the 200 acres of the Garrison Common property the City ought now to be asked to give definite undertakings for its restoration before any deeds are issued for it.

An attempt was made to promote a Bill in the Ontario Parliament empowering the City to construct a street railway through the Fort, but without presenting any conditions for the restoration of the Fort itself.

Our City and County Historical Societies were communicated with and asked to take action and circulars giving full details were distributed. As a result the clause of the City's Bill was not proceeded with.

Copies of the plan of the Fort as it existed in 1816 have

been made by the Society and sent to each of the Affiliated Societies. This and other plans which have lately been obtained by Dr. Doughty from the Ordnance Departments in Great Britain have been carefully compared, with the Fort and its buildings as now extant on the ground. We find that the Fort in its general outline is practically the same as of old and with reasonable expense can be completely restored to its previous condition. Correspondence has been had with the Mayor of Toronto. We ask that there shall be no further delay in deciding the plans for restoration and have offered to make and submit these plans in full detail. In the making of these we have the assurance of the advice and assistance of the military authorities. In our examination of the Fort property we find that there is evidence of considerable encroachments having been made upon the boundaries of Fort property, as it was originally set apart and arranged to be transferred as an historical memorial.

It is absolutely necessary that these boundaries shall be recovered. The attention of the City has been drawn to these encroachments and from independent legal search made on our behalf it would appear that there is a possibility of the City's acquiescence being obtained to the transfer of these boundaries as they now are, instead of as they originally were and ought to be.

A PARKS COMMISSION.

It will be remembered that in 1905 a proposition was made that this Old Fort York should be transferred to a Commission upon which the Historical Societies, the military authorities and the City were to be represented. It was considered by the Government that the negotiations for the transfer to the care of the City has proceeded too far to permit of any change being made then in the arrangement.

The record since then is that nothing whatever has been done for the restoration of the Fort, but only successive annual attempts to make use of it for the commercial purposes of a street railway without any definite plans or propositions for its restoration and maintenance. These attempts have each been defeated. Recriminations are being indulged in by the City as to why the Historical Societies did not take active interest in the Old Fort many years ago, and by the Societies for the want of consideration by the City of the patriotic duty towards this historical memorial situated in its midst and towards which it holds a sacred trust for the Province and the people of Canada.

The time for recriminations is past and that for active development has come. I thoroughly believe that the best way for the preservation of Old Fort York whose precincts long antedate the creation of the City would be to place it in the care of a fully authorized Parks Commission. Its restoration would then be effected in a manner consistent with its past history and with its development for present utility. The uncertainty as to its future would thus be removed.

The Fort is the property of the whole country. The City in its negotiations undertook to "restore and maintain the Fort as an historical memorial forever." No deeds have yet been issued and when they are they should contain such conditions as shall clearly specify and secure the trust in which it is to be held for all the people of Canada.

If immediate steps are taken to regain its full boundaries, the Fort is worthy and capable of being fully replaced. It is the best example of an early stockaded Fort on the Continent, was the centre of the gallant defence of York in 1813 and has been in continuous military occupation for over a century. Its ramparts once more raised to their full height, its guns, some of which are distributed in other parks, replaced, its blockhouses and buildings restored, so that they may be used as museums and quarters for army veterans who may be the custodians of the precincts, and the means of access to it improved, which may be done without detriment to its historical unity—then this Old Fort will become a place of highest interest to visitors and of much pleasure to the citizens of the City. I would propose we should proceed at once with the preparation of the plans and incur the necessary expenditure.

THE TERCENTENARY OF CHAMPLAIN.

The most notable historical event of the year was the celebration of the Tercentenary of Champlain at Quebec. Graced by the presence of the Heir to the throne, attended by representatives of other nationalities and of our sister colonies it so grew in scope and ideality as finally to rise from being the celebration of the beginnings of an ancient city to become the heralding of an united Canadian nationality.

Conceived on a scale stupendous and carried out to perfection, announced by the armament of a fleet and the footfall of soldiers and sailors in thousands, with historic story spread out before the eye in successive pageants of native Indians, intrepid adventurers, devoted religion, stately dames and courtly men, the events of the first three hundred years of Canada's progress were blended in all their variance into the announcement of the one adolescent unity whose era is now begun.

A special meeting of the Royal Society was one of the features of the festival held in the buildings of Laval University. At this Professor Geo. M. Wrong, one of our members, was admitted to his fellowship and Rev. Principal Burwash, one of our Executive, read an erudite and admirable paper on "Champlain."

I had the honor of leading the deputation from the Ontario Society to present our homage to the Royal Society and to testify to our French-speaking Canadian countrymen the thorough fellowship of our Ontario Societies in the history of the earliest days of Canada as being a part of our own, and of our full hearted interest with them in the preservation of the memories of their forefathers and the historic landmarks on the banks of the St. Lawrence.

An interest which was evidenced by the fact that Ontario had granted \$100,000 towards the project of their recovery, a sum equal to that given by the Province of Quebec.

So long ago as June, 1899, at the meeting held in Toronto, this Society had passed a resolution advocating the preservation of the Plains of Abraham. Ever since the beginning of this present movement of the recovery of the Battlefields of Quebec the Ontario Society has given its earnest advocacy, its members have been active in their support, and we have received the commendation of His Excellency Earl Grey and of Sir George Garneau, the chairman of the Battlefields Commission.

The wondrous celebration has come and passed, but the memories and ideals evolved by it will long hold sway in people's minds.

Through it Canada has more than ever been made more widely known. Held in the ancient walled City whose annals antedate those of any other, at the place where the ocean tides are joined by the waters of the Key River to the trade of the interior and the far west of the Continent, the ancient history and the modern commercial possibilities of Canada were simultaneously projected into the problems of national progress.

A people of potentiality hitherto unnoticed or unestimated suddenly rose above the horizon.

The celebration of the Tercentenary of Champlain has presented Canada to the courts and peoples of the world.

WHAT WILL BE ITS EFFECTS ?

But what will have been its effects on ourselves ? This brings with it thoughts which may well receive the deepest consideration from our Historical Societies in their meetings

during the coming year. Shall we be equal to our past and worthy of our possibilities?

Assuredly the Tercentenary will have brought more acquaintance with the French period of Canada to many of our Western people.

Here, we English-speaking people are, as a community, so immersed in the whirl and struggle of development, expansion, and business success that we spare little time to studying the movements of our immediate history, much less of that of other portions of our country and still more less of what share we ourselves are taking in the moulding of it.

May we not learn something from our French-Canadians whose interest in their upbuilding and their forerunners is so unbounded? Can we not note that from the earliest of their days their religion has ever accompanied them in their progress, and to-day is an integral part of their national life. Whether it be in their homes or in their schools consideration of the future life is as much a portion of the day's duty as is preparation for this.

The pioneers who came to New France were accompanied by the unselfish desire of spreading Christianity. With the arms of their king they raised aloft the Christian cross as signs of the new sovereignty then brought by them.

Thus is it not for the real happiness of our Quebec brothers that they have preserved these ideals and these memories and so display in their homes and among their families a cheerfulness and gaiety of heart, a regard for religion, a reverence for elders, a placidity of content which makes the living of life of equal consideration with that of working for gain. The study of their early history will enable us to better understand our brother Canadian and appreciate his point of view.

So also our French-speaking Canadian will, by the thorough earnestness in which we have joined with him in those celebrations of his patriot heroes, have learned that his fellow-countrymen of these later days of our country's history date the beginnings of our united Canada back to the prowess of their French pioneers.

It was Champlain who first explored our Province of Ontario. Lake Nipissing, the French River, the Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe, the Trent valley to Lake Ontario were all passed over to and fro by him in his explorations. We claim him as one of our own pathfinders.

We remember, too, that after the new allegiance, which our French-Canadian had acquired at the time when the blood

of the armies and Wolfe and Montcalm had re-baptized the soil, was put to the test, and he was assailed in 1776, by invaders from the revolted English colonies to the south, he remained true to the British colours. Thus by his honest valour he helped to keep the Union Jack flying over his own country and over our shores of Ontario where our United Empire Loyalists afterwards found refuge and new homes. Since then these two blended races have stood side by side.

Our loyalty to the Empire which won Canada, and for whom we hold it, is a loyalty of sentiment and descent—a loyalty of the blood.

His is loyalty, to the soil occupied for centuries by his forefathers, and a firm abiding faith in the new Kingdom and constitution under which those forefathers first acquired the liberties of free men—a loyalty of deep seated conviction. Both loyalties are equally true, both are centred on the same object. It will be for us later comers to see that we so bear ourselves toward him that we shall deserve from him that same faith and assured confidence in our dealings which he holds toward the Empire of which we with him form part. No thought of French domination or of English domination, but an amalgamation and union for the purposes and advancement of the whole. The joining of the two races in the Quebec Tercentenary shows that this has come.

THE BLENDING OF THE RACES.

This blending of the two races which are the component parts of our new Dominion in Canada is not a new problem in evolution. The study of the history of the British people of the old island kingdoms and its comparison with the phases of the annals of Canada presents wonderful analogies and leads to the strongest faith in the upbuilding here of a common nationality.

Time was that a Norman French king crossed the channel from France and conquering at Hastings brought the Saxon kingdom of England beneath his rule and impressed the laws and vitality of his race upon his new subjects. His descendants still sit upon the throne, and the lilies of France by reason of this descent were still on the arms of the British king when Wolfe won his victory at Quebec. Their Norman English king had come back to the Normans in Canada. It was but an alternation of the ruling allegiance. Thus also, in the Tercentenary celebrations, the heir to the throne of "Britain and the British dominions beyond the seas" in coming to Quebec was being welcomed by reason of his ancestry and by his own people.

As the Norman and the Saxon races in the Old Land have by centuries of intermingling and the acquirement of what was best in each been fused into the united English nationality so there lies before us the capacity to grow similarly in harmony with our brothers in Quebec, the descendants of these same Normans of old. Thus there shall be created in Canada, sprung from this nation, a people which in spirit, in character, in righteousness which exalteth a nation, shall not be less worthy than the British nation in whom we hold united allegiance.

It is not in the bulk of territory, the magnitude of population or the wealth of possessions by which the greatness of a nation is to be estimated, but by the character of its people.

In the formation of the character of our people in this nation building epoch in Canada our Historical Societies have an Imperial duty to perform.

I commend to you the passing of a series of your meetings in laying before your members the successive epochs of the history of our Quebec and Maritime countries as well as those of our own Ontario. Obtain the interest and assistance of the teachers and students of your High and Public schools and so attracting the general public, we shall be fulfilling some of our duty in widening the knowledge of our people and in building up a united nationality.

REPORT OF FLAG AND COMMEMORATIVE DAYS COMMITTEE.

Though nothing of unusual importance has occurred during the past year, events show that we are progressing toward a more perfect understanding of the story of our flag and its import to us, the children of its promise.

Notably pleasing has been the exchange of flags between schools bearing the same name, or hailing from the same town in different parts of the Empire, London, Oxford House School at Highgate, England, signalized its exchange of flags with the Collegiate Institute, London, Ontario by a most interesting ceremony. The King being associated in the work of a telegram reading, "The masters and pupils of Oxford School House, unfurling the flag presented by the Collegiate Institute, London, in Canada, offer to your Majesty their duty." A cordial reply was received from the King thanking the school for their loyalty.

It is interesting to note how largely the names of English cities, towns and villages are reproduced in the Dominion and now that this flag exchange has received the Royal approval, we may anticipate its wide adoption, and that between the younger generations of our Empire new and fruitful associations will be set up between its members. In reply to the question, "What is our national flag?" Lord Knollys, who was written to, by the President of the Ontario Historical Society, has most assuredly made it plain that the Union Jack has paramount and to be used on all occasions as the flag of the Empire, though not to the exclusion of the British and Canadian ensigns on certain occasions.

Outside Imperial limits there would seem to be, more tolerance of our flag, while the ever conscious United States is not so assertive in his claims to fly the Stars and Stripes over the Union Jack on every jubilant occasion.

One of Canada's great commemorative days has been duly celebrated at Quebec. As patriots we appreciate its worth. There has been expressed a strong desire to incorporate the names of other great men and women in our national calendar of holidays, General Brock, Laura Secord, among others. Whether or no we are prepared to ask for another holiday, there can be nothing but good arise from the teaching of such life lessons as theirs on Empire day.

CLEMENTINA FESSENDEN.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

YORK PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT..... .William Rennie, Sr.
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT... .Eli Crawford
 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT..... .Capt. William McClain
 THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.. .Alex. Gibb
 FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT..... .Daniel Lamb
 FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT.. .Lieut.-Col. McGillivray
 TREASURER..... .John Harvie
 SECRETARY..... .Rev. H. S. Matthews
 REGISTRAR..... .Josiah Rogers
 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT—Captain Jessop, Chair-
 man ; John R. Bull, Esq. ; John Maughan, Esq. ; William
 Crocker, Esq. ; J. D. Nesmith, Esq. ; James R. Briggs,
 Esq.
 AUDITORS..... .W. A. Parsons and W. E. Griffith

With this Annual Report the York Pioneer and Historical Society have passed their thirty-ninth milestone, and with renewed strength and vigor. Membership has increased nearly double the past year—thanks to Mr. Crocker and others. The Society is now five hundred and seventy-four strong, composed of those who have done their individual part to make the County of York and City of Toronto what they are to-day. We have the satisfaction of knowing that the foundations were well and truly laid. We are naturally very proud of our County of York and City of Toronto, which hold such prominent positions in our fair Dominion of Canada.

Our monthly meetings, held at the Canadian Institute, 198 College St., on the first Tuesday of each month, have become exceedingly interesting and profitable. We usually have an address on some historical subject, followed by a discussion and five-minute speeches by all the new members present.

Our summer outing was held on July 25th at Scarborough Beach Park by invitation from the management. There was a large gathering of members, with their families and friends, who spent an enjoyable afternoon in visiting the sights in this new and beautiful park.

The day of days is "Pioneer Day" at the Canadian National Exhibition, and the centre of attraction is the old log cabin, where all are made welcome. Our regular monthly meeting is held on the lawn, as the cabin is entirely too small.

After business, a pleasant time is spent discussing "old times" with Pioneers from a distance. An interesting feature is a chat amongst the oldest pioneers present. Our respected member, Mr. Laving, who is in his ninety-seventh year, is our oldest member at present. After a pleasant hour has been spent, adjournment is made to the lunch room, led by the band.

After lunch there is a short entertainment, composed of speeches, patriotic songs, etc., by prominent members of outside Societies. This day is looked forward to with pleasure.

In the summer of 1879 the York Pioneers erected a log cabin on the Exhibition grounds, and moved the old Simcoe cabin from Smith's farm, east of the Don River, where it was erected by Governor Simcoe in 1794. The new cabin, which was built of green tamarac logs, soon decayed, while those in the Simcoe cabin are perfectly sound, with the exception of the foundation logs, which had to be renewed. We have made an exhibit of old relics in the log cabin for the past twenty-nine years, free of expense to the Exhibition Association. On busy days the cabin is simply crowded with visitors. A large building has now become an absolute necessity in order to make a creditable display. We have a large collection of old Indian relics at the Norman School (for want of a suitable building in which to exhibit them). Our Society paid four hundred dollars for this collection thirty years ago.

During the past year fourteen of our members have been called to their long home. This is a larger number than usual, as might be expected on account of our increased membership: Elijah Westman died November 1st, 1906; R. W. Gouinlock died February 18th, 1907, 59 years of age; W. M. Briggs died April 12th, 1907, in his 88th year; Capt. Rufus Skinner died June 13th, 1907, 83 years of age; Alfred E. Hayter (Registrar of our Society) died May 15th, 1907, in his 85th year; Dr. Brunskill, of Thornhill, died September 2nd, 1907; Chas. W. Coleman, died September 6th, 1907 (on his birthday), 67 years of age; Major Manley died September 13th, 1907, in his 55th year; John Carroll died September 29th, 1907, 72 years of age; Geo. Vair (professional florist) died December 10th, 1907, in his 75th year; Dr. Philip Strathy died January 1st, 1908, in his 45th year; Edward Hønlan (professional oarsman), died January 4th, 1908, 52 years of age; R. K. Freeman died January 24th, 1908; George Robertson died March 2nd, 1908, aged 66 years. As will be seen by the above list, three of the deceased had passed their four score years, one the three score and ten, and the other nine were under the allotted span.

On the death of a member the York Pioneers' flag has been floated half mast on the St. Lawrence Hall, ever since the inception of the Society. as a tribute of respect. Members are requested to attend the funeral of a departed brother, when possible.

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, 1907;

To Balance from 1906.....	\$234.40
Fees and Bank Interest for 1907.....	281.81

\$516.21

By expenses for the year.....	393.25
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To Balance in Bank, carried to 1908.....	\$122.96
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JOHN HARVIE,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, beg to report that having examined the vouchers of Treasurer, find that there was a balance of \$234.40 up to 31st December, 1906. The total receipts for the year 1907 were \$281.81, making a total of \$516.21. The expenditure for same year being \$393.25, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer to 31st December, 1907; of \$122.96'

(Signed) W. A. Parsons,

W. E. Griffith,

Toronto, 6th February, 1908.

Auditors.

THE LUNDY'S LANE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.. ..Rev. Canon Bull, M.A.

PRESIDENT... ..Lieutenant-Colonel Cruikshank

VICE-PRESIDENT..... ..Rev. Dean Houston

SECRETARY-TREASURERJames Wilson

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

It is now twenty-two years since the Lundy's Lane Historical Society was formed, and, as outlined in the previous annual reports, the Society has been instrumental in having many improvements made, and better caré taken of the local

battlefields, and has also given Christian burial to the bones of the brave who fell at these various points.

During the past year the Society has issued one more volume of Documentary History, containing 280 pages of most valuable and interesting documents bearing upon the War of 1812-14. This is the eighth volume of Documentary History compiled by our noted historian, Lieutenant-Colonel Cruikshank, covering the period from October to December of 1813, and like the former volumes is greatly appreciated by the historical authorities of both Canada and the United States.

Apart from this publication and the usual attendance to visitors to the local historical points of interest, no incident of importance has taken place.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 30, 1907, TO APRIL 30, 1908.

(Prepared in accordance with request of Department of Education.)

RECEIPTS.

April 30, 1907.	By Balance, cash on hand.....	\$286.77
April 30, 1908.	By Cash, membership fees	\$ 3.00
	By Cash, sales of Society's publications	126.62
	By Grant from Ontario Government...	200.00
				329.62
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				\$616.39

EXPENDITURES.

April 30, 1908.	To maps for Volume VIII Documentary History	\$ 28.00
	To insurance on publications	10.90
	To printing Volume VIII Documentary History...	297.95
	To postage, etc., on publications	24.60
				361.45
To Balance, cash on hand.....	254.94
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				\$616.39

Certified : James Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Niagara Falls, Ontario, December 12th, 1908.

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NIAGARA, ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT..... Miss J. Carnochan
 VICE-PRESIDENT... .. Rev. J. C. Garrett
 SECRETARY... .. Alfred Ball
 TREASURER..... Mrs. S. D. Manning
 AUDITORS... .. W. J. Wright, Jno. E. Kersley
 CURATOR AND EDITOR... .. Miss J. Carnochan
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—President, Vice-President, Sec-
 retary, Treasurer, Mrs. T. F. Best, W. R. McClelland,
 Rev. J. P. Bench, F. J. Rowland, W. J. Wright, M.A.
 HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS—Mrs. Roe, Mrs. H. Cle-
 ment, Chas. A. F. Ball, H. Paffard.
 LIFE MEMBERS—T. K. Thomson, Mrs. J. E. Wilson.
 HONORARY MEMBERS—Rev. Canon Bull, Lieut.-Col. Cruik-
 shank, F.R.S.C., Sir James Le Moine, John Ross Robert-
 son, Hon. Wm. Gibson. Jas. Wilson, C.E., David Boyle,
 Major Hiscott, E. A. Lancaster, M.P., Dr. Jessup, M.P.
 C. C. James, F.R.S.C. Newton Ker, C.E., Hugh J.
 Chisholm.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1908.

In reviewing the work of this year as contrasted with last year, that of the opening of our building, which may be called the "banner year," when a fresh impulse was given and many new members added, it was feared that this year might seem unsuccessful in comparison, but we are glad to say that in nearly every respect the work has been in advance of former years. The regular monthly meetings were held from October to May and valuable papers were read as follows:—

- Early Shipbuilding in Niagara, Miss I. G. Gilkinson.
- Reminiscences of Queenston, Miss Joanna E. Wood.
- Soldier Pensioners of Niagara, Miss Catharine Creed.
- Some Impressions of European Travel, Miss Joanna E. Wood.

Resemblances and Contrasts, Kingston and Niagara, Miss Carnochan.

The Origin of Some Words, Rev. J. P. Bench.

Last year the debt on the building was \$350, but this has now been reduced to \$200, although over \$50 has been expended in additional cases, etc. During the year nearly twenty new members have been enrolled and we now number 160 members, many in places far distant. In the new visitors' book nearly 2000 have entered their names since June 4th, 1907, and of course many failed to register. The contributions to the contents of the room have been numerous and valuable, altogeth-

er over 4000 articles are now in the building. A coin case has been procured which is already nearly full. A fine bust of Sir Isaac Brock has been lately given and a flag of the 2nd Lincoln of 1830, also several valuable and rare books. Copies of maps lately sent to the Archives, Ottawa, from England, have been presented by Mrs. E. J. Thompson and many books and valuable pamphlets by Mrs. J. G. Currie, St. Catharines.

During the year we printed a full account of the opening of our building June 4th, 1907, which was sent to members, contributors to the building fund, Historical Societies, etc., and the paper read by Col. Cruikshank, "Ten Years of Niagara, 1780-1790," is now in the hands of the printer, and we are anxious to reprint 7 and 10 with corrections and additions, the edition of several of our publications being exhausted. More pamphlets were sold last year than in any previous year of our existence and in all over 600 copies were distributed. We now exchange with 35 Societies.

The usual visit was paid to the graveyards on 17th September, placing flowers on the graves of the worthies of the past. The President of the Society was the delegate at the annual meeting of the O. H. S. at Kingston, visiting with others the historic spots in the Limestone City, Forts William Henry, Frederick, the Military School, Art Gallery, University, these annual visits being always productive of some benefit to our Society.

We would like to draw the attention of the Government to the neglected condition of the Forts George and Mississagua and in especial to the encroachments of the lake on the Military Reserve which is year by year being washed away so that soon the foundation of the old fort will be undermined and this and other historic remains will disappear.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED BALL,
Secretary.

JANET CARNOCHAN,
President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$173.05
Members' Fees.....	60.50
Grants.....	125.00
Sale of Pamphlets.....	31.80
Donations.....	10.75

\$401.10

EXPENDITURES.

Grant to Building Fund... ..	\$100.00
Insurance.....	30.00
Printing.....	81.05
Postage.....	21.25
General Expenses.....	54.27
Miscellaneous.....	20.12
Balance on hand.....	94.41
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	\$401.10

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Members last year... ..	125	Committee Meetings held. .	3
Members this year... ..	151	Books and Pamphlets in	
Public Meetings held... ..	8	Library... ..	630
		Added during the year.....	158

PUBLICATIONS.

Count de Puisaye and Sir Isaac Brock.
 Report of Opening of Memorial Hall, June 4th, 1907.
 Twelfth Annual Report, October 13th, 1907.

PAPERS READ AND LECTURES GIVEN DURING THE YEAR.

Personal Reminiscences, Jan. 15th, 1907, by Rev. J. C. Garrett.

Ten Years of Niagara, 1780-1790, March 21st, Col. Cruikshank, F.R.S.C.

Evolution of Our Building, June 4th, 1907; by Miss Carnochan.

Early Legislators of Niagara District, June 4th, 1907, by C. C. James, F.R.S.C.

Old Pensioners of Niagara, November, 1907, Miss Creed.

Early Boat-building in Niagara, Dec. 9th, 1907, Miss Gilkinson.

Queenston Reminiscences, Jan. 18th, 1908, Miss Joanna G. Wood.

Derivation of Some Words, March 9th, 1908, Rev. P. J. Bench.

Resemblances and Contrasts between Kingston and Niagara, Feb. 11th, 1908, Miss Carnochan.

THE ELGIN HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.

Organized April 29, 1891.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

PRESIDENT... ..James H. Coyne, M.A., F.R.S.C.
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTMrs. J. H. Wilson
SECRETARY.....Herbert S. Wegg
TREASURER.....William Murch
CURATOR.....Mrs. W. S. Thomas Smith
EDITOR.....Judge Ermatinger
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE--Judge Cotter, Samuel Price, F. Hunt, J. W. Stewart, K. W. McKay, Chas. D. Oakes, Mrs. J. S. Robertson, Mrs. C. O. Ermatinger, Mrs. Truman Duncombe, Mrs. C. St. Clair Leitch.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1908.

Eight meetings were held during the year 1907-08.

Thirty-six new members were elected. The membership is now upwards of 170. Meetings were well attended, interesting papers and addresses were presented, and the Institute is in a flourishing condition.

During the summer of 1907 the members made their annual picnic excursion to the Southwold Earthwork and Port Talbot. A second picnic was held near Sarum on the invitation of Mr. Charles D. Oakes.

Captain John Price of Port Stanley presened to the Institute original papers relating to the institution in 1817 of the Talbot Anniversary.

The following were among the papers and addresses presented during the year :

By the President : Address on the romantic history of Colonel Talbot, with some account of distinguished visitors to Port Talbot. Address on a recent trip to the Rockies and Edmonton. Readings from proof sheets of the Talbot papers. Hardships of the Talbot settlers in 1816, as set forth by Singleton Gardiner in a letter to Henry Coyne. Original minutes of the first Masonic Lodge (No. 30) at St. Thomas, 1818 to 1822. Bill Kissane, a noted criminal connected with St. Thomas in its early days.

By Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Vice-President : Three Talbot letters recently discovered in the Dominion Archives.

By Mr. W. H. Murch : An address, delivered at the Southwold Earthwork on the Institute's first visit in 1891, and Mr. David Boyle's description of the fort.

By Mr. Frank Hunt : On the Pioneers of Southwold.

By Judge Ermatinger : Address on his trip to Europe, with special reference to Belgrade, Dublin and the Castle of Malahide.

By Mrs. Dawson Kerr : History of Paul's or Turville's Hollow, St. Thomas.

By C. St. Clair Leitch : On the early settlement of Dunwich and Aldborough.

By A. W. Graham : Reminiscences of Manitoba, 1866-1870, including personal experiences of the writer as a prisoner of Louis Riel at Fort Garry, with extracts from diary.

The expediency of endeavoring to obtain permanent quarters for the Institute has been discussed, and it is hoped that something may be accomplished in the not distant future by a strenuous and sustained effort in this direction.

The Institute has become a member of the Canadian Landmarks Association. It will cordially co-operate with other organizations in promoting the object of the Quebec Battlefields Association, and thereby of the National Battlefields Commission.

JAMES H. COYNE,
President.

WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON, ONT.

Organized, January, 1889.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

HONORARY PRESIDENT... ..Rev. Geo. A. Bull
PRESIDENT..... ..Justus A. Griffin
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT... ..S. F. Lazier, K.C.
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..H. H. Robertson, K.C.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY... ..Mrs. R. G. Sutherland
RECORDING SECRETARY..... ..John H. Land
TREASURER..... ..John H. Land
AUDITOR..... ..Charles Lemon

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Charles Lemon, Jos. H. Smith,
D'Arch Martin, John W. James, L.L.B., C. R. McCullough,
Mrs. Edward Martin, T. H. A. Begue, Lieut.-Col. A. H.
Moore, Mrs. S. D. Biggar.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

(For year ending April 1st, 1908.)

Your Secretary-Treasurer begs to submit his report for the year just past, which, though not marked by public efforts or effects, as but one open meeting held, has, nevertheless, been a year of fairly effective work.

Our President represented the Society at the meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, held at Kingston, and reported it as most enjoyable and instructive, owing to the historical character of the locality, and the happy selection of subjects for the several papers read.

Rev. Canon Bull having called attention to the shameful neglect of the family burial plots of the pioneer families, notably that of Geo. Hamilton's family, situate at the head of Ferguson avenue, and now in possession of the City as one of its parks, the Society was instructed to make inquiries as to the Department controlling this spot, with a view to memorializing for its protection. The only tomb now recognizable there, is that of the late Dr. William Case, the first medical man to settle here. So far as can be learned, the Parks Board have jurisdiction, though nothing has been done in the way of improvements.

The Ladies' Committee has taken in hand the furnishing of rooms in Dundurn, commemorative of the visit of H. R. H. the Princess Louise.

We were so fortunate as to prevail on Miss Gilkinson, of Brantford, to read her paper on the early history of the G. W. R. and which included anecdotes and incidents connected with the prominent business men of those days. She also read a brief but very interesting account of the Joseph Brant Centennial Memorial.

The County of Wentworth Veterans' Association have purchased the pit on the Stoney Creek battlefields, known as "Smith's Knoll," where a number of those who fell in that battle were buried. The Executive Committee donated \$50 to the purchase money.

At the request of the united Historical Societies of Toronto, this Society joined in the protest against the demolition of the "Old Fort" in that city.

Following a visit by the President and Secretary, to Stoney Creek, a branch of this Society was organized at that place on the 17th February last, with E. D. Smith, M.P., and W. A. Corman, as Honorary President, and President, re-

spectively, and Rev. W. A. Davis, Secretary (whose report is appended), and a list of officers whose names are a guarantee of good and enduring work, backed as they are by a large and enthusiastic membership.

A petition from the Veterans' Association and this Society, was forwarded to the Minister of Militia, asking for the erection of a suitable monument at Stoney Creek, and an assurance from that Minister that a sum would be put in the estimates for that purpose gives encouragement to the hope that something may be done. Mr. Zimmerman, one of the members for Hamilton, was also interviewed, and promised to aid in the matter.

A deputation from the same bodies also waited upon the Ontario Government to ask assistance towards this object.

The Historic Landmarks Association was formed for the purpose of securing and tabulating information as to sites, documents, and relics, with a view to their preservation, and this Society has become affiliated with it, and it is expected that the members will report to the Executive, any localities, documents, relics, buildings, &c., worthy of being preserved and commemorated.

For the more convenient arrangement of our letters and documents, the Society was authorized to procure a three-drawer filing cabinet, which very slightly minimizes the inconvenience arising from the want of a place of deposit for our books, maps, etc., and a room in which to hold our meetings. The Library at Dundurn, in which a good many of our books are now, is only available, even to the officers of the Society, from May 1st to Nov. 1st. During the rest of the year our property might as well be at the north pole. An effort was made to secure a room in the Court House, our officers having waited on the Joint Committee for that purpose, but there did not seem to be any vacant. This is a matter that will have to be taken into consideration in the near future.

In view of the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec, it was decided to donate \$50 for the purchase of prizes to be awarded for the best essays on that subject, written by pupils in the county schools, this amount supplementing the grant from the County Council.

A meeting, at which this Society was represented by the President, resulted in the formation of a committee to raise funds in aid of the Quebec Tercentenary, and the purchase of the historic Plains of Abraham.

Following the successful institution of the Stoney Creek branch, efforts were made towards getting Ancaster, Dundas, and Waterdown to follow suit, so far without success. Mr. Kendrick suggests that the matter should be introduced to the people of Ancaster through the medium of a picnic, a good idea, combining pleasure and business, and well worthy of being worked out, not only at Ancaster, but other fields as well.

On May 3rd the newly acquired plot on the battlefield of Stoney Creek, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Niagara. Many officers and men of the City Regiments, the 77 Cadets, as well as the Masonic and other Societies, the pupils of the Fruitland and Stoney Creek schools, the Veterans' Association, Historical Society, County and Township officials, clergy, &c., and a great crowd of deeply interested people, witnessed the interesting ceremony, a touching feature of which was the decoration of the graves with wild flowers, gathered and deposited there by the school children.

We have to note with deep sorrow, the loss by death of one of our vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Rose Holden, who died on the 14th April last. While we shall miss her sorely, the loss will fall far heavier on the Ladies' Committee, of which she was the active and competent President.

Our thanks are due to the officials of the Y. M. C. A. for their courtesy in placing this room at our disposal, and that of the Executive Committee, free of charge; to the Dominion Archivist, for recent publications; the Dominion Geographer, the Militia Council, the Royal Society, the Bureau of Labor, the Ontario Archivist, The Hydro-Electric Commission, the Women's Canadian Historical Society, the Library of Congress, the Ontario Historical Society, the Niagara Historical Society, for their respective publications.

The publication of a fresh volume of proceedings has brought our finances down below par, as the Treasurer's report will show. Forty-two copies have been mailed to corresponding Societies and members, as well as a supply to the new branch.

I have written 26 letters, and made the usual reports during the year.

The total membership is now 143, including the Ladies' Committee and the Stoney Creek branch.

The Stoney Creek section, notwithstanding its recent institution, has been very active, and shown great energy in assisting, indeed in doing almost unaided, all the work in connection with the protecting and beautifying the plot of ground

purchased by the Veterans' Association as the site of the proposed monument.

The Township Council of Saltfleet contributed towards the expense of the permanent works, on the plot, and the members and their friends did the work, willingly sending their teams and men, and working themselves until the historic spot was put in beautiful order.

The members took an active part in the arrangements for the consecration of the ground by Bishop Du Moulin, and the decoration of the graves on the anniversary of the battle.

Steps are now being taken to have the monument erected. The Dominion Government, having made a grant for this purpose, and it is intended to have the foundation put in at once.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$251.31
Members' Fees.....	39.75
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	\$291.06

EXPENDITURES.

Rentals.....	\$ 2.00
Printing.....	191.35
Postage.....	4.64
General Expenses.....	20.00
Miscellaneous.....	55.00
Balance.....	8.07
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	\$291.06

Number of members last year, 53 ; number of members this year, 76 ; public meetings held, 2 ; committee meetings held, 3.

Publications issued—Vol. 5 of our Journal, Transactions. 11 papers as per list of contents in volume, with 16 illustrations.

Lectures during the year—(1) Jan. 5, 1907, subject, "Canada in the 20th Century," with illustrations, by Mr. Frank Yeigh ; (2) Nov. 29, 1907, subject, "The Great Western Railway, its description and completion," by Miss Augusta Gilkinson.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
TORONTO.

Organized in 1894.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.. Lady Mortimer Clark
 PRESIDENT..... Mrs. Forsyth Grant
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. Mrs. J. A. Paterson
 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT..... Miss Fitzgibbon
 RECORDING SECRETARY Miss Vandersmissen
 TREASURER..... Mrs. Stupart
 AUDITORS..... Mrs. S. M. Grant Macdonald, Mrs. Torrington
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. H. M. Hill, Mrs. J. Bain,
 Mrs. Corley, Mrs. Gordon Mackenzie, Miss Josephine Mc-
 Callum.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Members' Fees.....	\$ 86.00
Grant, Provincial Government.....	100.00
Queen Victoria Memorial Fund.....	3,777.89

EXPENDITURES.

Rentals.....	\$ 22.00
Printing.....	122.85
Postage.....	2.47
General Expenses.....	13.50
Books Purchased.....	15.75
Pictures Framed.....	10.00
Fees to Local Council of Women.....	2.00

Number of members this year, 229 ; number of public meetings held this year, 6 ; number of committee meetings held, 11.

The Society also held an exhibition of original drawings, water color paintings of the wild flowers of Canada loaned by the artist, Miss Agnes Chamberlain. 338 drawings were exhibited in the east hall of the University. A lecture on botany was given by Prof. Scott of the Normal School, the proceeds being devoted to the Memorial Hall Fund. A lecture by Mrs. Elliott Brown with limelight illustrations was also given at the evening meeting. A number of old prints, original sketches and papers have been given to this Society during

the year. The Library has been added to both by gift and purchase and the usual exchanges from sister Societies and Libraries received.

PUBLICATIONS.

Transaction No. VIII.

Life and Letters of Lord Sydenham, by Mrs. Gordon Mackenzie.

Letters and Memoirs of Brock, by Capt. Freer, A. D. C. to H. R. H. the Duke of Kent and Military Secretary in Canada, 1812-14.

PAPERS READ DURING THE YEAR.

Arthur Washburn Treasure, Miss Muriel Merrill.

"The Perce Rock," with illustrations, by Miss C. N. Merritt.

"Extracts from Memoirs of Capt. Freer," A. D. C. to H. R. H. the Duke of Kent. &c.

"Simon Fraser, the Discoverer of the Fraser River," by Mr. Alex. Fraser, Provincial Archivist.

"Toronto's Share in Canadian Letters," Marjorie MacMurchy.

"Cape Breton," by Miss Richardson.

M. AGNES FITZGIBBON,

Secretary.

THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF
OTTAWA.

Organized 1899.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

HONORARY PRESIDENT..Lady Laurier
 HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT... ..Mrs. G. E. Foster
 PRESIDENT..... ..Mrs. T. Ahearn
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT... ..Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall
 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTLady Ritchie
 SECRETARY..... ..Mrs. Braddish Billings
 TREASURER..... ..Mrs. Redmond Quain
 AUDITOR..... ..Mr. J. D. Fraser
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Sedgwick, Mrs.
 J. Lorne McDougall, Miss Read, Madame Lelievre, Miss
 Horsey, Mme. Marcil, Mrs. D. H. McLean, Mrs. Geo. E.
 Perley.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.....	\$ 71.27
Expenditures.....	45.93
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Balance.....	\$ 25.34

Number of public meetings held this year, 6 ; number of committee meetings held this year, 6.

LECTURES DURING THE YEAR.

- Early Bibliography of Ontario, by Mrs. Billings.
- Early Fur Trade, by Miss Rothwell.
- Rideau Canal, by Mrs. Billings.
- Cornwall and Williamsburg Canal, by Mme. Rheaucme.
- Trent and Murray Canals, by Mrs. Simpson.
- Kingston and its Harbor, by Mrs. G. E. Perley.

ELLA O. QUAIN,
Secretary.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF ELGIN COUNTY HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Organized 1901.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

- PRESIDENT.....Mrs. J. H. Wilson
- FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT..Mrs. Jas. H. Coyne
- VICE-PRESIDENTS...Mrs. Duncombe and Mrs. Robertson
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY...Miss Helena Travers
- SECRETARY-TREASURERMrs. Graham Symington
- ASSISTANT TREASURERMiss F. McLachlin
- REPORTER.....Mrs. F. A. Fessant
- CURATOR.....Mrs. R. H. McConnell
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Mrs. Jackson, Anderson, Coughell, Doherty, Green, Hutchinson, McLachlin, Cameron, Finlay, McKay, Miss Fitzgibbon.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1907-08.

During the year nine regular and several committee meetings were held.

Papers prepared and read were as follows :—

An excellent description of a trip to the Pacific Coast and report of the meeting of the National Council of Women held in Vancouver, Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Mrs. Lousia King.

History of the County of Haldimand, Mrs. Coulter.

History of Brantford, Mrs. R. H. McConnell.

History of the Life of Marguerite de Roberval, Mrs. J. P. Finlay.

History of The Bannerman Place, Mrs. J. A. Kains.

Early Recollections of St. Thomas, Miss Ermatinger.

History of the Island of Anticosti, by Lady Edgar, loaned by the Toronto Society, and read by Miss McAdam.

History of Alma College, Mrs. R. J. Warner.

History of St. Peter's Church, Tryconnell, Mrs. C. St. Clair Leitch.

History of the Blackwood Family, Miss Ella Sinclair.

It is the intention to publish the papers in book form.

Six social gatherings were enjoyed by the Society during the year : a picnic to Col. Talbot's old home at Port Talbot, a delightful afternoon at the home of Mr. Chas. Oakes, New Sarum ; a reception in honor of our President, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, on her return from the West ; the annual social evening at Stevenson's parlors ; a picnic at Port Stanley on the grounds owned by the late Col. Bostwick, the founder of Port Stanley, and a pleasant afternoon at Hotel Invererie, Port Stanley, when the Society were entertained by the management of the hotel.

Numerous valuable relics were received during the year, and the Society hope to secure new quarters, where these objects of historic interest may be placed, and open to the inspection of the public.

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

The Society has to its credit \$135.18 in the Southern Loan & Savings Co.

BELLE SYMINGTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$104.17
Members' Fees.....	25.00
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	\$129.17

EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses.....	\$ 37.76
Balance.....	91.41
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	\$129.17

Number of members last year, 100 (limit) ; number of members this year, 100 ; number of public meetings, 8 ; number of committee meetings, 3.

THE NORFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Organized Feb. 9, 1900.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908.

PRESIDENT..... Frank Reid
 SECRETARY-TREASURER .. H. Frank Cook
 AUDITORS... .. Walter C. McCall and J. D. Christie, B.A.
 COUNCILLORS, His Honor Judge James Robb and Elias Boughner.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$114.85
Members' Fees.....	11.50
Interest.....	3.36
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	\$129.71

EXPENDITURES.

Printing.....	\$ 1.25
Postage.....	.22
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	\$ 1.47

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Number of Members last year..... 65
 Number of Members this year..... 64
 Number of Public Meetings held this year..... 3

H. FRANK COOK,
 Secretary.

WOMEN'S WENTWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMIL-
TON, ONT.

Organized 1894.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907.08.

PRESIDENT..... ..Mrs. John Calder
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..Mrs. John S. Hendrie
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTMrs. R. R. Waddell
THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..Mrs. J. M. Gibson
FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENTMrs. John Crerar
RECORDING SECRETARYMrs. Bertie Smith
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Miss Minnie Jean Nisbet
TREASURER..... ..Miss Ethel McKay
AUDITOR..... ..W. H. Ballard

Efforts have been made to induce the local authorities to devote more attention to the preservation of historic points and landmarks, but we find it hard to awaken an interest in the minds of the powers that be.

The Ladies' Committee has taken steps towards furnishing in a historical manner certain rooms in Dundurn Castle to commemorate events in connection with its history.

In November last Miss Augusta J. Gilkinson read before this Society a very interesting paper on the inception and building of the Great Western Railway, which was full of incident and gave in detail an account of the celebrations in Detroit and Hamilton on the occasion of the opening of that road. Miss Gilkinson also presented a short paper on the Brant Centennial.

The County of Wentworth Veterans' Association having undertaken to purchase the plot on Stoney Creek battlefield, known as "Smith's Knoll," where a number of those who fell in that battle are buried, this Society donated \$50 to the purchase fund. We also joined with the Veterans' Association in petitioning the Dominion Government to erect a suitable monument at Stoney Creek and have received a communication from the Minister of Militia, informing us that in response to the petition of this and other Societies, the sum of \$5,000 has been voted for that purpose.

We have during the year affiliated with the Historic Landmarks Association and appointed a committee to make and forward a list of places deserving of being marked.

In view of the celebration of the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec, this Society offered in each of the ten municipali-

ties in Wentworth County, three prizes for essays on the founding and history of Quebec. Nearly forty essays have been sent in from eight municipalities. These all show that the students have absorbed much information in their study of Canadian history and several of them display real talent. The principal of the High school at Dundas, who is also president of Wentworth County Teachers' Association informs us that in his opinion nothing ever before awakened such an interest in history among either teachers or scholars and he predicts that both will be thereby stimulated to a better study of the subject.

Last winter the President and the Secretary attended a meeting at Stoney Creek, of gentlemen interested in the preservation of the spot where the British soldiers fell and were buried after the battle of Stoney Creek. As a result a branch of the Wentworth Historical Society was formed there on Feb. 17th, with E. D. Smith, M.P., as Honorary President ; W. E. Corman, President, and Rev. W. A. Davis, Secretary.

This branch has devoted its energies to work in connection with the burial plot before mentioned, working in conjunction with County of Wentworth Veterans' Association, and joined with that Society in sending a deputation asking from the Provincial Government a grant toward a monument. By means of several "Bees" in which many members participated, the materials for the retaining wall were procured, the grounds levelled and beautified, a flag pole erected and everything put in shape for the consecration ceremony, which was performed by His Lordship, the Bishop of Niagara, assisted by Rev. F. E. Howitt, chaplain of Veterans' Association, and Rev. W. A. Davis, rector of Stoney Creek, on Sunday, May 3rd.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Grants.....\$300.00

PUBLICATIONS.

Historical Sketches and Souvenir of Military Encampment and "Ye Olden Tyme," both compiled and edited by Minnie Jean Nisbet, and containing original articles by well-known writers.

Souvenir of Stoney Creek Battlefield, by Minnie Jean Nisbet.

MINNIE JEAN NISBET,
Secretary.

HURON INSTITUTE, COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

Organized April 26, 1904.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-1909.

HONORARY PRESIDENT... ..F. T. Hodgson
PRESIDENT..... ..John Lawrence
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..M. Gaviller, C.E.
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.. .. Miss F. E. Redmond
SECRETARY..... ..David Williams
TREASURER..... ..A. H. Cuttle
CURATOR..... ..James Morris
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Officers and P. Paton, Col. G. W.
Bruce, G. W. Winckler, F. F. Telfer, Dr. J. H. Irwin.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 19, 1908.

This Institute enters upon its fifth year under most favorable circumstances. Since its inception it has continued to grow in favor, the work it is doing being appreciated by the public even if the interest some of us would desire is not manifested by active co-operation. The year just closed has been the best in the history of the Institute, being prolific of much good work. Two departments, namely, Historical and Civic Improvement, have been especially active.

During the year fourteen meetings were held, eight regular, four executive, and two open, one of the latter taking the form of an excursion to Christian Island and the other that of an exploration picnic to the site of the Indian village, St. Mathias, and the rock reputed by Rev. A. E. Jones, S.J., to be "The Standing Rock" of the Petuns, who occupied the territory at the eastern base of the Blue Mountains to the west of the town.

The attendance at the several meetings was larger than in previous years, the average at the regular meetings being about twenty-one, while the majority of the members of the executive were present on the four occasions the committee was summoned.

At six of the regular meetings papers were read on subjects pertaining to the history of this part of the Province, five of these dealing with as many of the local churches. The first, "The Roman Catholic Church," was read by Miss Minnie Howard. This was followed in order by "The Presbyterian

Church," by Miss Eva Mitchell ; "The Methodist Church," by Miss Mae Switzer ; "The Anglican Church," by Mr. M. Gavliler, C.E., and "The Colored Church," by Miss Ella Hilborn. The papers gave evidence of much study and research and proved interesting to those who were privileged to hear them or afterwards read them in the press of the town.

Another paper, "Where is the Standing Rock of the Petuns?" was prepared by Mr. John Lawrence, vice-president. This covered a wider field than any of those already mentioned, and was a well thought out series of arguments respecting the location of this much discussed landmark of the early Indians who lived within the shadow of the Blue Mountains. By this paper Mr. Lawrence throws new light on the subject which, if taken advantage of, may ultimately result in a definite conclusion being arrived at. Not only does the writer of the paper set forth strong arguments anent the location of "The Standing Rock," but he gives the result of his observation and explorations respecting the various villages that are believed to have been located toward the northern end of the Blue Mountains in the vicinity of the present village of Craigeleith.

Taken altogether these papers are valuable additions to the historical data already in the archives of this Institute and which at some future time, let us hope, may prove of value and interest to the historian of this part of the Province.

While the regular and executive meetings were wholly given up to the material side of the Institute, this was varied by the two open meetings referred to. The excursion to Christian Island was by the Northern Navigation Company's steamer City of Midland, upwards of four hundred ladies and gentlemen taking advantage of the outing. On invitation, Rev. Father A. E. Jones, S.J., archivist of St. Mary's College, Montreal, and a recognized authority on the history of the Huron Indians, accompanied the members on the visit to the historic Island, the scene of so many stirring events during the Indian struggles of the first half of the seventeenth century. At the Island, in the little Roman Catholic church, Father Jones interested quite a number with a brief address in which he reviewed the history of the Huron race, bearing particularly on the last stand made by the remnant of the tribe during the winter of 1649 on the Island to which they had fled when driven by the Iroquois from their villages on the mainland.

Many of the members and excursionists visited the ruins of Fort Ste. Marie II, prettily situated in a little grove, but a short distance from the beach lapped by the blue waters of

the Georgian Bay. It was found to be sadly neglected and it is to be regretted that more active efforts have not been made to preserve the historic site. Your secretary would urge that this Institute take up the matter of its preservation with the Sites Preservation Committee of the Ontario Historical Society and with the Historic Land Marks Association. Unless some concerted action is soon taken it may be lost altogether to the historical sites of the Dominion.

The exploration picnic was attended by between forty and fifty of the members and as in the case of the excursion proved profitable, educational and enjoyable. The destination as already stated was "The Standing Rock," but on the way thereto the party made a stop at the site that has been located as that of the Petun village of St. Mathias, where pieces of pottery bearing marks that unquestionably identify it as the former habitation of the Petuns, also beads, pipes and other articles, were found within the area marked by the changed color of the soil as the location of the once populous village. At "The Standing Rock," beside the little stream that like a silver thread winds its way down the steep incline, the party picnicked, studying the while the landscape and discussing the history of those who lived and roamed in the present counties of Grey and Simcoe years before the hand of the white man touched the forest that then covered the land.

During the year the Civic Improvement Department undertook a Lawn Competition which was carried to a highly successful conclusion, arousing as it did much interest amongst the property-holders throughout the town. To our honorary president, Mr. F. T. Hodgson, who very kindly donated \$10 for prizes, must be given the credit for initiating the idea, but those in charge of that department deserve praise for their splendid work in connection therewith. The donation was supplemented by the Institute by a grant of \$10 and by upwards of 100 or more shrubs donated by Messrs. Stone & Wellington, The Capital Nurseries of Ottawa, and Messrs. Brown Bros. of Toronto.

Upwards of thirty citizens entered the competition and quite a rivalry arose, the several competitors exerting their best efforts to capture the highest awards. The interest was retained until the close of the season, when the prizes were awarded, Mr. W. Carey securing the first, Mr. H. Lamont the second, and Mr. C. Telfer, third. Each of the other competitors received awards of one or more shrubs.

This competition proved of more than passing importance inasmuch as it not only affected those who were in the competi-

tion, but many others who, seeing the improvement being made by their neighbors, were inspired by pride to go and do likewise. The result was a marked change for the better in the lawns and home surroundings. No plans have yet been announced for the ensuing year, but it is to be sincerely hoped that the good work so well commenced will not be permitted to lag, but that some comprehensive scheme will be prepared and submitted to the Institute as early as possible.

The Botanical, Zoological and Geological Departments have not been quite as active as the others, although the latter added to the museum several important specimens secured through the efforts of the director.

Of the museum it is necessary to say but little in this report, the curator having furnished reports to the Institute from time to time of the additions thereto. In passing it is worthy of note that some valuable relics, documents, maps and books have been received during the year. The space is well occupied, nevertheless if the people of Collingwood will add to the already large collection, room will be provided. There are many articles of value, the majority donated, and our museum has to-day quite a high reputation among those of the smaller class.

It is my pleasure to again report that the work of the Institute continues to be recognized by the Ontario Government and that the annual grant of \$100 is again included in the estimates of the Department of Education. Reports were filed by your secretary during the past year with the Minister of Education and also with the Ontario Historical Society, these being included in their respective published volumes.

While the Institute has been devoting its energies almost wholly to local matters, its influence has been more far-reaching, and to it some of the credit is due for the taking up of the question of a publication of a history of the County of Simcoe by the County Council. Some of the members have been urging this upon members of that body for some time and it is gratifying to know that the efforts put forth in that direction will in all probability bring about the desired end. A committee has been appointed to formulate a plan and present a report at the June session of the council.

Your secretary has, acting in accordance with a resolution of your executive, commenced a scrap book and already considerable matter relating to the history of Collingwood and the

County of Simcoe has been collected. In this work the members are urged to lend their assistance.

The publication of a volume containing the several papers read before the Institute has been under consideration by your executive, but definite action has as yet been deferred. Should the scheme looking to the re-organization of the Ontario Historical Society now under consideration become a fact, publications will be one of the factors in determining the annual grant from the Provincial Government. Other items that will also be taken into consideration will be membership, research and possibly additions to the museum.

DAVID WILLIAMS,

Collingwood, March 19th, 1908.

Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$163.43
Members' Fees.....	23.00
Grants.....	100.00
Excursion.....	34.25
Donations.....	10.00
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	\$340.73

EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses... ..	\$ 67.00
Miscellaneous, prizes.....	20.00
Balance on hand.....	253.73
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	\$340.73

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Members.....	63
Public Meetings held.....	10, 8 regular and 2 open
Committee Meetings held.....	4

THE LONDON AND MIDDLESEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
LONDON, ONT.

Organized Oct. 22, 1901.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

HONORARY PRESIDENT... ..Hon. Sir. John Carling
 PRESIDENT..... ..Henry Macklin
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..Mr. Frank Lawson
 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTMrs. Brickenden
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY... ..C. B. Edwards
 RECORDING SECRETARY.....Florence A. Mitchell
 TREASURER..... ..J. Dearness, M.A.
 AUDITORS... ..J. Pearce and A. Fraser
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Miss Macklin, J. Dearness, J.
 Pearce, Cl. T. Campbell, M.D., A. Fraser, Miss Priddis, Dr.
 Woolverton, Miss Cannell, Mrs. Brickenden, Mrs. Graham.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand..... ..	\$127.32
Members' Fees..... ..	7.50
Grants..... ..	100.00

EXPENDITURES.

Printing..... ..	\$ 4.75
Postage..... ..	16.00
Miscellaneous..... ..	131.50

Number of members last year, 30 ; number of members
 this year, 30 ; number of public meetings held, this year, 7 ;
 number of committee meetings held, 8 ; number of books and
 pamphlets in library, 75 ; added during the year, 15.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Founding of London, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell.
 The Pioneers of Middlesex, Sir John Carling.

LECTURES DURING THE YEAR.

Oct. 15, 1907, Life of Jos. Wilcox, by Dr. Woolverton.
 Nov. 19, 1907, two papers on Life of Ruskin as a Painter,
 Architect, Historian and Educator, by Miss Barliam and Mr.
 F. Lawson.

Dec. 17, 1907, Rudyard Kipling, by Mr. Irwin.

Jan. 21, 1908, Career and Trial of William Townsend, the Early Highwayman, by Dr. Woolverton.

Feb. 18, 1908, Three Historic Days on the Niagara River, by Mr. J. Sheppard of Queenston.

March 17, 1908, Reminiscences of the Early School Days of London, by Mr. W. D. Eckert.

April 28, 1908, Annual Meeting and History of the Baconian Club, by Mr. C. G. Jarvis ; The Seven Edwards of England, by Mr. Macklin.

FLORENCE ASHFORD MITCHELL,
Secretary.

ESSEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WINDSOR.

Organized January, 1904.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

PRESIDENT..... Francis Cleary
 VICE-PRESIDENTS, A. Philip E. Panet and Rev. T. Nattress
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.. Miss Jean Barr
 SECRETARY-TREASURER A. J. E. Belleperche
 AUDITORS... F. P. Gaven and Judge McHugh
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Officers and Judge McHugh,
 Alex. Bartlett, D. H. Bedford, Jas. McEwan, Fred Neal,
 Capt. Cheyne, F. P. Gavin and Mrs. A. Philip E. Panet.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 90.26
Members' Fees and Sundries.....	9.05
Grants.....	100.00

\$199.31

EXPENDITURES.

Rentals.....	\$ 1.50
Printing.....	5.50
Tablets.....	117.00
Postage, Etc.....	1.75
Balance.....	73.56

\$199.31

Public meetings held, one ; committee meetings held, one formal, several informal.

Lectures during the year : Battle of Windsor, F. Cleary.
 A. J. E. BELLEPERCHE,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

THE LENNOX AND ADDINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
 NAPANEE, ONTARIO.

Organized May 9, 1907.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

HONORARY PRESIDENTS—The Rev. Canon Jarvis, and John Gibbard, Esq.

PRESIDENT..... Clarence M. Warner

VICE-PRESIDENT... Mrs. Alexander W. Grange

SECRETARY-TREASURER ... Ulysses J. Flach

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The five Officers and Mrs. H. T.

Forward, Mr. Fred Burrows, Uriah Wilson, M.P., George D. Hawley, and Rev. Alexander Macdonald.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Members' Fees and Subscriptions.....	\$139.50
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	\$139.50

EXPENDITURES.

Balance on hand.....	10.00
Finishing and Furnishing Hall.....	110.25
General Expenses.....	\$ 19.25
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	\$139.50

Number of members this year, 45 annual, 2 life ; public meetings held, 7 ; number of books and pamphlets in library, about 300 ; number added during the year, about 300.

No books have been issued, but full reports of our meetings with most of the papers read at the meetings and several other interesting documents have been printed in the local papers.

LECTURES DURING THE YEAR.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland, "Historical Societies."

Mrs. Alexander Macdonald, "A Trip to the Coast."

Prof. Adam Shortt, "The First Visits of Europeans to the Vicinity of Kingston."

Miss Chauncey Tocque, "Early History of Prince Edward Island."

Mr. E. R. Checkley, "Yarker and Vicinity."

Mr. W. S. Herrington, "The Origin of Some Local Names."

Miss Jessie Chrysler, "At Chrysler's Farm."

The Rev. Canon Jarvis, "Some Notes of Early Ecclesiastical History."

Mrs. J. Conger Allen, "Memories of Spain."

Mr. C. C. James, "The Making of the Province."

Clarence M. Warner, "Some Early Amusements of the County."

U. J. FLACH,
Secretary.

THE HALTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MILTON,
ONTARIO.

PRESIDENT.....D. Robertson
SECRETARY.....R. Coates

Several years ago the Halton Historical Society was organized with D. Robertson, M.D., now Registrar of the County of Halton, as President; Dr. Richardson of Burlington (since deceased), W. H. Young of Oakville, H. P. Moore of Acton and some other gentlemen as Vice-Presidents, and your humble servant, Secretary.

There was an effort made to gather a few relics of interest which was not a very great success. However, one document of interest was rescued from the dust heap and cremation viz., The Notes of Session of the Presbyterian Church in the Neighborhood of Milton. This record covers a period from A. D. 1820 to 1857. It is in a good state of preservation and has given much pleasure and satisfaction to the older men and women who have perused it!

There has also been found and preserved in typewritten form a letter written by one James Laidlaw to his friend, James Hogg, known as the "Ettrick Shepherd." Mr. Laidlaw lived on the spot now occupied by the Metropolitan Church in Toronto. The letter was written in 1819.

At one of the county fairs held here in Milton there were gathered together several implements of household use, a wheel for spinning flax, an old-fashioned frying pan with its wooden jack, an old fire shovel and tongs, a pair of andirons,

a pair of brass candlesticks and pair of snuffers, a half-bushel bake-kettle, a Dutch oven (tin reflector) for baking bread before an open fire, an iron dung fork, a wooden hay fork, and several other relics of a past generation that were objects of sober inquiry by the younger people." What are they for anyway?"

As Secretary I sent out to many of the older people in the county for interesting accounts of what had been done in the early days of the settlement of the county. I got only three responses, one from Benjamin Walbrook of Oakville about the early settlement of parts of Trafalgar and many interesting reminiscences of the stave rafting days, etc., etc.; one from the late C. P. Preston relating specially to the naming of the village of Hornby, the story being well told, and one from William McCrancy about the early settlement of Oakville and its pioneer settlers, more particularly about the Chisholm family.

The general excuse I got from the parties to whom I sent my circular was, "Oh, I can't write anything that would interest anybody, but So and So or So and So can tell you all you want to know," but I found So and So just as unable to tell me what I wanted as the first applicant. What is wanted to get this unwritten history is an enthusiast who has the leisure and the interest or taste for the work and much could yet be gathered ere it be lost forever.

R. COATES,

Secretary.

BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WALKERTON.

Organized September 16, 1901.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

PRESIDENT..... .. Lt.-Col. A. E. Belcher
 SECRETARY-TREASURER Norman Robertson
 AUDITOR..... .. W. M. Dack

No meetings were held during the year, except the annual meeting in January for the election of officers. A number of interesting records have been added to the library, and also some articles illustrating the life of the first settlers of the county.

NORMAN ROBERTSON,

Secretary.

THE WOMEN'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOWMANVILLE.

Organized December 17th, 1901.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

PRESIDENT..... Mrs. W. W. Tamblyn
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.. ..Miss J. Galbraith
SECRETARY.....Bertha L. Tamblyn
TREASURER.....Miss E. Hillier
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Miss M. Allen, Miss Fairbairn,
Miss Hillier.

Number of members last year, 18 ; number of members
this year, 19.

BERTHA L. TAMBLYN,
Secretary.

OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WOODSTOCK, ONT.

Although we have not been holding meetings for the past two years, interest has again been renewed, largely through the efforts of our Secretary, Mr. Munroe, who has secured a room in the Carnegie Library Building soon to be opened in Woodstock.

This room will be used by the Society to hold meetings and also for a museum. Through the influence of Mr. G. R. Pattullo a series of articles are being printed in The Sentinel-Review on the History of Norwich Township by a daughter of the late Mr. Trefry, an early settler of the above township.

W. P. HART,
THOS. P. HART,

'Acting Delegates to the O. H. S.

THE CANADIAN METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Organized November 30, 1899.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

PRESIDENT..... ..Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D.
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT..C. C. James, M.A., F.R.S.C.
 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTRev. A. Carman, D.D.
 THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.Rev. R. Cade
 SECRETARY-TREASURERE. A. Chown
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEThe Officers of the Society

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand..... ..	\$ 9.40
Members' Fees..... ..	3.50
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	\$ 12.90

EXPENDITURES.

Printing, postcards..... ..	\$ 2.50
Postage..... ..	1.00
Balance on hand..... ..	9.40
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	\$ 12.90

E. A. CHOWN,
 Secretary.

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.

First Vice-President, Eli Crawford.

W. H. Doel, Secretary-Treasurer.

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

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

1890.

Wm. Rennie, Secretary. First report published.

1890.

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 January, 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.

June, Canadian Institute, Toronto.

President, Rev. Canon George A. Bull.

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

Thorold and Beaver Dam'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.

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 Agnes Fitzgibbon, Mr. James Bain, Professor Mavor, Rev. Prof. Wrong, Mr. C. C. James, Rev. P. L. Spencer, Very Rev. Dean Harris, LL.D., Miss J. Carnochan, 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.

June, Onswear—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.

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.

1904.

April, Ontario Educational 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.

1908.

September, London.
President, Barlow Cumberland.

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