Annual Report 1977-1978

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In my first report as President I would like to tell you all that I have enjoyed the experience. We have not reached the stage of writing a newsletter so I am producing my report in this fashion as a substitute. I would, needless to say, welcome a volunteer to produce a Society Newsletter.

Because Mary Campbell was such a good president for our first 2 years, I have now appointed her as our Archivist for her sins! She has agreed and is now cataloguing everything and keeping our donations in an acid free box bought for that purpose.

We have now reached the stage of members leaving us. Jim and Mary Porter, who will be missed, left us for Vancouver. We wish them well. During the past year we were saddened by the death of Mrs. Lois Lucas. Both she and her late husband were an inspiration to us.

Affiliation with O.H.S.

Our Society is now an affiliate member of the Ontario Historical Society. Now we can apply for various grants for our Society.

Guest speakers

During the past year our speakers have included: Scott James, City Archivist, who explained the functions of City Archives. I gave a talk on Genealogy. Dr. Fred Stulberg, a local dentist, gave an illustrated slide show about the early days of York Post Office. This was his second such talk to us. Another member, Gene Domagala, gave us an excellent presentation on Historical Plaques in Toronto. Elmore Gray took us back over the 100 years of the "Ex", and Ernie Buchner told us about the Ontario Historical Society's role and how it could help us. In April we saw two most interesting films, 'Louisbourg' and 'Ville Marie'. This, our last meeting of the year will be addressed by Duncan Meyer, a long time local druggist. I hope that this will set a trend in having local personages to come out to talk to us.

Our publication

Several members are putting great effort into writing a local history which we hope to publish. Under the co-ordination of Mary Campbell who is writing about Schools, Betty Bonner is looking after Churches; Gene Domagala - Railways and Politicians; Dorothy Gordon - Firehalls; Dawson Lang - Old Characters and Anecdotes; Barbara Myrvold - Hotels. Our two librarians, Nancy Craig and Susan Wickham are looking after - libraries. We hope to see the fruits of their labours before long.

Thanks

Thanks are also due to our phoners who under Mary Porter managed to motivate attendance at our meetings. Our two librarians have done excellent work in providing a good setting for our meetings, and excellent coffee and encouragement. I would also like to thank my wife, Helen, who keeps track of money and membership. Lastly I would thank the members who come out to meetings. Without them we would have no Society.

May 29, 1978

R. Travers-Griffin President

Financial Statement 1977 - 1978

	Dr.	Cr.	Balance
Balance on hand September 1, 1977		196.42	196.42
Membership fees, bank interest		90.85	287.27
Ontario Historical Society membership, name tags, photos and presentation	31.61		255.66
Balance on hand May 28, 1978			255.66