

LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Literary and Historical Society took place at the Rooms, Morrin College, on the 8th instant, the following gentlemen being present : Capt. Wood, President, in the chair ; J. Geggie; D. H. Geggie, P. Johnstone, A. Robertson, Sir James M. LeMoine, Arch. Campbell, C. Tessier, P. B. Casgrain, S. Lesage, Jas. Morgan, Geo. Lampson, J. F. Dumontier.

The President read the report of the Council for the past year, as follows :

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1902.

Though the past year has been one of comparative quiet in the annals of the Society, this does not imply any lack of capacity in discharging any of our recognized functions as a learned institution.

In at least one most important public movement the Society took the lead ; viz. : in the preservation of the Plains of Abraham as a public possession in perpetuity. The ideas of this movement originated with the Society several years ago, and our representative members took part in every phase of this vexed question from first to last. The gratitude of

our members is especially due to two ex-Presidents, Sir James LeMoine and Mr. P. B. Casgrain for the zeal and discretion with which they always furthered this project; and it is to them in particular that our thanks are due for the happy result attained last year. It would be ungenerous not to fully acknowledge that this result could only have been attained by the hearty co-operation of many prominent men outside of our own ranks; but it would be equally unfair to omit to mention that the honors of the initiative remain with our Society.

Our relations with kindred bodies, all the world over, have been maintained with marked benefit to ourselves. But we should not forget that the vast mass of exchanges received require something, on our part, to be given in return; and we must soon publish a new volume of transactions, like these former ones so much sought after by the initiated in every quarter of the globe, or else feel the certain loss of similar publications now received from others. Such publications are generally assisted by grants in aid in every civilized community; but, as this help was withdrawn some few years ago, we have since been trying to raise a special endowment fund, which might enable us to worthily maintain that position, which the hard and entirely unremunerated labours of our members won for us, through the many volumes of transactions published by means of government grants. The public response has not been a very generous one, except in the case of a few individuals. As a matter of fact, the entire endowment fund received from the public does not nearly equal the amount spent by the Society on the many courses of lectures freely given to the public.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that, in spite of the regrettable loss of a few members, by death, resignation or removal from the city, we have again increased our membership during the past year. We have to deplore the deaths of

two old members, Mr. W. W. Welch and Mr. Alex. Woods : there have been three resignations, and two associates have left the city. On the other hand, thirteen new members have joined, and these, together with those joining in the previous year, have raised our actual members by thirty since the annual meeting of 1900.

Our winter course of lectures was inaugurated by an admirable lecture from prof. Sidley "on Tennyson : Poet and Teacher." This was followed by a lecture from an old favorite with our audiences, Prof. Gunn, who gave an interesting sketch of "Rambles and Student Life in Germany." Several other lectures will follow during the winter months.

The Society was worthily represented at the last Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, at Ottawa, by Mr. P. B. Casgrain.

The Council recommends that an application be made to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for leave to change the rules requiring the stated meetings of the Council and Society to be held at fixed hours, in order that all Council, general, or annual meetings, may in future be held at such hours as may be found most convenient for the time being.

We have, to acknowledge the very generous special donation of Mr. Wm. Price, who gave \$100 unconditionally to serve any purpose for which it might be used.

We have much pleasure in taking note of the new academic honor conferred on one of our oldest, and most active leaders, Sir James LeMoine, who lately received the honorary degree of D.C.L. from Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

Our warmest thanks are due to the authorities of Morrin College for their continued generous dealings with the Society.

In conclusion, we must say, that, whilst our financial position has at last been brought to a state of equilibrium, we have

only succeeded in doing this by, the most vigorous economy, and by ceasing to publish transactions. At a time when the Government has shown an enlightened generosity towards a similar body ; and when it has wisely spent considerable sums in furthering the invaluable collections of materials made by Mr. Doughty for his great work on the days of Wolfe and Montcalm, we may hope that the new Council will see to it that the distinctly just claims of an old, but actively capable, Society like ours, will be so set forth that the we may be enabled to continue our public work in a way be-fitting our own reputation, and that of the community to which we belong.

The whole respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WOOD,

President.

It was moved by Mr. S. LeSage, seconded by Sir James LeMoine, and resolved :

That the report just read be received and adopted.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian begs to report that the accessions to the Library were in all two hundred and seven bound volumes and pamphlets, comprising one hundred and eighty received in exchange from other societies, and twenty-seven volumes kindly presented by Messrs. A. Campbell, G. M. Fairchild, jr. P. G. Roy, Philéas Gagnon, Chevalier Baillairgé, J. P. Noyes and other friends of the Society. Want of funds prevented the purchase of any books this year, but the incoming Council might make an effort to acquire Messrs Doughty and Parmelee's Life of General Wolfe, and Siege of Quebec, which is the most comprehensive historical book extant on the subject ; this set of six volumes is also a work of art, being elaborately illustrated with many valuable and rare portraits, plans and fac-similes of letters, etc., and would be an important addition to the library. Fourteen hundred and ninety-seven volumes on all subjects have been issued to members during the year, but a good number of these are still out over the regulation time.

F. C. WURTÈLE,
Librarian.

Quebec, 31st December, 1901.

It was moved by Mr. A. Campbell, seconded by Major Morgan, and resolved :

That the report, as read, be adopted.

The Treasurer then read his report as follows :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer begs to report that during the year from the 31st December, 1900, to 31st December, 1901, the receipts and disbursements were as follows :

1900.	\$ 36 00	
1901.	396 00	
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Papers sold at annual sale.		35 50
Transactions sold.		2 90
Oct. 22, 1901, Cash, Maher ac. interest.		15 00
Dec. 12, cash W. Price, Esq.		100 00
Cash drawn from bank.	87 09	
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		\$ 679 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer, 31st Dec., 1900.	\$ 1 82	
Asst. Librarian, 2 mts, 1900, 10 mts, 1901	240 00	
Subscriptions, magazines and papers . .	125 77	
Books, \$2.75, Copp & Clark, \$3.78 . .	6 53	
Quebec Directory, 2 years.	6 00	
Electric light, lamps and gas.	39 68	
Corporation taxes.	12 78	
Cartage and placing 150 bags sawdust over ceiling of library.	12 78	
Copies of Chronicle and posting	1 70	
Chronicle advertising.	9 00	
Post office box.	4 00	
Postage, postal cards and sundries . . .	17 00	
Webster & Co., coal.	87.09	
Cash deposited in Quebec Bank, Saving department.	115 00	
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Quebec, Jan. 7th, 1902.

Literary and Historical Society, in account with the Quebec
Bank, Savings Departement.

1900 Cr.

Dec. 31.—Balance at credit	\$2627 00
1901	
Oct. 22.—Cash deposited, Mahers' interest.	15 00
Dec. 12.—Cash deposited, W. Price, donation	100 00
Dec. 31.—Interest to Dec. 31, 1901	76 36
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	\$2818 36

—1901 Dr.

March 4.—Cash paid Webster & Co.	\$87 09
April 11.—Cash paid F. C. Wartele, for Copp, Clark & Co.	3 78
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	90 87
At credit 31st Dec., 1901.	<hr/>
	\$2727 49

Memo. Endowment Fund :

Amount deposited by Dean Norman	\$1965 00
Cash A. Campbell	100 00
Cash Fr. Jas. Douglas.	500 00
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	\$2565 00

Messrs. Robertson and Geggie having been requested by the president to act as scrutineers, the meeting proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, with the following results :

President—Sir James M. LeMoine, D.C.L.

Vice presidents—J. T. Ross, P. Johnstone, C. Tessier, S. LaSage.

Treasurer—James Geggie.

Recording secretary—A. Robertson.

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Council secretary—W. Clint.

Librarian—F. C. Wurtèle.

Curator of Museum—F. Carrel.

Curator of Apparatus—Geo. Lampson.

Additional members of Council—Capt. Wm Wood, P. B. Casgrain, A. Campbell, D. H. Geggie.

Mr. A. Campbell intimated that he would be pleased to give a cheque for \$50 towards helping in the purchase of some of the works of modern writers not now in the library, and handed his cheque for that amount to the President.

Captain Wood, the retiring President then vacated the chair, and in doing so thanked the Society for the hearty support that he had received from them all during his two years of office.

Sir James LeMoine having assumed the President's chair, Mr. P. B. Casgrain rose to convey the Society's hearty thanks to Capt. Wood for the able, energetic, and successful manner in which he had filled the President's chair for the last two years.

Sir James LeMoine also said that the Society was very much indebted to Capt. Wood for his untiring efforts in its behalf during his term of office.

The papers and periodicals advertised to be sold were then auctioned off and adjudged to the highest bidders, and the meeting adjourned.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO A GREAT GOVERNOR

At the meeting of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, 20th March, 1902, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Major William Wood, seconded by Mr. P. B. Casgrain :

“That this Society has learned with deep regret of the death of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, its late most honored patron, whose name is so intimately identified with the embellishment and general welfare of this city ; and the Society also hails with the utmost satisfaction, the proposal to erect a memorial to this great man, whose able administration of our Dominion will always be kept in grateful remembrance, and whose own personal choice of his new title, on being raised a step in the Peerage after his successes in India, is now known to have been that of “The Marquis of Dufferin and Quebec.”

This interesting fact about his title has only just been revealed by Mr. W. Fraser Rae, the biographer of more than one ancestor of Lord Dufferin's, in a recent obituary notice in the “Athenæum.” He says : “Of late years he has been known as the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. The title, however, was not of his own choosing ; if his own wishes had prevailed, he would have gone down to posterity as the Marquis of Dufferin and Quebec.”

Had he not been obliged to take his additional title from Burmah, his eldest son who was killed at Ladysmith, would have been known, not as Lord Ava, but as Lord Quebec.”

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Literary and Historical Society of Quebec

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BY AGREEMENT.

THE GOVERNORS, PROFESSORS, AND STUDENTS OF MORRIN COLLEGE.

THE PLAINS OF ABRAHAM PARK.

In the month of September, 1901, a long-pending negotiation of deep (1) interest to all Quebec was brought to a close : the transfer of the south western portion of the plateau, on which Wolfe and Montcalm, Levis and Murray, had met in deadly encounter for the conquest of Canada.

On the 20th September, 1901, His Majesty duly represented, at Quebec, by the Right Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, under authority of an Order-in-Council, passed at Ottawa, on the 30th July 1901, purchased from the Revd Ladies of the Ursulines Convent, at Quebec, by Deed, bearing date the 20th September aforesaid, executed before V. W. LaRue and Jean A. Charlebois, notaries public, a tract of land, previously included within the municipality of Saint Colomba, of Sillery, now forming part of the city of Quebec, to wit : eighty-four arpents and eleven perches in superficies, french measure, without however precise measurement, described on official cadastral plan of the Banlieu of Quebec, as number 165. The price of sale was \$80,000, cash paid, *dont quittance*.

The Deed mentions how the land was acquired, at various periods, and from different owners, by the Ursulines Nuns who had leased it, in 1803, to His Majesty, George III, as a Parade and Exercising ground to the Quebec Garrison, for the space and term of 99 years.

This deed sets forth, that at a numerously attended meeting of the citizens of Quebec, held at the City Hall, on the 28th February, 1900, presided by sir James LeMoine, His Worship, the Mayor was asked to use his influence with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, to procure this historic domain as a Public Park, for the city. The deed adds, as “ un endroit rendu célèbre, par la mémoire des généraux, Wolfe et Montcalm, Lévis et Murray, et la bravoure de leurs compagnons d’armes.”

(1) The Ursulines Nuns had had those historic grounds, surveyed and they were to be divided into 880 building lots with, 9 Streets of 31 feet broad.

Quebecers cherish the hope that the new park will attract, by the stirring souvenirs that cluster round it, as well as by the beauty of its landscape-design and ornamentation.

This section of the heights of Abraham, occupied for close on a century, as the Exercising Grounds, of the Quebec Garrison, and of the Blue Jackets of the Imperial Navy, when the frigates were in port, used also in the past, by the Quebec Turf Club, as a Racing Course, do indeed bring back memories full of deep interest.

Bounded to the south by the lofty cliffs which Wolfe and his veterans successfully climbed, before dawn on the fateful 13th September, 1759, the plateau once ascended was the key, to the capture of Quebec, the pivot to the situation. Who can say what would have been the fate of the advanced guard, scaling the cliffs, had Capt. de Vergor's force been watchful, on the Plains? General Murray, with Col. Howe, and his Light Infantry were detailed to silence Lieut. Douglas's four gun battery, at Samos, later on, Woodfield, Wolfe, wishing to leave no enemy in his rear. Over this expanse, ran the old road (now obliterated) from a point, not very far north from the locality, where now stands the District Jail, leading to where the boats had landed, at the Foulon (Wolfe's Cove); over this road which was a short cut from the battle-field, the wounded of both armies were conveyed, under the charge of Hospital Sergeant, James Thompson, to the boats below, on their way to the temporary hospital, at St-Joseph de Lévis.

On the gift and transfer of the above to the city as a public park, the City Council, by a resolution, undertook to have an avenue opened, 60 feet wide, at the western limit of the grounds, from the St. Louis road to the "Cime du Cap.

There are also several other charges, and conditions mentioned in the Deed, such as the introduction of the water-works, drainage, &c.

The signatures to the document are as follows :

WILFRID LAURIER.

- “ Sœur Flavie Gagnon, de Ste-Antoinette, Supre.
- “ Georgianna Letourneau, de M. de l'Assomption, Asste.
- “ Catherine Doherty, de Ste-Christine, Zel.
- “ Emma Chaperon, de Ste-Aurette, Depre.
- “ Joséphine Holmes, de Ste-Croix.
- “ Jeanne McDonald, de St-L. de Gonzague.
- “ Emma Nault, de St-Joseph.
- “ Henriette Audette, de M. de la Providence.

L. N, Arch. de Québec.

(Sig.) J. A. CHARLEBOIS, N. P.

Levi and Murray's engagement styled by some historians, "the Battle of Sillery Woods," and fought on 28th April, 1760, is also intimately associated with the western portion of the plateau known for years as the Plains of Abraham.

History tells, how Col. Arnold, camped his forces on the 14th November, 1775, on the Plains of Abraham, previous to retreating to Pointe aux Trembles and Jared Sparks, the American historian, quotes letters from Brigadier General Montgomery, dated *Holland House*, Ste Foye road, Dec. 1775, his headquarters; from whence he led, at 2 a. m., before dawn, during a snow storm, his sturdy followers across the Plains of Abraham, down to Près-de-Ville, on the shore of the St. Lawrence, to meet death and defeat about 4 o'clock a. m., on Sunday, the 31st Dec. 1775.

In anticipation of the arrangements for the laying out of the new park, the Literary and Historical Society, at one of its monthly meetings, 19th March, 1902, adopted the following resolution :

Moved by Mr. P. B. Casgrain, seconded by Mr. John Theodore Ross :

“ That while rejoicing with the citizens of Quebec at the munificent gift to the city by the Dominion Government of the Plains of Abraham for a public park, the Society earnestly hopes that previous to the laying out of these historic grounds, tenders will be asked for a design and plan, and a prize offered, as the beauty in after years of such a park will depend mainly on the manner it may originally have been laid out. ”