

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1947
ST. CATHARINES & DISTRICT BRANCH,
UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS

To the Officers and Members of the St. Catharines & District Branch, U.E.L.

We are to-night holding our annual meeting under sad conditions, having just lost our late President, Mr. F. C. Haynes, who passed away on January 11th. Mr. Haynes had been our faithful and highly esteemed President for over three years, and will be greatly missed by the Executive and all the members.

On March 28th, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Secord, the late President, Mr. F. C. Haynes, presiding. At this meeting, it was arranged to hold a social evening in May, and that a number of members should attend the notable collection of priceless English art on exhibition at the Toronto Art Gallery, the masterpieces of Turner, Constable and Hogarth, which had been on exhibition in New York. Few artists of any country have equalled the work of these three great Englishmen - the rich colouring depicting the peace and serenity of the English country-side.

At the social evening held on Tuesday, May 13th at the I.O.D.E. Chapter House, Mr. A. E. Coombs, former Principal of the St. Catharines Collegiate Institute, was the special speaker, and gave a notable address bringing out many interesting points about early St. Catharines history, showing the influence of Britain on the place names in this district - Grantham, Pelham, Louth, Welland, Thorold, Grimsby, etc. The artists on this occasion were Mrs. Lois Lee, Mrs. Hamilton Dakers, Mrs. A. Swanson, Mrs. Welstead, Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Mrs. Joyce, and Mr. David Dobson. Mrs. W. H. Secord and Mrs. Thomas Wilson were in charge of the refreshments. Another feature of the evening was the presentation of prizes to the winners of the contest, the subject being "The Coming of the United Empire Loyalists". Over forty fine essays were sent in to the U.E.L. committee who understood that only those selected by the teachers of each school were forwarded and that more than one hundred had been written by the Merritton pupils alone. It was indeed difficult for the U.E.L. committee to select from the forty essays, all showing remarkable talent, and all paying high compliments to the United Empire Loyalist settlers. Several of the essays were illustrated by clever drawings, and there were even two or three original plays. All those who took part in the contest were in seventh and eighth grades only. A great many of the essays were written by children who live in the country, who showed a particularly sympathetic insight into the difficulties encountered by the early United Empire Settlers on the land. The winners were first, Miss Janet McVicar second, Miss Stella Zamitz; third, Miss Mary Lou Vansickle. Mr. W. A. Marshall, Lincoln County public school inspector, who was present, made a short address congratulating our Branch on holding the contest.

On June 2nd, a wreath was laid on the U.E.L. Boulder by the President, Mr. F.C Haynes, Miss A. B. Dwyer representing the Lincoln County Historical Society. Miss Dwyer said: "We join this memorial service each year lest we forget, and that we may teach succeeding generations to treasure our precious heritage." In the evening of the same day, our Branch held the annual church service which was held at St. Thomas Anglican Church, the sermon preached by Canon James., the Rector Canon James stated that according to history, Christianity was introduced into the British Isles in the first century and said that the church service of the Church of England is similar to-day to that held by the early church in Britain. Speaking of the ancient custom of reading lessons in rotation from both the Old and New Testament, Canon James said "Let us see that we preserve our ancient heritage. Let us read the Bible and study it"

Kathleen O'Loughlin

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Madam President and Members of the St. Catharines and District Branch, U.E.L.:

Our Branch had a most successful year in 1948. Many new members were added to the roll.

On March 10th, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Howard Newman and arrangements were made to hold a social and musical evening which would also be the occasion for the presentation of prizes to the school children winning the U.E.L. contest. Mrs. Harris Walsh, Mrs. H. Newman, Mrs. F. Vine and Mrs. T. Wilson were appointed in charge of the programme, with Miss Gwen O'Loughlin, Convener.

On May 13th, at the I.O.D.E. Chapter House, prizes were presented to the pupils in the seventh and eighth grades of Lincoln County who won the contest, by the President, Mrs. H. Walsh. The winners were; First Prize, Audrey Tigert, Alexandra School, St. Catharines; 2nd Prize, Jean Samitz, R.R. No. 1, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and 3rd Prize, Orlean Deptuch, Grade 8, Merritton Central School. Honourable mention: Arthur Gearing, Merritton Central School; Wilma Wylie, Queenston; Leslie Angle, Merritton Joan Mayer, Merritton Central School; Corinne Darby, Grantham Consolidated School; Neil Perkins, Queenston. The special speaker for the occasion, the Rev. J. Lloyd Hughes, Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, was introduced by Mr. Frank Dunham. In his inspiring address the Rev. Mr. Hughes said that in coming to Canada the United Empire Loyalists had one purpose and that was that they might live under the British Flag. To them, one king, one flag, one empire, was the way of wisdom, the way of loyalty, the only way of life worth having. Today Canada stands high among the great powers of the world—a nation in its own right because of its industry, statesmanship, education, culture and valour of its people. To this end the Loyalists contributed, sacrificed, endured hardships, leaving behind them comfortable homes and farms and in many cases, families, never to see them again, that they might live under the sheltering folds of the Union Jack. As a British Dominion we should always remember that the Six Nations Indians were among the first to lead the way to exile, settling upon a grant of country near the Grand River. In continuing, Mr. Hughes said, "Let us hope that the government will soon establish a department of research and lay the ground plans at once for the preserving in a fitting manner what is left of our historical heritage in this fast growing district, before it is frittered away, and where many industries are encroaching on the farm lands. May there be at Niagara-on-the-Lake, the early capital of Upper Canada, a national university." The artists graciously inking part were Mr. W. T. Thompson, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Nind, Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Welstead and Mr. Christopher.

(One influence resulting in the adherence of the Iroquois confederacy to Britain may have resulted from the work of the great missionary to the Indians on Cape Cod; and Massachusetts, the Rev. John Eliot, who commenced his work more than three hundred years ago in 1646. An address was presented to the British Parliament, calling for "countenance and assistance in propagating the Gospel of America." By authority of the Act passed by Parliament, July 27, 1649, a collection was made in all the parishes of England, which collection being very large, yielded an interest of about six hundred pounds per annum; see Frederick Freeman's "History of Cape Cod, 1858.")

On June 6th the Loyalists gathered at the U.E.L. boulder in Memorial Park, where Mr. W. A. E. Moyer laid the wreath and the Rev. E. E. Ashley, Minister of Westminster United Church, offered a prayer for the well being and preservation of the British Empire. The Vice-President, Mr. John S. Hicks, who presided, spoke of the early history of the United Empire Loyalists when they were establishing freedom for themselves in Canada.

On June 23rd, the Annual Picnic was held at Queenston Heights, and the guests were welcomed by Mrs.

Arnold A. Read, the Vice-President. The convener was Mrs. A. E. Gingrich. The gathering was honored by the presence of a number of the older members, Miss Rebecca Calcott, Port Dalhousie; Mr. A. T. Servos, St. Catharines; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ball, St. David's; Mrs. Arthur Kinnear, St. David's Road. A charming snapshot of this fine looking group was taken under the old shade trees in Queenston Park.

On October 18th, a meeting was held, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Secord, and plans made to invite Mr. George W. Carnochan, Lewiston Heights. N.Y., to bring his celebrated slides showing historic sites in the Niagara District; also to make arrangements for obtaining C.N.R. slides of the West Coast.

On November 11 Mr. Carnochan, introduced by Mr. John Hicks, presented his very interesting slides in the Kate Leonard Room of the Y.W.C.A., running off the slides with a very fine commentary on each. The first suspension bridge was constructed at Niagara Falls in 1848. There were four in all over the Niagara River, two at the Falls and two at Lewiston. Mr. Carnochan spoke of the Great Western Railway, the first in Canada, running from Niagara Falls to Hamilton, constructed 77 years ago. Mrs. Fred Haynes and Mrs. W. T. Ellis moved the vote of thanks to Mr. Carnochan for his kindness in coming.

Early in January, Mr. Henry Ball passed away at the old Ball Homestead at St. David's on the Crown Grant of land to the Ball family, where he was born eighty-five years ago, and where six generations of Balls have been born. Mr. Ball was a veteran of the First World War, an honorary life member of the Thorold Branch, No. 17. Canadian Legion, a member of Grace Anglican Church, St. Catharines. A letter of sympathy was sent to our former President, Canon James, and to Mrs. Edwin Moyer.

On January 13 at St. Thomas' Church Parish Hall, the President, Mrs. Harris Walsh presiding, the large audience saw the showing of several fine films, through the courtesy of the C.N.R. and Mr. Herman Statten. The fine musical programme was in charge of Mr. Bernard Munn, who also accompanied Dennis Gillingham in Kipling's "Recessionary." One of the pictures, "The Trail of the Midnight Sun," showing a cruise on board the C.N.R.'s luxurious new steamship "Prince George," up the famous inside passage from Vancouver (named after Captain George Vancouver, who discovered the passage in 1792, although the first permanent settlement was not made until 1843, when the Hudson Bay Co. of London, Eng., built a fort and trading post where Victoria now stands) to Skagway. Another beautiful scene was an unusual one of the "midnight sun"-the "aurora borealis."

The fine Essays written by the young pupils of grades seven and eight in Lincoln County Schools are available to the members of our Association to look over. All have a particularly keen insight into the difficulties encountered by the Loyalists, when they entered Canada. Families were divided, some coming to Canada under the Union Jack, others staying behind to build up a great nation, the United States of America. Winsor, one of the greatest and most highly accredited historians in the United States, in his book, "The Westward Movement," wrote: "In entering upon its new career, the young Republic (of the United States) was indeed surrounded by hazards. All Europe wondered at the British concessions. The new boundaries were settled on lines that ultimately startled even those who had conceded them. Of the eight hundred thousand square miles of territory with which the young Republic entered upon her career, one-half of it of which France and Spain would have deprived her, lay west of the Alleghanies. This broad extension was but the beginning of an ultimate domain, which is measured today by three and a half millions of square miles. The Courts in the United States have always held that the territory secured through this treaty was not a concession of conquered lands, it was rather the result of a rightful partition of the British Empire upon lines which bounded the American Colonies. Livingston in letter to Benjamin Franklin, in January, 1782, had endorsed this view: "The States," he said, "have considered their authority to grant lands to the westward co-extensive with the right of Great Britain."

KATHLEEN O'LOUGHLIN,

Secretary, St. Catharines and District Branch, United Empire Loyalists.
St. Catharines, Ontario, February 14, 1949

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ST. CATHARINES AND DISTRICT BRANCH
UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS
1949**

Madam President and Members:

Our Branch had a most successful and interesting year In 1949, the genealogist, Miss Helen Nelles, reporting several new members.

On April 4th, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Secord, the President, Mrs. Harris Walsh presiding. Twenty dollars was donated as an Easter Gift to the Old Folks Home. A moment of silence honored the memory of the late Mr. Frank Dunham, a valued member. A vote of thanks was passed to Major Henry Burgoyne for his generous donation of space in the St. Catharines Standard.

On May 10th a Social and Musical evening was held in the Kate Leonard Room, Y.W.C.A. Prizes for the Art Contest winners were presented by the President, Mrs. Harris Walsh: 1st prize, Joyce Mancuso, "Grapeview School"; 2nd prize, Walter Bush, "May wood School": 3rd prize, Elsie Cowall, Merritton Central School"; 4th prize, Irene Holubowsky, 5.5. No.6, North Grimsby. The water colors, crayons, pencil and poster paint offerings by the young artists were hung about the room, and much admired by the large gathering. It was indeed difficult for the judges, Mr. Harry R. James, and Mr. W. E. Shore, A.R.P.S., to choose from so many presented by the talented young artists.

Special thanks are due to Mr. Wm. Marshall, Lincoln County School Inspector, for his kind co-operation. The Rev. Mr. Cryderman UE, minister of the Memorial United Church, introduced by Mr. John Hicks, then addressed the gathering, and said that he was very proud of his U.E.L. ancestor, Valentine Cryderman, who came to Canada with his wife and sons many years ago. The Rev. Mr. Cryderman took for his subject King Ahab and Naboths' Vineyard. King Ahab wanted Naboth's Vineyard, but Naboth, realizing the value of his land and the traditions attached to it, refused to give it up. The Loyalists, said the Rev. Mr. Cryderman, possessed the same loyalties as Naboth and were inspired and carried along the traditions and convictions which their fathers toiled and fought for and Canada has great obligations to them. Mrs. John Joyce, of Merritton, formerly of London, England. sang a song, the beautiful music and words of which were her own composition, and which Mrs. Joyce has donated to our Branch.

*"This is the land our fathers fought for,
The land for which their sons have died.
May we, the people of this blessed land, Keep faith to all, whate'er betide.
So may our love and faith be strengthened,
So may our hearts be true to thee,
That God may keep us now and always
United, loyal, strong and free."*

The Loyalists listened to the beautiful words and music of the author with deepest gratitude. Mr. Frank Hampson, another Thomas L. Thomas, favoured the audience with several fine songs. Delicious refreshments were then served in charge of Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Homer, Social Convenor, and her committee.

On Sunday, May 22nd, the Annual Church Service was held at Westminster United Church, the Minister, the Rev. Mr. Ashley, devoted part of his remarks to the school children present, in memory of Queen Victoria, known all the world over as "the good Queen." Mr. Ashley spoke also of the host of immigrants

now coming to Canada filled with happiness that they are coming to a better country for themselves and their children to live in. It was entirely different with the pioneers who built the foundation of this splendid Dominion. They left their old homes with tears and sorrow hardly knowing what the future had in store. Men, like Abraham, who was willing to sacrifice even his own son if it was the will of God: David Livingstone, the great British explorer in South Africa, and others were mentioned by the Rev. Mr. Ashley as having the same ideals as the pioneers of Canada and the United States. Believing they were supported by Divine Guidance. these true hearted people suffered severe hardships with undaunted courage and perseverance and left a noble record of their lives behind them. The Choir, in charge of R. S. Wittingham, sang "Faith of Our Fathers."

On Monday, June 5th. the memorial Service was held at the U.E.L. Boulder in Memorial Park, and the wreath was laid by the President, Mrs. Harris Walsh. The Rev. Mr. Ashley offered a prayer and said. "Today we honor the memory of those noble God-fearing men and women who played such an important part in the founding of Canada, a wonderful Dominion. which it is a great privilege to be a citizen of. We are gathered to commemorate what our forefathers so fitly accomplished, and at the same time we rededicate their principles of faith in God and loyalty to Great Britain." The President, Mrs. Walsh, also said: "From a few thousand of United Empire Loyalists who settled in Canada before 1800, there are today hundreds of thousands of their descendants living in Canada who have the proud sanction to write UE after their names, a title granted by the Crown to Loyalists and their descendants today a very distinguished and influential group of the Dominion of Canada.

On Saturday, June 27th, the annual picnic was held at Queenston Heights, the speaker being the Rev. Dr. Leckie of Grimsby. Dr. Leckie spoke of the precious heritage and the greatness of the British Common Law, meting out justice to all, going back to a great antiquity, stating that a prominent United States jurist is writing a series of articles now showing that the origin of much of the Statute and Common Law used in the United States courts to-day originated in Britain ages ago. "And," said Dr. Leckie. "many of the beautiful old hymns sung in Canadian and American Churches to-day were written by writers of the Old Country... Dr. Leckie also said that the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England was continued in use by the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. The picnic tea was in charge of Mrs. Frank Vine and Mrs. A. E. Gingrich.

On Oct. 13th a meeting was held at the I.O.D.E. Rooms, and the following motion was unanimously passed:

"The St. Catharines and District Branch at the United Empire Loyalists hereby protests the proposal to abolish appeals to the judicial committee of His Majesty's Privy Council, and hereby notifies the Government of Canada of its opposition to the proposal."

KATHLEEN O'LOUGHLIN,
Secretary, St. Catharines and District Branch, United Empire Loyalists
St. Catharines, Ontario, Jan 26, 1950

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE ST. CATHARINES AND DISTRICT BRANCH
UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS
1951**

Our Branch of the United Empire Loyalists of Canada had a very progressive year in 1951, several new members being added to the roll. During 1951 we lost by their passing away, two loyal and faithful members, Mrs. Stella Frearson and Miss Lillian Servos.

On March 14th, the Annual Meeting was held at the Library. Mr. John Hicks was elected the new President, Mrs. H. L. Walsh resigning after having been President for four of the best and most progressive years the local Association had ever had. Reports were read by the secretary, the treasurer, Mrs. Norman Kinnear, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Secord, the genealogist, Miss Helen Nelles, the historian, Mrs. A. E. Gingrich. Thanks were also passed to the press reporter, Mr. W. A. E. Moyer, the entertainment convenors, Mrs. Howard Newman and Mrs. Frank Vine, and the social convenor, Mrs. Thomas Wilson. A donation was taken up to provide a treat for those living at the Lincoln County Home, in charge of Mrs. A. E. Gingrich and Mrs. Fred Gregory, who decorated Easter baskets and did up parcels of tobacco and gum in attractive parcels. A letter of thanks was received. Mr. Hicks suggested that a picture of United Empire Loyalist Niagara background be painted by Mr. Harry James, art director, and presented to the United Empire Loyalist Headquarters, Toronto. Mr. Hicks then introduced Mr. G. F. Hemingway, young artist, who showed beautifully colored slides of the Gaspé, taken by himself, including the site of the Maugher family who had emigrated from the Jersey Islands over 200 years ago to the Gaspé. Mrs. J. S. Campbell thanked Mr. Hemingway for showing his fine slides.

On Wednesday, May 16th, a social and musical evening was held at the I.O.D.E. rooms. Mr. Hicks reminded the gathering that a meeting was held as nearly as possible to May 15th. in honor of the landing of the U.E. Loyalists May 15, 1783, at St. John, N.B. and introduced Mr. Fred Campbell, noted local historian, who gave a very fine account of historic sites in the Niagara district, with new notes of interest he had found in his wide research. Mr. W. A. E. Moyer moved the vote of thanks. Mr. Hemingway again showed more of his beautiful "stills" along the St. Lawrence; the Niagara River Boulevard floral beauty, and the garden in bloom at the Court House, Market Square, St. Catharines - truly remarkable and unique. Mr. Fred Gregory moved the vote of thanks. Mrs. Joyce Kinnear sang two old English lyrics in beautiful tone, and Miss Ruth Kinnear played with fine interpretation Chopin and Mozart. Mrs. Fred Haynes thanked the artists.

On June 4th a wreath was placed on the Boulder in Memorial Park by the President, Mr. John Hicks, who spoke on the emigration of the British people and their influence on the Continent of America, those who came to the New England States on the "Mayflower" in 1620, and those who entered Canada with the U.E. Loyalists. The youngest Loyalist present was four-year-old Charles Edwin Secord, grandson of Mr. Edwin Secord. At Christ Church of England the same evening was held the annual church service. The Rector, the Rev. Mr. Dumas, preached on the subject of Moses leading the children of Israel into the promised land, comparing the hardships with those suffered by the U.E. Loyalists in the wilderness of Canada.

On June 25th a most delightful picnic was held at "The Elms" on Vansickle Road, Louth, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vine. Miss Edna Comfort, introduced by the President, gave an interesting account of the related families of Hopkins, Comfort and Book, U.E.L. settlers. John Comfort came from Mulberry, N.Y. and was in Niagara in 1784. He married Ann Book at St. Catharines in 1794, making their home in the Township of Gainsboro near the banks of the "Twenty." Adam Book, born in New Jersey, emigrated to Canada along with older members of family in 1788, first on the Twelve Mile Creek. In 1791 migrated to Ancaster, where his home was always a haven for the hungry, the tired and the weary. The daughter of Captain Silas Hopkins, Azibah, married Jonathon Hagar, a U.E.L. who was the son of Jonathon Hagar, a native of Wales and a medical officer in the British Navy. Captain Silas Hopkins received a grant of land from the Government as a U.E.L. had been born in 1741 in Wales. He was an officer in the Welsh Fusiliers. His grant was on the shores of Burlington Bay, to the west of Oaklands. Jonathon Hagar, Jr. and his wife Azibah Hopkins Hagar located at Beaverdams. Mrs. Arnold Read thanked Miss Comfort for her fine address. A delightful supper was then served by the hostess, the Rev. Dr. Leckie of Grimsby giving thanks for the bountiful table.

Pelham Township: John Crow settled in Pelham about 1784. Peter Hendershot, native of New Jersey, came the same year; Jacob Reece of Pennsylvania in 1786; George Hansler in 1788; Abraham Overholt from Pennsylvania came probably before 1780. When Samuel Beckett came into Pelham Township from Philadelphia in the fall of 1793 he purchased the premises on which the village of Effingham is now situated from David Secord. On the property was a grist mill which had been running about four years, and ten acres had been cleared by Mr. Secord and some of the apple trees were old enough to bear fruit. Before the close of the 18th century many more pioneer families had established themselves in Pelham, among them the Taylors, Pages, Thomas Rice, the Dishers, the Wilsons, the Millers, Nunns, Jennings and the Fosses. Bears and wolves abounded. Packs of wolves were at one time so numerous and so daring that it was unsafe for children to attend school without an armed escort. Nearly all the early settlers in Pelham were U.E. Loyalists who had travelled over the hills, streams :Of New England from far away New Jersey and Pennsylvania, some on foot, some on horseback. When Samuel Beckett, born in Chester, Cheshire, England, 1743, came to Canada from Philadelphia about 1792, he first went to what is now Yonge St., Toronto, but dissatisfied with the location came to Niagara. Looking about for a location, he decided to settle among the hills, vales and brooks of lovely Effingham. Henry Thomas was an early U.E.L. settler of Pelham, whose daughter Abigail married David W. Horton; also John N. Oill was a U.E. Loyalist settler in North Pelham.

On Oct. 23rd, a meeting was held at the Public Library. Mr. Robert Welch gave a fine address on the "Early Laws of the United Loyalists" and said it must have been a strong feeling of loyalty to Great Britain that caused the United Empire Loyalists to leave their homes of plenty to face the wilderness, travelling through dangers, difficulties of all kinds. The history of British justice, fair play was well known the world over, and her heritage of fine literature, good laws and discoveries in the medical, scientific and astronomical world was something worthwhile looking back on, and the remembrance of all that we British people had been and were was a shining light that would never be put out. In 1793 the newly formed Legislature of Upper Canada, consisting principally of United Empire Loyalists passed legislation abolishing slavery from Canada. Thus an obscure British Legislature sitting in an humble building on the borders of the Canadian wilderness outlawed the slave trade. The speaker was introduced by Mr. Graham Walsh, and Miss A. Beatrice Dwyer thanked the speaker for his fine address.

On August 23rd, Murray Morton's Orchestra played the U.E.L. hymn, "Our Native Land," music and words composed by Mrs. John Joyce, Merritton and the music arrangement for the orchestra arranged by Mr. W. H. Walker of St. Catharines, direct descendant of William Walker, U.E. Loyalist who settled at the Forty in Grimsby in 1787. Mr. Edwin Secord introduced Mrs. John Joyce to the large audience in the Park and Alderman Bald also congratulated the author and Mr. Walker and Murray Morton and his orchestra for the fine rendition of this beautiful hymn.

KATHLEEN O'LOUGHLIN,
Sec.-Treas., United Empire Loyalists.

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UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS**

Hon. Presidents - Caron James, Miss A. B. Dwyer, Mrs. Henry O'Loughlin, Mrs. Harris Walsh, Mrs. Richard Davidson, Mrs. J. S. Campbell.

President - Mr. John Hicks.
2nd Vice-President - Mr. J. Ball
Treasurer - Mrs. Norman Kinnear
Genealogist - Miss Helen Nelles
Director of Art - Mr. H. James

1st Vice-President - Mr. Edwin Secord
Secretary - Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin
Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. W. H. Secord
Historian - Mrs. A. E. Gingrich
Social Convenor- Mrs. Thomas Wilson

Programme - Mrs. Howard Newman, Mrs. Frank Vine

Our Branch had a most successful year in 1952 under the President, Mr. John W. Hicks.

On Feb. 25th, the Annual Meeting was held at the Public Library. Sorrow and regret was expressed at the passing of King George VI, and loyalty to Queen Elizabeth II. A resolution was passed that the Parliament of Canada be requested to preserve the use of the words "Dominion" and "Royal" in their transactions. Reports for the year were read by the Treasurer, Mrs. Norman Kinnear, Mrs. W. H. Secord, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Helen Nelles, Genealogist. A donation of \$15.00 was made for Easter Candy and tobacco for the Old Folk's Home. Mrs. A. E. Gingrich and Mrs. Fred Gregory in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Norman Kinnear read a very interesting paper on the Ball family who still live on the original grant of land and have the original deed with seal attached from King George III.

Sympathy was expressed to Mrs. W. H. Secord, in the death of her brother, the late Mr. Franklin Burtch, of U.E.L. descent through the Haynes and Johnston families. Also to Mrs. A. E. Gingrich, through the death of her brother the late Mr. Henry Carlisle, who was of U.E.L. descent through his mother, formerly Miss Helen Fitch, great great granddaughter of Dr. David Fitch of Albany, N.Y., and related to the Hutt, Ball and Wilson U.E.L. early settlers in Thorold vicinity.

On Friday April 11th, members of the Executive travelled to Toronto, when two pictures executed by Mr. H. R. James, one depicting the original home of Laura Secord at Queenston, Ont., the other the first home, Pine Grove of the late Colonel Givens were presented by the President Mr. J. W. Hicks on behalf of the St. Catharines' Branch to Mr. V. S. Stevens, President of Toronto Branch (who was formerly on the staff at Ridley College here) laid pictures to hang in the rooms of U.E.L. headquarters, Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto.

On Monday, May 12th, a social evening was held at the I.O.D.E. rooms. The Rev. Edward Brillinger, rector of Grace Church of England, was introduced by Mr. Hicks. In his fine address Mr. Brillinger thought that Canada should make more of its anniversary days, Dominion Day, July 1st, should be made in Canada what the Fourth of July is made in the United States. The new Canadians should be set an example by the old Canadians he thought. Mr. Brillinger said that new Canadians should be given every encouragement and help through our churches and general citizenship. He deplored the few United Kingdom people coming to Canada compared with those of other countries. In 1951 only one in seven was of British stock. Australia has apparently solved the problem of British immigration. In 1951 Australia received half a million immigrants from the United Kingdom, against only 30,000 who came to Canada. Mrs. J. S. Campbell thanked the speaker for his inspiring address.

On June 2nd, our members gathered at Memorial Park on Remembrance Day and the Rev. Mr. Brillinger offered a prayer and Mr. Hicks the President laid a wreath in reverent remembrance of those who had given their lives for the Empire.

On June 23rd, the annual picnic was held at the home of Mrs. Norman Kinnear, St. David's road, part of the historic Ball farm presented to Jacob Ball, United Empire Loyalist, the farm formerly 600 acres is now about 60 acres, which is managed by Charles Ball and his son Lawrence Ball. Mr. Charles Ball said his great aunt taught the first school in the district, and in those days you had to own your own school and the pupils who came paid fees. Children from as far away as Merritton walking the whole distance. There were thirty pupils. The old school-house a square, one storey building, still in good condition, with good window sills was visited by the Society. Among those present on the occasion were Mrs. Caroline Kinnear, 93, and Miss Rebecca Calcott, 95, who can still sing well and play the piano.

On October 25th, an Anniversary dinner was held in the Ball Room of the Welland House, in celebration of the founding of the St. Catharines' and District Branch, 50 years ago. The special speaker Major Vaughan Maclean Howard. Grace was said by Rev. C. H. E. Smith, Rector of St. Mark's Church of England, Niagara-on-the-Lake, the national anthem was sung and toast to the Queen. The President, Mr. Hicks, welcomed the speaker who was introduced to the meeting by Mr. Graham Walsh who said that Major Howard had been Dominion President for three years, had resurrected the Ribbon of the Association and had the decoration revived - got out the rosette - published by-laws of the association obtained the commemorative stamp to honour the 150th anniversary of the coming of the Loyalists to Canada, organized and published the Loyalist Gazette. Major Howard is a great great grandson of General Allan Maclean, the defender of Quebec and one time commandant of the Niagara District.

Major Howard then presented the U.E.L. rosette to President Hicks.

Major Howard, speaking of the foundations of British Canada, said that the provinces of Ontario and New Brunswick were both founded entirely by U.E. Loyalists. These were people of property, said Major Howard, who "left luxuries not surpassed in Europe as a sacrifice to their loyalty to the crown and desire to remain under the British flag. They brought with them, integrity and education and passed it on, as 'the foundation of a great nation. A respect for law and order, a love of peace, a devotion to education and a respect for Christian institutions, tolerance and freedom were some of the high ideals brought to Canada by the Loyalists. From the effort of these ideals Canada has one of the finest public school systems to be found anywhere, its laws give great protection and religious liberty is unbounded. Mr. Edwin Secord, 1st Vice-President, thanked the distinguished guest speaker.

Mr. John Ball gave the toast to the U.E.L. and Mrs. J. S. Campbell spoke in reply, saying she was proud of her descent from Mr. Oliver Oill, U.E.L. settler in Pelham township. Mrs. Henry O'Loughlin who was secretary when the first Branch was formed in St. Catharines, fifty years ago, and a past President of the local Branch, gave an account of the forming of the first Branch here. A notice was inserted in the local paper, that a meeting of those interested in forming a branch should meet at Rose Bank Cottage, the home of the Misses Nina and Emily Merritt, on Yate St. Present at the meeting were the Stulls, descendant of James Tinline, a descendant of Jeremiah Schram, and a descendant of Lieut. Adam Crysler. One of the noteworthy achievements was the circularizing and signing by a number of citizens of a petition address to Sir Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary, thanking and congratulating him for his outstanding contribution to the colonies during his term of office. Mrs. O'Loughlin is a great granddaughter of Capt. Wm. and Sylvia (Comstock) Merrick, U.E.L. founders of Merrickville, and brother-in-law of Col. Wm. and Lavinia (Comstock) Smyth, U.E.L. founders of Smiths' Falls, ant., early United Empire Loyalists often coming in family groups.

The dinner arrangements and decorations were in charge of Mrs. Howard Newman, Mrs. Frank Vine and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Mr. H. R. James. Mrs. W. H. Secord, Corresponding Secretary was in charge of the tickets for the successful anniversary dinner. Several fine selections were sung by Mr. B. Warner, accompanied by Mrs. John Joyce, Merritton.

Little of the beautiful forests in this district first seen by the United Empire Loyalists is left. Nearly all the grand old monarchs of the forest are gone or fast disappearing. Hansler's Grove was one of the finest stands of timber for miles around. As late as 1920 there were in it fine old pine trees and immense chestnut trees. Reynolds' Stand at Power Glen had an old forest of ash, oak, large walnut and oak cut out in recent years. Oliver's bush (in whose name the famous Scotch historian Prof. John Veitch, L.L.D., saw the old name of Elidyr, father of Llowarch Hen the British Bard who lived in the sixth century) near Port Dalhousie cut out about eighteen year ago, twenty five acres produced 720,000 feet of lumber. Overholt's Bush near Port Dalhousie was cut out about 18 years, had many very beautiful oaks, look up 50 or 60 feet to first limb. On Lake St., near Lock 5, in Grantham township, 10 acres on Scott property, where there

were stumps of more than 320 old oak trees.. Remnants of the grand old forest trees may be seen at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Port Dalhousie, a few in St. Catharines.

KATHLEEN O'LOUGHLIN

Secretary, St. Catharines District Branch, United Empire Loyalists.

**ANNUAL REPORT
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1953**

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1st. Vice-President	Mrs. Frank Vine	Historian	Mrs. A. E. Gingrich
2nd. Vice-President	Mr. Edwin Secord	Press	Mr. W. A. E. Moyer
Secretary	Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin	Director of Art	Mr. H. James
Corr. Secretary	Mrs. W. H. Secord	Programme	Mrs. Arnold Read and Mrs. R. A. Stevens
Treasurer	Miss Margaret Robertson	Social Convenor	Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Mrs. Fred Gregory

Under the Presidency of Mr. J. A. Ball, the St. Catharines Branch had a most successful year in 1953.

At the annual meeting held Feb. 9th. Mr. J. A. Hicks was thanked by the members for the fine work done during the years, he had been President. Mrs. A. E. Gingrich and Mrs. Fred Gregory were appointed to look after the Easter Treat for the Old People's Home, and a donation was made of \$18.00. A fund was opened for the purpose of erecting a plaque on the boulder in Memorial Park, once used as a half-way mark between Queenston and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Mr. J. A. Ball, Mr. J. W. Hicks. Mrs. Howard Newman and Mr. H. James were appointed to make arrangements for the St. Catharines' Branch to enter a Float in the Municipal Parade for Coronation Day. Mr. Ball, the President, read a very interesting letter published in the Niagara Gleaner, June 18, 1820, signed an "Elector" selling fur' the many qualifications of Colonel Ralph Clench as the proposed Representative of Parliament. Colonel Clench was the great grandfather of a former Secretary of our Branch, Miss Eleida Clench.

On April 17th, a Social and Musical evening was held at the Y.W.C.A., the programme arranged by Mrs. Arnold Read and Mrs. R. A. Stevens. Miss Shirley Jones of the Public Library Staff addressed the meeting, her subject being Narratives of Loyalists in Upper Canada and reading letters from Capt. John Dittrick, John Wilson and Thomas Merritt, who was Sheriff of what is now Lincoln County in 1803, the Sheriff's Office then being at Niagara, Upper Canada. To make the log cabins of the early settlers, the inside was sometimes plastered with a blue clay found in some of the small streams. The Girls' Collegiate Chorus entertained the audience with very fine singing and musical numbers under the direction of Mr. Wallace Laughton, and Mrs. John S. Peirson sang two numbers accompanied by Mrs. Lorne Plumley which were much enjoyed. Miss Doris McCrea of the Prince of Wales Public School Staff, gave an exhibition of beautifully coloured slides which she had taken herself, the slides being of Niagara District. On display were several tables of old Historical mementoes belonging to early United Empire Loyalists. On Coronation Day a float was entered in the Municipal Parade by our Branch, depicting the coming of the Loyalists as shown in the Monument erected by the late Mr. Stanley Mills at Hamilton. Mr. J. A. Ban.

Miss Kinnear and the Glass children taking part; the float prepared by Mr. H. Jams, Mr. Edwin Secord and their committee.

On June 27th, the annual picnic was held at "Elmwood" the home of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Read, under the shade of the fine old elms. Mr. Vernon Stevens, President of the Toronto Branch, U.E.L. brought greetings from this Branch, and gave a very interesting address. Mr. Edwin Secord thanked Stevens for honouring our picnic with his presence. "Elmwood" is a Crown Grant. John Read, who came from an ancient Yorkshire family with his two sons to settle in New York in 1773 brought his family to the vicinity of Homer, where he had 600 acres, in the vicinity of the New Welland Ship Canal. The Son of John Read, United Empire Loyalist, Mr. Wm. Read gave the land and with the assistance of neighbours, erected the Church of England in what is now Homer, first service held in it by the Rev. Mr. Addison, early missionary. The cairn in the old graveyard at Homer was unveiled by Mr. E. F. Dwyer, g.g. grandson on Oct. 18, 1937. George E. Read gave the land in 1841, for the first Church of England in what is now Port Dalhousie, in the vicinity of the graveyard, called St. James' Church which was subsequently moved to Merritton after St. John's Church, Port Dalhousie was built in 1368. Mr. George E. Read built his first home near the old Martindale Road. The Reads were intermarried with the Secords, Mays, Hainers, Leightons, Calcotts and TenBroeks. Mrs. Arnold Read also belongs to a U.E.L. family - the Marcellus family and was a descendent of the Rev. Mr. Swerdfeger, early minister in Eastern Ontario, also a U.E.L. Wm. May, U.E.L., came from Albany, N.Y., and obtained 600 acres in the vicinity of the Old Welland Ship Canal, through when Ontario St. highway now runs, and on the site now owned by Mr. and Mrs. P. Sparks. On this site is the memorial monument erected by George May, who was of Dutch extraction in the memory of his U.E.L. ancestors (in 1890). "Mayholme" the residence of Mr. Leslie Dwyer is on the Crown Grant Lands, he being a descendant of Wm. May, U.E.L. It is interesting to note that when Henry Hudson discovered the Hudson River in 1609, the Captain on board the captain on board the "Half Moon" was Captain May.

On Nov. 6th, a meeting was held at the Library. Mrs. R. A. Stevens gave a fine paper on the Haynes family, she being a descendant of Adam Haynes, U.E.L., who received a (Crown Grant in 1785 of land bounded by what is now Louth St. Ridley road, Rykert St., and Vansickle Road, adjoining St. Catharines Adam Haynes U.E.L., came from Rensasseller-wyck near Albany, N.Y. Jacob Haynes son of Adam Haynes built his home on the original Crown Grant, and this house is stills standing with the original fireplace, which opens into two rooms back to back. Some of the descendants of Adams Haynes were the late Frederick C. Haynes, former President of St. Catharines' Branch, who lived in one of the old Haynes' houses built on the Crown Grant. Mrs. Frank Vine, Louth, 1st Vice-President of our Branch. Mrs., W. H. Secord, Corresponding Secretary of our Branch, also Mr. Frank Haynes, President Art School of Toronto, Andrew C. Haynes, Principal Thorold High School for 25 years.

Many minerals and ores were found in this district by the early pioneers. Old Springs - in the Twenty at Jordan was found lead, and a St. Catharines' resident wears a small gold nugget on his watch chain that he said his grandfather told him he dug out of the Twenty. The Indians said they found silver in the hills above the Twenty. Up the ten mile creek now part of the New Welland Ship Canal running through McCalla's Grove and the old Read Farm, the Indians would go looking for minerals. When the New Welland Ship Canal was built the engineer found an old water fall near the caves in the southeast section of Thorold. In June, 1792 Joshua Pell petitioned the Governor in Council for a site on the banks of Niagara between Chippawa and Canbyls Mills for the erecting of a forge and furnace to make hollow ware and iron. Etza Dean also bought the right to build an iron works in 1792. At Cook's Mills near Chippawa lived the Yocums, U.E.L.. One of their descendants was the famous Thomas Edison, the great inventor descended from John Edison, U.E.L., who in 1811 received a Crown Grant of 600 acres in Upper Canada, near Vienna. Ont. No doubt Thomas Edison was often in the vicinity of Niagara Falls and viewed the mighty power of Niagara now harnessed to Hydro.

In Historical Wyoming an account of Covington United Presbyterian Church, N.Y., 1328 research by Mrs. Floyd Paine and Mrs. Hugh Hoag (*Historical Wyoming* edited by Mr. Harry Douglass Arcade, N.Y.) It is said that up to 1834 the church was in Stamford, Canada Presbytery. The ministers before 1836 were Revs. Goodwillie, Thomas Ferrier, Peter Campbell, Samuel Hindman, James P. Miller, Samuel McLean, John Russell, David Gordon, Horace Thompson, John Kendle, James Strang, John DeFrost, John Easton. David Thompson. George W. Brill, and David Coutts.

On Dec. 10th, members of St. Catharines Branch attended dinner given by Governor Simcoe Branch, Toronto. The President, Mr. Fisher presiding. Major V. McLean Howard gave the address. Major Howard said the United Empire Loyalists were people of education and substance when they immigrated to Canada. Their fathers had founded Harvard, William and Mary-Yale, Princeton, Washington, Pennsylvania and Columbia Universities. On their migration to Canada it was only natural that one of their first interests was education. and in 1787 King's College was founded by them and Fredericton followed in 1788. Egerton Ryerson, a United Empire Loyalist was the founder of the Public School system in Canada.

During 1953 our Branch regrets the passing away of Miss Rebecca Calcott, Mrs. D. J. McIntosh, Mrs. F. Powell's sister in Feb. 1954 Mrs. Felterly and Mr. Harold Martin.

A motion of thanks was passed to the Public Library for the kind use of a room in the library for meetings and to the St. Catharines Standard for their generous donation of space to accounts by our press reporter, Mr. W. A. E. Moyer.

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Under the President, Mr. J. A. Ball, our Branch made splendid progress in 1954. Delegates attended the Dominion Council, U.E.L., and branches are being revived - the Vancouver Branch sent delegate to the last meeting. Members of our Branch, are requested to interest their relatives and friends in other localities in forming branches.

At the Annual Meeting, splendid reports were read by the Secretary, the Treasurer, Miss Margaret Robertson; the Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. W. P. Secord; the Historian, Mrs. A. E. Gingrich, Miss Helen Nelles, Geneologist and other officers.

A donation of \$10.00 was made to the Lincoln and Welland Regiment towards the publication of the history of that Regiment from 1794. Easter gift baskets and tobacco were given at Linhaven, Mrs. A. E. Gingrich and Mrs. Fred Gregory making all arrangements.

On Memorial Sunday a wreath was laid on the U.E.L. Boulder by the President, Mr. J. A. Ball, and Canon Dumas offered prayer.

On April 2nd, the Annual Social Evening was held in the Kate Leonard Room at the Y.W.M.C.A. Mrs. Frank Vine in the chair. The delightful programme was arranged by Mrs. Arnold A. Read and Mrs. Robert Stevens. A pleasing vocal solo by Mr. Robert Dyke, accompanied by Mrs. R. Dyke. Mr. Robert Thompson gave several selections on the Recorder, and explained the history of this unusual ancient English instrument. Mr. L. G. Masson, gave a fine travelogue with description of beautiful scenes in Britain and the Continent. Mrs. Thomas Wilson and Mrs. Fred Gregory were in charge of the refreshments.

On June 19th the Annual Picnic was held at Niagara-on the-Lake, and members from the Lincoln Historical, Niagara Historical, Lundy's Lane Historical, Brant Historical, Lake of the Woods History, Toronto, Governor Simcoe and Hamilton Branches, U.E.L. were present. The Mayor of Niagara, Mr. Greaves welcomed the visitors, and Alderman Bald represented Mayor Smith of St. Catharines and invited those present to participate in the Laura Secord trek. The Rev. Mr. Smith, Rector of St. Mark's Church of England, offered the prayer, and Major V. McLean Howard, President of the Governor Simcoe Branch, Toronto led the historical tour to historic spots in Niagara and the Niagara Museum.

At the October meeting, Mrs. Harris L. Walsh gave a very interesting paper on the Ruttan family. The Ruttan family originated in the seaport town of Rochelle, left France for England, and then Holland. ~n 1734 Abraham Ruttan emigrated to America and settled at New Rochelle, N.Y., in the Huguenot colony. In 1778, Peter Ruttan, his son, accompanied the Indian chieftain, Joseph Brant to Canada, on a tour of observation, and the Ruttan family settled at Ruttan's Point, Adolphustown.

Mrs. F. C. Haynes gave a paper before the Women's Literary Club in which she said "the sons and daughters of the first United Empire Loyalists laid the foundation of our Canadian literature, mentioning Thomas Haliburton, Mrs. C. P. Traill, John Richardson, John Langster, Archibald Campbell, William Kirby and many others.

At the December meeting it was decided to offer prizes -totalling \$25.00 for contest on U.E. Loyalists in Grades 7 and 8 in the Lincoln County schools, Mrs. H. L. Walsh being convener, assisted by Miss Gwen O'Laughlin and Miss Marion Calder. At this meeting Mrs. W. H. Warner, Niagara Falls gave a very fine paper on the Warner family. Christian Warner, came from Albany, N.Y., to this district in 1776 and was the founder of the first Methodist Church in the District. Mrs. Warner also spoke on the old Warner Cemetery on the corner of Warner Road and Queen Elizabeth Highway, where many Warners -and related families of Clement, Van Every, Ostrander, Durham, McKinley, Secord, Hostetter, Clow, Bastedo and Collard are buried.

Over 600 Christmas Cards were sold, and at the suggestion of Mrs. Thomas Wilson this card was sent to the Mayors of Louth, Grantham, Gainsborough, Lincoln, England and to Grimsby and St. David's, Wales. Booklets were received from these localities and thanks and a letter from the Mayor of Louth, J. R. Burr, J.,P., who wrote "It is extremely nice to know that people who have left the old country, and their descendants, still think with some affection of the motherland, and aim to do what they can to preserve - the unity of the Empire. I should be very glad if you could let me have some particulars of the Louth near St. Catharines."

Regret was expressed at the death of Mrs. Henry O'Loughlin Past President and member of the St. Catharines Branch U.E.L., for over fifty-two years. The late Mrs. O'Loughlin passed away on June 16, 1954. She was the great granddaughter of Capt. Wm. and Sylvia Comstock Merrick, U.E.L., founders of Merrickville, Ont. and a direct descendant of Thomas Merrick, who came from Wales in 1636 and was one of the founders of Springfield, Mass.

Regret was also expressed at the death of Mrs. Howard Williams, wife of the President of the Hammon Branch.

The Decew family left France and settled at Sandtoft in Lincolnshire, England in 1630. In 1685 the two sons of Lawrence Decew purchased land in Pennsylvania which is still known as the Decew tract. A descendant, Capt. John Decew came to Canada with the United Empire Loyalists in 1785, to do survey work and settled at Decew Falls, where he built a grist mill, and a saw mill. He was made a captain of Militia in the second Regiment of Lincoln, District of Niagara. He was captured and taken a prisoner to Philadelphia, but escaped and made his way home to Decew Falls by way of Vermont and Plattsburg.

The United Empire Loyalists were industrious and hard working. They cleared the land by hard manual labour and had none of the tree pulling machinery that does the hard part of the work to-day. No unfortunate stranger was ever turned away from a U.E.L. home and U.E. Loyalists always recognized the ability and brains of newer settlers.. The late Robert E. Saunders, head of the Hydro Electric that has done so much for this district, is a good example of a descendant of United Empire Loyalist stock - Kind, generous and hard working.

J. A. BALL, President
KATHLEEN O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Standard Bearer - Miss Gwen O'Loughlin	

Delegates to Dominion Council - Mr. J. A. Hicks, Rev. C. H. E: Smith., Mr. J. A. Ban,
Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin.

The St. Catharines' and District Branch had a very successful year in 1956 under the leadership of the President, The Rev. C. H. E. Smith. Several new members were received. Members who passed away during the year were Mrs. Fred Beard, Mrs. J. S. Campbell, Mrs. Neil Leckie and Mrs. Richard Davidson.

At the March meeting, Mrs. Howard Newman read a letter from her nephew, Mr. John Dittrick, Cleveland, Ohio, joining the Dominion Council through the St. Catharines' Branch as a Life Member. Mr. H. Walker, R.R. No.1, Niagara-on-the-Lake gave a very interesting paper on the Walker family. Mr. Walker is the Seventh generation living on a Crown Grant of land. The Walker family came originally from Virginia in 1784 to the thirty, near Grimbsy, Ont. Related families are the Tuffords, Durhams, Carpenters, Zimmermans, Patersons. A Government marker marks the spot where Wm. Walker had the Crown Grant, at Walker Hall, Lake Front.

On May 10th a Social and Musicale Evening was held at the Y.W.C.A., arranged by Mrs. Arnold Read, Mrs. R. A. Stevens, Mrs. Thomas Wilson and Mrs. Fred Gregory. The President, the Rev. C. H. E. Smith received the guests, among whom were representatives of the Dominion Council, the President, Mr. W. Harding, and -Mr. Macaulay Pope, and Mr. John Fisher. Also present were several members from the Lundys Lane Historical Society. Mrs. Kathleen Chitty, accompanied by Mrs. H. V. Finnie sang and. Mrs. Dearing's group gave vocal and instrumental numbers. Pictures on European Travels were shown by Robert Steele.

In June the Annual Picnic was held at the home of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Neil Leckie at Grimbsy. Dr. Leckie spoke on the comparatively slight measure of change that took place at the time of the American

Revolution in education, literature and religion, in which phrases of life no changes were made. A passage was quoted from the Preface of the book of Common Prayer as used by the Episcopal Church of the United States in which it was explained that there was no intention of departing from the Church of England in any point of doctrine or worship further than was made necessary by a change of civil government and even in this domain of American Life reference was made from recent publications in the State of Albany which dealt with the cooperation of English Common Law in that and other States and other examples were given of surviving influences in the great American Republic which link their inhabitants with their mother country. Members of our Branch were present at the Laura Secord Walk on June 23rd.

At the October meeting, Mrs. John Willis was appointed Librarian and the Public Library Board will be approached to provide a locked case so that books and valuable papers relating to the coming of the United Empire Loyalists may be kept safe, but available to be looked at in the Library on request. At this meeting Mrs. Thomas Wilson gave a paper on the Cohoe family. Daniel Cohoe, born in Ireland and Mary (Cutter) Cohoe emigrated from England to America. Their son, Andrew Cohoe born in Philadelphia in 1743, married in 1773 Deborah (Morgan) Heacock of Richland, Bucks County, PA. They emigrated to Canada in 1787 as United Empire Loyalists, crossing the Niagara River on rafts. Much privation was suffered during the starvation years of 1788-89 and Andrew Cohoe died of malnutrition and fever induced by lack of proper food. His wife and seven children survived because of his sacrifice and his widow lived for nearly sixty years after his death. She died in 1848 in her 100th year. Some of the descendants of Andrew and Deborah Cohoe are the Moores, Clarks, Browns, Cavers, Buckners, Ostranders, Haleys, Hills, Nunns, McCombs, Lemons, Howells, Rickers, McAlpines.

At the December meeting 625 Christmas Cards were received by the members. The scene depicted was Jeffries "U. E. Loyalists Crossing the St. Lawrence". The Rev. C. H. E. Smith addressed the meeting on United Empire Loyalists who went to England. He traced the career of one Samuel Curwen who had been a Judge in Mass., and lived in Salem where he and his forbearers had held positions of prominence. Then past 60 years he applied for permission to sail to the Old Country. With letters of introduction he made interesting contacts in the Motherland, but felt sorely for his native country where his family had lived three or four generations. When the troubles had somewhat subsided he returned and bought a humble home there; his holdings having been dispersed.

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Librarian: Mrs. John Willis

Social: Mrs. Arnold Read, Convener, Mrs. John

Willis, Mrs. Fred Gregory, Mrs. Fred Sherlock

Programme: Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Convener,

Mrs. E. Stevens, Mrs. Harold Marten and Miss

Margaret Robertson

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The St Catharines & District Branch, U.E.L. had a very successful year in 1957 under the President, the

Rev. C. H. E. Smith, who attended all the meetings of the year, attended by the Standard Bearer, Mrs. Kinnear.

During the year, there passed away, Mrs. Howard Dittrick, mother of Mr. John Dittrick, Cleveland, U.S.A.

Life Member; Mr. Walter Warner, Niagara Falls, Mrs. Arthur Kinnear, mother of Mr. Norman Kinnear.

Mrs. John Willis, Librarian, reported that there are now over thirty books in the U.E.L. bookcase at the St. Catharines Public Library donated by the members, and it is hoped that this Library will steadily grow. Mrs. A. E. Gingrich, Historian reported several scrap books filled: with interesting U.E.L. data, a valuable collection for the years to come.

450 Christmas Cards, depicting the Van Alstyne Mill on the Bay of Quinte, were sent out by the members.

Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin was elected lady Vice-President for the Dominion Council, United Empire Loyalists of Canada, and the Rev. C. H. E. Smith was elected to the Executive.

On April 5th Mrs. T. B.: Griffin gave a paper on the McMicking and Cooper families. Thomas and John McMicking sailed from Port Patrick, Wigtownshire, Scotland in 1771 and took up land on the Delaware in Pennsylvania. Two years after settling on the Delaware, the brothers sent for their mother. With her came her two daughters, Sarah who died at sea and Jane the widow of John Samuel Cooper, who was the son of the Rev. Samuel Cooper, Church of England Rector in Herefordshire. Mrs. Cooper brought two young sons with her. They came to where Thomas and John McMicking were living on the Delaware and stayed until 1776 when they were taken prisoners by the Seneca Indians. The mother, Mrs. McMicking, feigning a broken hip, escaped and travelled several days, finding herself on the shore of Lake George. There she saw three men in a boat. She offered them a guinea to take her in sight of British ships. They went a short distance, rounded a point, and came under the guns of the Royal George, a British man-of-war. Mrs. McMicking showed a flag of truce and was taken aboard and finally arrived at Niagara during the summer, the rest of her family having arrived in March. Thomas McMicking, her son, was one of the first settlers in the Stamford area, his name listed in the second census noting that he had cleared six acres of land. Her grandson, Lieut. Thomas McMicking Cooper was commended by Governor John Graves in a letter dated Oct. 23, 1794 to Alexander McKee, when he wrote "I beg to introduce to your notice, Lieut. Thomas McMicking Cooper of the Engineers, whom I believe as far as I can see a very promising young gentleman".

On May 4th a social and musicale evening was held at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. C. J. Phelps, Niagara-on-the-Lake, gave a most interesting paper on Historic Homes of the Niagara Frontier, describing that of George Fields U.E. Loyalist from New Jersey in the early 1780's; Isaac Swayze Loyalist from New Jersey, elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada Aug. 28, 1792; John Freel and wife Deborah Moran came to Niagara in 1778; Dr. Kerr, Surgeon to the Loyalists came to Upper Canada in 1784 and was one of those who met in Sept. 1794 and resolved that a Presbyterian Church should be built; also Clench, McIntyre, Kirby, Paynter, Count de Puisaye houses. Mrs. Arnold Read, Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Mrs. Fred Gregory, Mrs. R. E. Stevens, Mrs. John Willis, Mrs. Fred Sherlock, Mrs. Harold Marten and Miss Margaret Robertson were in charge of programme and refreshments. Mr. John Hicks thanked the speaker. Representing the Dominion Branch was Mr. Macauley Pope and Mrs. Pope of Toronto, and Mrs. Norman Spack, President of the Hamilton Branch.

Representatives of the Branch were present at the Laura Secord Walk on June 23 under the auspices of the Lincoln Historical Society and their President, Mr. Wilfred Ball, and the Rev. C.H.E. Smith placed a wreath on the U.E.L. Boulder on Memorial Day, June 2. This Boulder once marked the half way point between Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Catharines.

On July 6th the Annual picnic was held at the home of the Rev. Dr. Neil Leckie of Grimsby. Present was Mr. Stanley Honsberger, Q.C., Vice-President of the Dominion Council, who brought greetings from the Dominion President, Mr. T. Harding, and also spoke of the proposed gathering in Boston, Mass. in the summer of 1958 when a reunion will be held of all Americans and Canadians of early Massachusetts descent. A special invitation has been sent to the United Empire Loyalists to join in this reunion, and at the meeting of the St. Catharines & District Branch on Oct. 3rd, 1957 a motion was passed that our Branch accept this invitation and await further particulars.

It was Mr. L. Merrill of Hamilton, Representative of the Dominion Council, U.E.L. at the ceremonies celebrating the arrival of the Mayflower II at Plymouth, Mass., who was first approached re a reunion in Boston, Mass., of descendants, both Canadian and American of early Massachusetts pioneers. On his trip Mr. Merrill also was in contact with United Empire Loyalists in Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B.

At this meeting Mrs. Walter Warner of Stamford Centre gave a paper on the Stockton family, who trace their line from Sir Edward Stockton of the twelfth century. Richard Stockton, a descendant came to America sometime prior to 1656 settling at Flushing, Long Island. Twenty towns including Stockton, Calif. and Stockton Harbour in Maine are named after the family. Richard 2nd purchased 6,000 acres from William Penn in 1701 and built "Morven" at Princeton, N.J., now a museum. His son, John donated the land site on which Princeton University now stands. The founder of the Canadian Branch was Major Richard Stockton who served with the British army. He was captured in a surprise attack and sent to Philadelphia in arms, an act of which General Washington did not approve for he wrote "Major Stockton was taken in arms as an officer and not as a felon". He moved with other U. E. Loyalists to New Brunswick, and the marriage of his son Andrew Hunter Stockton to Hannah Lester in 1784 was the first marriage to be solemnized in Parrtown, now Saint John. Their son, William Johnston Stockton founded the Ontario Branch of the family, coming to Ontario in 1815, settling on the fifth concession of South Dumfries returning to New Brunswick the next year to bring back his bride, Ann Nevers. Fourteen children were born of this union, and the homestead is still owned and operated by a descendant, George Stockton.

At the Dec. 5th meeting, Mr. Harry Walker of Niagara-on-the-Lake brought a photostat copy 'Of Petition of his great grandfather, William Walker in which William Walker of North Carolina petitioned to Governor Simcoe in 1794 for land stating that 800 acres of his had been confiscated. The Rev. C. H. E. Smith remarked on the fine flourish and penmanship with which Wm. Walker signed his name to this petition in 1794.

Also at this meeting Mrs. John Willis gave a paper on the Michael Showers family. He was born in 1733 in Pennsylvania and married Hannah Pierce Tock, a lineal descendant of the famous Anneke Jans family, as recorded in the old Dutch Church, Pa. Michael Showers and his two eldest sons, served with Butler's Rangers, his wife and younger children lived near Fort Wyoming, then called the Forty Fort on the Susquehanna in Pennsylvania. Later they and others made their perilous way to Niagara. Friendly Indians helped the starving Loyalists by feeding and guiding them until British troops were sent to take them. to Niagara. They were, if not the first settlers at Niagara, among the first as they came into the Province in 1778 and had lots 13 and 14 on the River Road. In 1793 Michael petitioned for lots 11 and 12 in Ancaster Township where he built one of the first mills in Dundas.

Mr. Richard Corman of Thorold gave a short paper on the Corman family. Johannes Jerrick Corman, was born in Holland in 1732. He came to Maryland, where he married Sarah Harrison, aunt of President and General Harrison. Moving to Kentucky and on to Penn. in 1783, George Corman and his younger son Isaac emigrated to Upper Canada and settled at Stoney Creek on a 200 acre grant of land given them by the Crown. George Corman married Desire Green, sister of Billy Green the Scout whose warning to General Harvey in command of the troops at Burlington Heights won the victory of the Battle of Stoney Creek.

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The St. Catharines & District Branch United Empire Loyalists of Canada, under the President, The Rev. C. H. E. Smith, took part in activities of value to the British Commonwealth of Nations, and its Objective, good-will to all.

At the Feb. 3rd meeting, Mr. John Hicks gave an account of the origin of the anthem "The Maple Leaf Forever". Mr. Hicks said that when the United Empire Loyalists were entering Canada just below Queenston, they attached their wagon ropes to oak trees on the American side and to the Canadian Maple on the Canadian side. Miss Helen Brown also gave a most interesting paper on the Brown family. Her great grandfather, Lieut. John Brown fought at the side of General Wolfe at Quebec, and when Wolfe was wounded Lieut. Brown, helped to carry him from the field. Returning to Ireland, he married and came to New Jersey, and in 1789 with the United Empire Loyalists to Canada, and settled on a Crown Grant near Welland, Ont.

On Friday, April 25th, a social and musical evening was held at the Y.W.C.A. Mr. L. L. Merrill of Hamilton, Past President of the Dominion Council, U.E.L., spoke and said "Our ranks comprise the descendants of those great people, who from 1776 onward, by their loyalty to the British Crown, and their love of British institutions, abandoned their homes and possessions and came here many thousands strong, and with them came entire bands of the Six Nations Indians inspired by the like sentiment of loyalty. Our schoolbooks, histories and newspapers should contain accounts of the courage and heroism of these United Empire Loyalists. They would inspire the newcomer and his children to follow the example of their noble and unselfish deeds, and in following their example, they would necessarily be led to follow the example of their loyalty." Mrs. Griffin sang several numbers in beautiful tone accompanied by Mrs. Branscombe. Mrs. Arnold Read, and Mrs. Thomas Wilson were the Social and Programme Conveners.

On June 5th, Memorial Sunday, a wreath was laid on the Boulder in Memorial Park by Mrs. Norman Kinnear, Standard Bearer.

On June 12th members attended the unveiling and rededication of the famous United Empire Loyalist Monument, depicting father, mother and two children. Through the efforts of Mr. L. L. Merrill of Hamilton this monument was restored, and set well forward in front of the New Court House, and all United Empire Loyalists are well satisfied with the new and prominent setting. His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, came from Ottawa to unveil the monument. On Saturday, June 21st the annual picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kinnear, and Mr. Jesse Ruley, Past President of the Lundy's Lane Society gave an address on the early U.E.L. settlers on the Four Mile Creek. Between St. David's and Virgil are several old burial grounds, the Stevens and the Clement, also the Servos.

In October 5-11, the Rev. C. H. E. Smith, Mrs. W. Warner, Mrs. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Van Every and Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin represented our Branch at the Boston Homecoming made in recognition of the close ties both past and present between Canada and the United States, and in response to an invitation received from Governor Faubus of Massachusetts that the United Empire Loyalists of Canada should join in the reunion at Boston of the Massachusetts pioneers. The arrangements were made through Mr. Jack Frost, Boston artist and Mr. L. L. Merrill of Hamilton. Dr. Stanley H. Clark, President of the Dominion Council, U.E.L., strongly supported the movement from the first also Major V. McLean Howard and the arrangements were made through the Baldwin Travel Agency, and we were very well looked after. At the airport. Oct. 5, we were met by a representative of President Eisenhower, by the official receiver, Mr. Brown of the City of Boston, a band of 60, a corp of the Governor's National Guard and a band of girls who did a smart drill. The next morning the City of Boston gave us a breakfast at which many prominent Bostonians were present and at which Dr. Clark made a fine address, The Rev. Mr. Smith gave the benediction. We had tea at the Chamber of Commerce, where Mr. Stevenson of the M.I.T. introduced by Mr. Hathaway of the Chamber of Commerce, gave an address on the growth of Boston and especially the world-wide fame of the Boston Medical clinics. We then travelled out to Charlestown, old Boston, in which I was interested, as my mother's family, the Merricks, had landed there from Wales in 1636. In 1640 William Merrick was Lieut. to Capt. Myles Standish. We travelled south of Boston, through Hingham, Swampcott, Indian name is "The waves with the white faces" :Marshfield, where the War Memorial is a waterwheel on the old mill stream where the boys used to swim and fish, to Plymouth where we went aboard the "Mayflower II". It was amazing to see how well those English ship builders built the original Mayflower. Though very small, everything was in order, a place for everything, everything in its place. No waste. When the Plymouth Company landed, the Indian, Samoset spied them, and came out crying, "Welcome, Englishmen', Welcome, Englishmen". Samoset had been captured by Capt. Hunt of Capt. John Smith's fleet, and taken to England where he was kindly treated in an Englishman's home, and later returned to America. Thus we see the influence by the courtesy received by Samoset in an English home had on the settlement of the English in America. For without the friendliness of the Indians they could not have survived. Samoset ran and brought Massoit, the over Sachem of the District, and all sat down to the first Thanksgiving Dinner. It is said the Indians brought a bushel of popcorn. From Plymouth we drove to Bourne, Cape Cod to the first trading post set up by Aspinet between the Indians and Plymouth Colony, and then drove on to the Boston Faculty Club, Boston University, for dinner, where we were received by Professor Samuel Atkinson.

The next day we went on a tour of the North Shore, passing through world famous Marblehead to Salem, where Mrs. W. S. Van Every was presented with an old book on the history of Salem, one of her ancestors, Nathaniel Wright being one of the Company of Englishmen who owned the Arabella, flagship of Governor Winthrop's fleet that sailed *into* Salem Harbour in 1628. The weather was beautiful and the route was along the Atlantic Shore.

On October 3rd a meeting was held by the Branch at the Library at which Mr. Macaulay Pope, President of the Governor Simcoe Branch U.E.L., gave a paper on the Hon. Wm. Hamilton Merritt and the Welland Ship Canal. and an account of all that Mr. Merritt did for St. Catharines and district, as an early pioneer, donating land and money both for churches and schools.

Some of the members attended the dinner given by the Governor Simcoe Branch at the Arts and Letters Club on December 12th at which the Lieut. Governor of Ontario and Mrs. MacKay were present.

At the meeting held at the Library, December 4th a resolution was passed that a letter be written to John Smith, M.P., for Lincoln, as follows "the St. Catharines & District Branch, United Empire Loyalists of Canada view with alarm the desecration of ancient burial ground, some of which have been brought to the attention of this meeting, i.e., the Grimsby Burial Ground, in which Cemetery the ancestors of some of the members present at this meeting were interred, and respectfully request the Parliament of Canada to pass a law that will protect these old burial grounds."

500 U.E.L. Christmas cards were sold.

The members regret the passing of Mrs. C. H. E. Smith, who took such an interest in the United Empire Loyalists, and who founded the first chapter of the I.O.D.E., at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and donated several Union Jacks to the schools of the district.

Among the books collected 'by Mrs. John Willis, Librarian, were "The Trail of the Black Walnut", and another donated by Mr. Frederick Jarrett, the noted Toronto Historian, "Canadian Portraits".

KATHLEEN O'LOUGHLIN,
Secretary.

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Our Branch had a most successful year in 1959 under the president, the Rev. C. H. E. Smith and several new members were received.

At the Annual meeting, Mrs. J. J. McLean paid a fine tribute to the United Empire Loyalists. She said "My grandfather came out here from Scotland over one hundred years ago. The United Empire

Loyalists had then long been here. For three years I lived in Bogartown in the house -built by Dr. Bogart, United Empire Loyalist. The town, 2 1/2 miles from Newmarket was named after him. I have had the privilege of talking with many who trekked to this great land of ours over corduroy roads, and endured hardships and privations to get established. They were men of the soil. They were also men of God. The Bible was their source of knowledge, strength and comfort. In the morning the Bible was read and prayer was made for strength .to meet the difficulties of the day. When evening came the Bible was read and a prayer of thankfulness for what had been given. They built the foundation for you and me by the sweat of their brow. They gave us a torch of righteousness, truth and justice to hold high."

At the March meeting -a paper was read by Mrs. Thomas McClelland on her Ancestor, James MacAlpine of the Clan Alpine, an early settler in Pelham. Mrs. McClelland also spoke on her U.E.L. ancestors, early settlers in this district, - the Hills, Cohoes, Darbys and Everinghams.

In April a musical and social evening was held 'at the Kate Leonard Room of the Y.W.C.A., when Mr. L. L. Merrill of Hamilton gave a historical Travelogue covering the original landings at Fort Henry, 1607, Williamsburg, Yorkton, Richmond, "Mayflower II" arrival at Plymouth, Shelburne, N.S., Halifax Annapolis Royal, also scenes in Victoria Park, Niagara Falls, all unusually beautiful. On June 7th a wreath was laid on the Boulder, once the half way mark !between Queenston and Niagara-on-the Lake, by the President, the Rev. C. H. E. Smith. Mrs. T. B. Griffin delighted the large audience with two vocal numbers.

June 20th the U.E. Loyalists joined the Lincoln Historical Society in commemorating the Laura Secord Walk, and the address was given by Mr. A. R. Petrie. There were smart contingents present from the St. Catharines Collegiate and the St. Catharines Air Cadets. W.O.I Roger Lawrence the drill instructor for the Air Cadets - grandson of the late A. E. Corman, U.E.L.

On July 9th the Annual Picnic was 'held at the residence of the President, the Rev. C. H. E. Smith. Mr. Smith said "It was fitting that the United Empire Loyalists should come to Niagara-on-the-Lake, the home of the Niagara Historical Society and of Memorial Hall erected in memory of the United Empire Loyalists, and where so many valuable papers and treasures are stored". Mr. Smith said a recent representative of travel and publicity for the Province of Ontario had visited there, and said the Niagara Historical Society had the most interesting and complete collection of antiques in Ontario.

A very fine display of the Scrap Books filled in with historical items by the late Mrs. Marguerite Carlisle Gingrich, and books donated to the U.E.L. Bookshelf at the St. Catharines Public Library, were on display Oct.-Nov. on the main floor of the Library. Arrangements were made by Miss Shirley Jones of the Library Staff. A moment of silence in memory of the late Mrs. Marguerite Carlisle Gingrich, Mrs. Shaver, mother of Mrs. W. C. Vaughan, Mrs. A. J. Cox and Dr. Louis Blake Duff.

At the December meeting a moment of silence was held in memory of the late Mrs. Norman Wilson, of Thorold. Sympathy was also expressed at the unfortunate accident of Mr. Charles Ball, St. Davids Road, who has so kindly lent his grounds for past annual picnics.

Mrs. J. J. McLean read a paper prepared by Mrs. K. Warwick on the Dorland family. Mrs. Warwick wrote "The Dorland family in America sprang from two brothers who came from Breuckelen, Holland. They were Jan Gerretse Dorland, and Lambert Janse Dorland, who came to .the New Netherlands in the years 1652, 1653 and settled in the then little village and township of Brooklyn, named after Breuckelen, their birthplace in Holland. With the Holland emigrants had also come French Huguenots, Wallon emigrants of Gallic extraction from the Belgic provinces. These settled chiefly in New Amsterdam, on Staten Island and on the western end of Long Island. In 1650, the population of Brooklyn was 134 persons, comprising 31 families. The huge fireplaces were glazed with blue Holland tiles illustrating scenes from the

Scripture. Books were few, chiefly massive volumes of the Bible, Testament and Psalms. The Bibles were quaint specimens of early Dutch printing of Antwerp and Amsterdam, bound in thick wooden covers, braced and protected with heavy silver clasps. My ancestor, Jan Gerretse Dorland came to Brooklyn from Holland in 1652 and was living in 1711. My grandmother's great grandfather John Dorland, was born in 1749 and accompanied by his brother Philip and sisters, Mary, Letty and Anna, and perhaps a brother Thomas embarked from New York on Sept. 8, 1783 in the Fleet, consisting of seven sailing vessels accompanied by the British Brig "Hope" brought Mayor VanAlstine's company of United Empire Loyalists. The Fleet slowly preceded up the Atlantic Ocean, past the shores of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and then up the St. Lawrence, reaching Sorel, Que., Oct. 8th, on the 'St. Lawrence. They built huts and cabins here where they took shelter. Early in the spring, 1784, they pursued their toilsome way up the Rapids, past Kingston, up the Bay Of Quinte and reached their destination, Adolphustown, June 16, 1784. Among others of the Dorland connection here were the Willet Casey, John Clapp, John Trumpour, Joseph Clapp, Capt. Mabie, John Canniff, Philip and Owen Roblin and John Huyck.

U.E. Loyalists Christmas Cards showing the Loyalists crossing the St. Lawrence were sold to members.

A Bantu woman, a delegate to the Empire Conference in London, England, 1918, said, "For years we leaders of our people have hoped and dreamed for the day when the flag with Crosses would fly over us. The Flag with the Crosses, the Union Jack, means to us blacks, Christianity, love and kindness."

Kathleen O'Loughlin

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The year of 1962 was a good year for our Branch. Recent members joining are Mr. and Mrs. W. Kirby of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Mr. Kirby is a grandson of Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C., who wrote the "Annals of Niagara"; Mr. Ellwood Davis, a descendant of William Davis of Baltimore, North Carolina who married Hannah Phillips of Virginia and came to Canada in 1792 and to Mount Albion in 1794; Mrs. Donald Shaw, descendant of Duncan Chisholm of Oakville; Prof. F. Lorrigan of Thorold and Toronto, descendant: the Ashcroft family of Port Hope; Mr. T. Allen McIntosh a descendant of John MacIntosh, who first planted the "MacIntosh Apples". Members of the family still live on the crown land at Iroquois, Ontario; Mr. Charles Feere descendant of James Everingham whose daughter, Charlotte, married Barnett Sheltis Darby of Bertie Township.

At the February meeting a letter was read from Mr. Geoffrey Harmsworth of the Harmsworth Press. London, England, thanking the St. Catharines Branch for writing him that our Branch had noted with appreciation his preservation of the Chapel of Wolford, Devon, in which Governor Simcoe was buried,

and said "It is fitting that the name of Governor Simcoe should be remembered in Canada and for my own part I am proud that my family have had the care for the past thirty-six years of the Chapel at Wolford in Devon where Governor Simcoe and his family are buried."

Mrs. T. E. Hilston of Niagara Falls ran off her own composition called, "The Niagara" formerly called the "Ongaiara" describing the five sections of the river in a musical record.

At the Social evening held at the Y.W.C.A., in May, Mr. Stanley Honsberger, Q.C., President of the Dominion Council, addressed the gathering and said "I feel that the emerging nations of the world will have a common cause and closer ties with the British Commonwealth of Nations through the same ideals of democratic liberty."

A wreath was placed on the U.E.L. Boulder in Memorial Park in June by Mrs. R. E. Stevens. This boulder was once the half way mark between Queenston and Niagara-in-the-Lake, Ont.

Members were present at the Laura Secord celebration on June 24th.

At the Annual Picnic held at Macfarlane Park on Niagara Boulevard on July 14th, Prof. Lorrigan spoke of the great interest shown by young people in museums and 'history and Mr. Wm. Kirby said that the value of such societies as the United Empire Loyalists is that they form the connecting link between the pioneer and the new generation of young people who must be given the facts of why they have a fine Canadian heritage."

In July members attended the Indian celebration of the Jay Treaty of 1794 which gave the Indians free cross-rights between Canada and the United States.

At the October meeting Mrs. Fred Sherlock gave a paper on the Kerne family and related families of Mayhew, McNab, Hammond, Glover, Ogg and Mathews. Mr. Vernon Jones, the President, presented his fine film on Southern Europe.

At the Dominion Council Meeting in Toronto in November. it was decided to reissue a U.E.L. newsletter to be called "The Loyalist". Mr. E. J. Chard was appointed Chairman of the editorial board consisting of Mr. S.H. Honsberger, Q.C. President of Dominion Council, Dr. J. Walton-Ball, immediate Past President, Dominion Council, Mr. Kenneth Benson, President, Governor Simcoe Branch, Mrs. Ross Glassford, Miss Marian Ketcheson, and Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin.

An expression of sympathy was passed in the death of the late Mr. Wm. Hose to his family and Mrs. T. B. Read, Port Dalhousie, formerly of Morrisburg, Ont. a descendant of Col. Munro of the King's Loyal Regiment of New York.

A letter of thanks was sent to the Public Library and the St. Catharines Standard, St. Catharines

500 Christmas Cards depicting the scene of a figure from the U.E.L monument at Upper Canada were taken by the members.

The love for old England is part of the make-up of the United Empire Loyalists. This trait too is found in thousands of United States citizens of British descent, as may be seen in the many splendid libraries of the U.S.A., full of genealogical and historical books, where many of them are proud to trace the old family tree originating in the British Isles. They too, like us, are proud of the heritage of Old England.

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The year 1963 was a successful year for our Branch. Several new members joined. Congratulatory message was sent to the Editor of The Loyalist Gazette, Mr. E.J. Chard, 800 U.E. L. Christmas Cards were sold, depicting the Landing of the U.E.L.'s at St. John, N.B., May; 1783, by J. D. Kelly. A moment of silence was held in memory of the late Dr. W. D. Cornwall, Dr. Neil Leckie, Mr. Ray Grenville, Mr. T. E. McClelland, Mrs. A. L. McTear.

At the February meeting Mrs. J. Hilston, Niagara Falls, Ont., gave a paper on her ancestor, Capt. Philip Henry, who came with the Royal York Volunteers. He was, for a time, prisoner in York, Virginia. Related families were Hamm, Gillies, Mowbray, and Walker.

At the April meeting, Miss Eleida Clench gave a talk on the early educational system in Upper Canada. The early schools were garrison schools, private and church schools. From 1792 to 1794 Governor John Graves Simcoe strove for the establishment of grammar schools and a university. In 1799 first legislation for the education of orphan children was passed. Not until 1807 and then largely through the efforts of the Rev. John Strahan, Grammar Schools were established in the eight districts of the Province, said Miss Clench.

On May 2nd our branch was honoured by a visit from the Dominion President, Mr. Stanley K. Honsberger, Q.C. In showing slides of his world tour, Mr. Honsberger said that he and his wife received every courtesy as Canadians and British. Much of the government of emerging countries is built on British Common Law, he said. Visitors might wonder at some of the antique methods still in use, but although the leaders in Arica, the Middle East, India and the Far East are establishing schools, medical and educational, still they could not move too fast, owing to the vast populations that had to have some small employment to be fed. At this meeting, Miss Patricia Davis, daughter of Mr. Ellwood Davis, the Vice President, rendered two talented violin solos.

On July 20th the Annual Picnic was held at Queenston, and a picture taken in front of the Laura Secord monument. Mr. Edwin Secord, speaking of the opening of the Garden City Skyway, said that when Laura Secord walked over the log bridge over the "ten", costing two hundred dollars, little did those pioneers think that today there would be a bridge costing twenty million. Mr. Herbert Secord crossed over by the log bridge most of his life and is now living to cross over by the new Garden

In August some of our members joined the St. Catharines Lincoln Historical Bus Tour to Oshwegan. Passing through the six miles of buck wheat, corn, oats and wheat. We asked one of the chiefs of the Six Nations if the children on the Reserve were getting a good education. He said "Yes", the best. The busses

call for them, and they are taught by teachers brought up on the Reserve, with university education. It is to be hoped that the Six Nations Reserve will guard these valuable lands, on which we believe oil and gas has been found, so that they, like other pioneers, and their children may receive the full benefit of this legacy for their loyalty.

At the October meeting, the President, Mr. Vernon Jones gave a description of the Naval Battle of Lake Erie accompanied by slides. At this meeting a resolution was passed that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. L. Pearson, that the Union Jack be continued as the Flag of Canada. A history of the Rykert family was sent to the Branch from Mr. Rykert of Northfield, Mass.

Members attended the St. Catharines & Lincoln Historical Society meeting in November, at Rodman Hall, at which Mr. Colucci, Director of Pioneer Village, Toronto, gave an illustrated talk. He said the most important project now is the assembling and installing of the Roblin Mill, built by Owen Roblin in 1842 and in operation until 1912. He spoke of the educational value of these old mills, some were six stories high, and mentioned the Elora Mills.

Ball's Falls Mills, on the Twenty, now part of the Ontario Conservancy was built in 1810. Even on a hot summer day a cool breeze come up the canyon known to the Indians as "the lead valley". The old Ancaster Mountain Mill built in 1791; still running, the Merrickville saw and grist mills, built by William Merrick in 1793, and the woolen mill built by Wm. Merrick, Jr., in 1834, the first textile mill in Ontario. A Welsh triad attributes to Coel ab Cyllin ap caradawg the introduction of some improvements in mills.

At the December meeting, The Rev. Dr. Harvey G. Forster of Welland, gave a talk on "Butler's Rangers". He is descended from Joseph Senn, of Swiss nationality, who served as a Sergeant in Butler's Rangers. Dr. Forster outlined the situation and said "After the Seven Year's War and the Treaty of Paris, Britain was broke financially and owed 140 million The people in England were poor. They had fought to save the world, as they had in World Wars I and II. Much of the expenditure had been for the American colonies and the British Parliament put a small Excise on, but when it was objected to, they removed it. The Colonies were growing rich, tobacco from Virginia, shipping, lumber and fisheries from Massachusetts. The British Parliament then put on a small tax on tea. Sir Wm. Johnson, a superintendent for Indian affairs, appointed Colonel John Butler as his second in command. Butler's were the only troops to defend Niagara and the lake ports. They saved Canada. Butler's Rangers did not commit atrocities. They were soldiers in uniform. At Fort Wintermute, Col.. Butler addressed the Rangers and Indian allies. He said: "We do not fight old men, women and children".

At this meeting, Mr. Wm. J. Boyle of Thorold was received as a new member. He is the great grandson of the Rev. John Bethune, who emigrated from the Island of Skye to South Carolina, became chaplain in regiment of the Revolution, was taken prisoner and exchanged.. He became the first Presbyterian Minister in Upper Canada. In 1787 he was given a grant of land in Williamstown. His wife was Veronica Wadden, a Swiss by birth.

At this meeting Dr. Reaman's book "The Trail of the Huguenots" was bought for the U.E.L. library bookshelf.

Mr. James Lovekin, President, Toronto Branch, United Empire Loyalists, said "It is time that the real picture of the United Empire Loyalists be put forward, namely that people of all walks of life and of a variety of background united in support and appreciation of the noblest political system devised by the mind of men, and one to which humanity owes the distinction between civilized government and the herding of men like flocks of animals. The Greeks, it should be remembered, never conceived of a democracy larger than a city state, whereas the British brought before man a free government, global in its sweep".

KATHLEEN O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary .

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Delegates to Dominion Council Mr. Vernon Jones, Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin, Mr. J. A. Hicks, Mr. Norman Kinnear

Alternate Delegates - Mr. T. McIntosh, Mrs. L. Hilston Mrs. John Willis, Mrs. F. Sherlock

The St. Catharines & District Branch held a most successful year in 1964.

At the April 3rd meeting the history of Edwin Secord's clock was read by Mrs. Fred Sherlock. This clock was one of the first time pieces in the New England colony, and is now in possession of Mr. Edwin Secord. Mrs. R. E. Stevens read excerpts from the booklet by Mrs. L. L. Merrill of Hamilton, past President of Dominion Council, entitled "Our Heritage". Mr. T. Alan McIntosh told the story of his ancestor Daniel McIntosh, born in Inverness, Scotland in 1741 and came to Pennsylvania and up to Dunvegan near Iroquois with the United Empire Loyalists. It was there, that finding a seedling blown on a fence, he planted and developed the famous McIntosh apple.

On May 7th a social gathering was held at the Y.W.C.A. Mr. Stanley Honsberger, K.C., a noted lawyer said "this generation has put little into the great reservoir of liberty and law that we enjoy today, and which we inherited from our British forefathers. Mr. Honsberger also congratulated Mr. V. Jones on his appointment to President of the Dominion Council. Mr. L. L. Merrill also spoke on the title of U.E. bestowed on U.E. Loyalists and their descendants.

In June a wreath was placed on the U.E.L. Boulder in Memorial Park by Alderman Wilfred Ball, who said "We are forever indebted to the past. It is in the records in our books. in the minds of our parents and in our Universities. What has a University to offer but what it has absorbed of the past, to be communicated to the new generation". It was Alderman Ball who was instrumental in having the St. Catharines City Council pass a recommendation that the Canadian Ensign be retained. Mr. W. S. VanEvery placed the wreath on the boulder, and closed the meeting with prayer.

In July a picnic was held at Ball's Falls - now a Provincial Conservation area. This remarkable old mill is among the best preserved in Ontario. Representatives of the U.E.L. were present at the July 19 unveiling and dedication of a plaque to the memory of the Rev. Anthony Burns at his grave and at the entrance to Victoria Park Cemetery. Mr. Robert Welch, M.P.P. for Lincoln said "in 1793 the anti-slavery feeling had reached very compelling proportions, and Governor Simcoe had the Provincial Government (nearly all United Empire Loyalists) pass a law forbidding the importation of slaves into Upper Canada, and

providing for the freedom of slave children on reaching the age of 25, effectively disposing of the slave system as a permanent feature of life in Upper Canada."

Some of the members joined the Bus Tour of the St. Catharines and Lincoln Historical Society, President, Mr. Gordon Merritt to historic sites in Toronto and Oakville. One of the places visited was the Marine Museum, Alan Howard, Curator, Toronto, once the officers' quarters of a British military establishment built in 1841 and known as the New Fort. This Museum has a remarkable collection of exploration of Upper Canada and shipping on the inland waterways on the Great Lakes. Here is a water wheel dated in 1867. At one time more than 2,000 mills in Ontario were once powered by waterwheels. These mills of intricate workmanship required special knowledge to build and operate. In 1793 one of the oldest in Canada was built by William Merrick at Merrickville, Ont. According to his Memorial in the Dominion Archives at Ottawa, William Merrick was recommended by Governor Simcoe to build a mill to open up the Rideau.

At the October meeting Miss Frances Becksted, g.g. granddaughter of Colonel John Munro, gave a paper. Col. Munro came from Scotland in 1754 an officer in the British 48 Foot and settled in the Mohawk Valley, N.Y. In 1776 he came to Montreal, and was appointed a Commanding Officer in the 1st King's Royal Regiment of New York, and served through the war. He died in 1800 and was interred at the Anglican pioneer cemetery at Morrisburg with many other gallant U.E. Loyalists. This cemetery was submerged during the St. Lawrence Seaway project but memorials of the Munro family may be seen today in the Holy Trinity Memorial Church at Morrisburg.

A request was received from the Provincial Archives, Queen's Park, Toronto for the complete series of Annual Reports of this association.

In September Sir John Johnson, Bart and Lady Johnson visited the U.S. and Canada, under the auspices of the English Speaking Union. He visited historic Niagara-on-the-Lake where he was received by Mayor Wooll and Mr. J. Dorland, President of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Historical Society. Sir John Johnson also visited the Oshweken reserve at Brantford. Sir John Johnson, Bart, a g.g.g. grandson of Sir William Johnson whose influence with the Indian tribes at the time of the American Revolution placed them on the British Side, met, and was warmly received by the Indian chiefs at the reservation. Sir John Johnson also addressed the Sir Guy Carlton Branch in Ottawa. Mr. Howard Warner, President, also entertained at a dinner in Toronto arranged by Mr. Stanley Honsberger, K.C., and Dr. Walton-Ball at the King Edward Hotel.

Miss Lorna Robson has a picture of old Power Glen, once called Reynoldsville. Mr. Reynolds came from the U.S. about 1847 and built the house now occupied by Mr. Clifford Hooper who has a wealth of information about this district, and who has the corner stone from the old mill built by Peter Thomas in 1811 on land owned by his father. The mill was built of reddish or pinkish stone, different from the grey of the escarpment, which came from Jackson's Flats now Decew Road. Down the hill are the old mill ponds. An ancient forest here of ash, oak, walnut was known as Reynolds Stand.

At the December meeting, Mr. Vernon Jones, the President gave an account of his tour of the Continent and London. When in London Mr. Jones visited the Public Record Office, and brought back copies of Lord Dorchester's letters in connection with United Empire Loyalist affairs.

During the year several members passed away, Mr. Ray Grenville, Dr. Arnold Read, Mr. Ernest Rolls, Mrs. A. T. McTear, mother of Mrs. A. White, Mr. Weaver, father of Mrs. Alberta Denton, Dr. Durham, brother of Miss Blanche Durham, Mrs. Kane, mother of Mrs. Thomas Edmondson, Mr. Wiggett.

A new member is Mr. W. H. Lampman, St. Catharines, g.g.g. grandson of Frederick Lampman U.E. who settled in Stamford Township in 1784. Related families are the Bowmans, Schrams and Millers.

More than 550 U.E. Christmas Cards were sold by our 'Branch.

Kathleen O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Miss Rhona Ball, Miss Marion Calder

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Our Branch has had a most successful year under the President, Mr. Vernon Jones. Several new members were received. Mr. George Slingerland, 89 Lakeport (Slingerland); Mr. Frederick Lampman, 83 Meadowvale Drive (Lampman); Mr. Oscar Frank Lutz, 534 Vansickle Road (Lutz); Miss Wilhemina Maclean Howard, 159 Prideaux St., Niagara-on-the-Lake (Maclean); Robert James Cudney, Q.C., Toronto, Ont., (Cudney Secord); Mrs. R. Mitchell (Misener), Rodman Hall, St. Catharines.

At the February meeting, a motion was passed, moved by Mrs. Norman Kinnear, seconded by Mr. R. Powell, that the fees be raised to \$2.00, 50c of which would entitle each paid up member to a subscription to the Loyalist Gazette. At this meeting Mr. Rittenhouse of Jordan gave a talk on his museum, displaying many pieces of early pioneer life. Mrs. Thomas McClelland displayed her pioneer quilt, with family names inscribed on the blocks, Cohoes, Hills, Darbys, Everinghams. Mrs. Fred Sherlock also displayed her blue and white pioneer quilt.

The April 1st meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edmondson, 41 Yates St. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Jack Dorland, President of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Historical Society who gave an illustrated lecture showing costumes of the period, table settings and food served at the Governor Simcoe Ball.

May 7th - Social and Musical evening was held at the Kate Leonard Room of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Gordon Brown of Welland showed fine coloured slides of Vancouver and the West, also local scenes. Mrs. Kenneth Warwick was in charge of the refreshments, and Miss Marian Calder arranged the tea table.

June 4th - The laying of the wreath on the U.E.L. Boulder, the half way mark between Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queenston on Memorial Sunday, in Memorial Park. Mr. VanEvery presided at the ceremony, and the wreath was laid by Mrs. F. Sherlock.

July 19 - The Annual picnic was held at the home of Miss Frances Becksted, 303 Main St., St. Catharines, great. grand-daughter of Col. John Munro. Born in Scotland, Col. Munro came to America in 1754, as an officer in the 48th Foot. In 1776 Col. Munro owned 14,000 acres, including farms, tenant homes, mills, etc., and at the time of the Revolution, all these were seized including \$14,000 in cash. With Col. Sir John Johnson, the Butlers and others he came to Montreal, and was appointed commanding officer of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. Col. Munro died Oct 27, 1800 and was interred in the Anglican pioneer cemetery of Morrisburg. This cemetery filled with gallant Loyalists remains, was submerged during the St. Lawrence Seaway project 1954-1960. Memorial of the Munro family and his companions may be seen in the restored church, Holy Trinity U .E.L. Memorial Church at Riverside Heights, Morrisburg, Ont. Arrangements for the picnic were made by Mrs. Kenneth Warwick, assisted by Mr. Robert Powell.

October Meeting - At this meeting Miss Barillier gave a talk on the summer she spent with the Anglican Caravan among the Crees. She said they were patient, truthful and honest. They are a quiet people and when they say "no" or "yes" to a question they meant it, and see no purpose in going over it again. Miss Barillier feels that the Indian handicraft should be protected by the Government, so that the Indians get a fair price for their work. They should, said Miss Barillier be given technical schools and agricultural schools. The proud Indian does not like a free gift and will take better care of a dress or coat he pays 5 cents or 15 cents for than one given out to him for nothing.

At the October Meeting, Mr. Jones gave an account of his trip to Eastern Canada, Halifax, New Brunswick, where interest is shown in the reopening of U .E.L. Branches. It was announced that the Ontario Government has donated \$25,000 to preserve Wolford Chapel, near Honiton, Devon, where John Graves Simcoe, first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, and Lady Simcoe are buried. The chapel was acquired by Sir Leicester Harmsworth in 1926. Since then Sir Geoffrey Harmsworth and his brother, Sir Harold Harmsworth have been responsible for the upkeep of this historic spot, and the thanks of all the Loyalists of Canada are due to their efforts. At the October meeting, Mr. W. S. VanEvery was appointed Delegate to the Dominion Council.

At the December meeting a resolution was introduced by the Vice-President, Mr. W. S. VanEvery, that the St. Catharines & District Branch approve the proposed placing of a plaque in the Ontario Legislature and that a letter be sent the Dominion Council advising of the support of this Branch, seconded by Mrs. R. E. Stevens. It was moved by Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin, seconded by Mr. Thomas Wilson that the book by Arthur Garratt Dorlan, B.A., Ph.D., L.L.D., F.R.S.C., "Former Days and Quaker Ways" be purchased for the U.E.L. Bookshelf in the St. Catharines Public Library.

Dr. J. D. Dillane, President Hamilton Branch gave a talk on United Empire Loyalists of Hamilton.

It is noted with regret that several members have passed away in 1965, Rev. C. H. E. Smith, former President; Mr. John Hicks, former President; Mrs. Murray Denton; Mr. T. A. Hilston.

At the meeting of the Dominion Council in November Mr. Kenneth Benson, 21 Hickson St., Toronto, was appointed Dominion Genealogist.

1,000 Christmas Cards depicting the Opening of the First Parliament of Upper Canada, Sept. 17, 1792 by J. D. Kelly were sold, making a net profit of \$19.50 for the Branch. It has been suggested by residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake and others that the Federal Government issue a stamp of this painting for Confederation Year 1967.

A request was received from the Canadian Ontario Archives, Queen's Park, Toronto for the twenty Annual Reports prepare by the Secretary, Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin, which were sent.

Members of the U.E. Loyalists were present at the St. Catharines & Lincoln Historical Meeting at Rodman Hall when Col. Clarke gave the history of the Lincoln and Wetland Regiment, which was organized in 1794. The Lincoln and Welland served in all the campaigns from 1794 and in the last World War in the Holland campaign where they held the town of Tilly-la-Ca, Pagyne and other places - the old Dutch city of Bergen-ap-Zoom. In introducing Col. Clarke, Mrs. R. F. Cameron spoke on the Lincoln and Welland Regimental Band. Her father, Warrant Officer McManus had been an early Band Master, he had trained for six years at the Kneeler School of Music, London, Eng., where every graduate had to learn to play every instrument. Warrant Officer McManus led the band always playing the cornet. Other fine musicians followed, most of them trained in England, Lieut. Peel, Lieut. Gerald Marks, Lieut. Norton and many others.

Also at the meeting of the St. Catharines & Lincoln Historical when Mr. Olaf Nelson, showed colored scenes of historic sites including Fort Henry, Kingston, where is based the anchor of the H.M. St. Lawrence, Flagship of the Royal Navy. Scenes of the Rideau Waterway, with its 47 locks between Kingston and Ottawa, and scenes of Fort Niagara, U.S.A. Winsor in his history of the U.S.A. "after the revolution, the young eastern United States appealed to the British Parliament for aid. It was not until 1798 that the British Parliament ceded to the U.S. Fort Niagara and points west, and said Winsor "All Europe wondered at the generosity of the British Parliament on this occasion".

An unveiling ceremony, took place on Sunday, October 10, 1965 at the Major Henry Nelles Cairn erected at St. John's Church, York, by the Nelles Family descendants. Major Henry Nelles, U.E.L. 1735-1791. The Nelles ancestors are assumed to have been Huguenots who were driven out of France, where their name was De Nelles in 1635, fleeing to the Rhine Palatinate. In 1710 the three brothers fled again to England, where Queen Anne gave them assistance, sending 3,000 fleeing Palatines to America in 10 ships, arriving at Governor's Island. Finally in 1720 Wm. and Christian Nelles settled in the Mohawk Valley, New York State. He had a 300 acre farm also four other farms each with a house and barn as well as 3,200 acres of woodland. In 1770 he gave land where the Palatine Church was built. Henry was a Lieutenant with a Company of Grenadiers under Sir Henry Moore in 1763. When the Revolution broke out in 1776 he left the Mohawk Valley and came with his son, Robert to Canada with Sir John Johnston. Major Henry Nelles was granted Crown Grant Lots 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 Concession 1 and 2 in Grimsby Township. He was the ancestor of Miss Helen Nelles, Genealogist of the St. Catharines & District Branch. Miss Nelles gave her valuable collection of Early United Empire Loyalists documents to the U.E.L. bookshelf in the St. Catharines Public Library.

Miss Kathleen O'Loughlin, Secretary

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During the year, several new members were received from Miss Elisabeth Brown, Fonthill, Brown family; Mr. Howard Orr Bridgman, Winona, Ont., settled at McCrippet Lake, N.B., related families, Orr, Howard, Beamer; Charles Ryerson Stewart, related families, Rutt, Ryerson, Hamilton, Overholt; Mrs. Louisa M. Thompson, Beamsville, related families, Dawe, Book, Fairfield; Mr. W. J. Parks President, Lundy Lane Historical, related families, Druce.

During the past year, one of our oldest members, Miss Frances Becksted, passed away. Miss Becksted, was g. granddaughter of Colonel John Munro, Commanding Officer of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. The passing of the young Dominion Secretary Miss Marian Ketcheson was learned with much regret by our members.

At the February Meeting, after the election of the year's Officers, Mr. Vernon Jones gave an illustrated lecture of his trip to the Maritimes, showing those sites where the U.E. Loyalists had first landed.

At the April Meeting, Mr. Walter Parks gave a very interesting lecture on "Pewter" known to the ancient Britons, in the British Isles many of the minerals used in the making of pewter were mined and in later days many paintings by Rembrandt show pewter ink-stands. A good collection is in the Lundy's Lane Museum, Niagara Falls, Ont.

May 16th a Social Evening was held in the Kate Leonard Room, the programme arranged by Mrs. R. E. Stevens. The Rev. Mr. Foster was introduced by Mr. W. S. VanEvery, the President, and spoke on "A new look at Butler's Rangers". Mrs. John Robertson sang several delightful solos, and Mr. Paul Sears played several selections on the piano. Mrs. Eva Griffin played the National Anthem, "God Save the Queen".

The Memorial Service at the Boulder was conducted by Mr. Vernon Jones, and Mrs. Frank. Vine, laid the wreath. The Boulder was once the half way mark between Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queenston.

On June 25th the Annual Picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kinnear, St. David's Road, on the original Crown Grant. Mr. E. J. Chard, Dominion President of the United Empire Loyalists was present, and congratulated the Branch on their Branch work, and said he would like to see much co-operation between all the Branches, and spoke of the efforts of Dr. J. D. Dillane, and Mr. L. L. Merrill of Hamilton and Mr. V. Jones whose efforts had resulted in a new Branch being formed in St. John, N.B. Mr. W. S. VanEvery, the President, thanked Mr. Chard and Mr. and Mrs. Kinnear.

At the Oct 6th meeting much interest was shown in the gathering of information regarding early United Empire Churches, their history pictures of the first churches or their replacing churches, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Loucks, Toronto. Mr. J. Harold Kidd of Burritt's Rapids, sent information about the Church of England in Kemptville, St. James, 1829; Trinity in Merrickville, 1830, stone church built by the British Engineers; Christ Church, Burritt's Rapids, built 1831, frame still standing. Judge R. E. Cudney sent information regarding St. George's Church, Homer; also about a very early Methodist Church at Homer. In the archives at Ottawa it was found that there had been a log church at the corner of the cemetery at Homer about 1796. The St. David's United Church was originally a Methodist Church originally a very old church and had a connection with the Wagner Methodist meeting house. There was a very old Anglican Chapel at Virgil and a Methodist meeting house at Virgil, formerly known as the Cross Roads and led by a Mr. Lawrence. Mr. W. Parks sent a letter regarding the early Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls and Chippawa Churches; Miss Gwen O'Loughlin, the early history of St. Mark's Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and the Rev. Mr. F. Sass of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Niagara on-the-Lake. Mrs.

Thompson sent information of the U.E.L. Churches at Beamsville and Grimsby; and Mrs. Mary McClelland the Presbyterian Church erected 1821 corner of Allanport Road and Port Robinson Road, with cemetery adjoining.

St. George's Church, St. Catharines, between 1791 and 1794 this was a mission church, and even previous to this date the strains of the hallowed liturgy of this ancient Church of England rose from the clearings of what is now Grantham and Niagara Township. This old mission Church, a picture of which is available was built by funds received from St. Mark's Church, Niagara-on-the Lake, amounting to £121, 2 shillings; and built of frame on what was later Phelan's Tire Shop, opposite Memorial Park, called The Twelve Mile Creek Church on the site called Shipman's Corners, opened as a Hospital in the war of 1812. It was occupied at intervals by the Presbyterian congregation as well as the Church of England, and in the graveyard in the rear was buried the Presbyterian, the Rev. Mr. Williams, a Welshman. The grave stone of Paul Shipman was removed from the first St. George's Church graveyard and placed in the vestibule of St. George's Anglican Church, St. Catharines. The first Methodist Church in St. Catharines was started by Rufus Wright, now St. Paul Street United Church. At one time an old ancient churchyard was in the rear. There was a Church called White Pidgeon near Cook's Mills started by Egerton Ryerson, and Mrs. Norman Kinnear sent in notes on St. James' Anglican, Thorold.

Our Centennial project was discussed and a committee appointed, Mr. W. S. VanEvery, Mr. W. Lampman, Mr. R. Powell, Mrs. R. E. Stevens, Mrs. K. Warwick, Mrs. Thompson met and their decision was brought before the December meeting, and it was decided to obtain two large lithographs of Kelly's painting of the Opening of the First Parliament of Canada by Governor John Graves Simcoe at Navy Hall, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Sept. 17, 1792.

At this meeting, Mrs. Gordon Brown of Welland suggested that a letter be sent to the City Manager, Niagara Falls, Ont., who are now considering placing a Centennial monument in Civic Square, Niagara Falls, suggesting that a monument commemorating the United Empire Loyalists such as the U.E.L. Monument in front of the Court House, Hamilton, given through the generosity of the late Mr. Stanley Mills by considered. A list of some of the United Empire Loyalist pioneers of Niagara Falls and district was forwarded to the City Manager, as follows: Wilson, Clements, Smith, Young, Oldfield, Forsythe, Benders, Chryslers, Welstead, Skinner, Williams, Bastedo, Peers, Lundy, Rinchey, Cook, .,f)oan, Bowman, Shannons, Hardy, Swayzies, Burch, Brown, McMickings, Bigger, Dennis, Hpwey, Waterhouse, Revaelys, Johnson, Fraleg, Boucher, Miseners, Green, Weit, Kirkpatrick, Sutton, Chisholms, Sims, Gonder, Chambers, Streets, Hixon, Robinson, Field, Thompson, Clarks, Lamberts.

It was announced that on May 27, 1967, a plaque to the U.E. Loyalist Regiments, the research done by Mr. John Richardson, Lindsay, Ont., would be unveiled at Parliament Buildings, Toronto and a dinner held at Hart House.

"The Mark of Honour" by Mrs. Hazel Matthews was donated by Mr. Jim MacKenzie to the U.E. Loyalists Bookshelf at the library.

The St. Catharines' Museum will be opened in June. Mr. John. Smith will be the first Director, Mr. Gordon Merritt, Chairman of the Museum Board. This building, formerly the Merritton Town Hall is a Museum piece itself. Built of stone, high ceilings, bevelled glass windows with stained glass windows over the entrance, which may be entered by one flat stone step off the street. Already the stamp and coin collectors of St. Catharines have asked permission to hold exhibits there. On the second floor the Merritton Boy Scouts now meet and will for some time to come. The museum cases now being filled up with donations have been accepted as correct by the Royal Ontario Museum, In the courtyard adjoining is the Merritton War Memorial to the Merritton men who did not come back.

Kathleen Merrick O'Loughlin, Secretary
W. S. VanEvery, President