

The Historic Landmarks Association



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COUNCIL—The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, all subscribing Fellows of Sections I and II of the Royal Society of Canada, and one representative from each affiliated Society (with power to add).

ANNUAL MEETING—Held yearly in connection with the Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada.

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FIRSTLY, let it be clearly understood:—The Historic Landmarks Association will not interfere, or compete with the work or progress of any Society now existing, or that may be instituted at any time in the future. It was formed as a subsidiary of the "Royal Society of Canada," at the meeting in Ottawa in May, 1907, to be a "Clearing House" for all the information collected on this one subject, by Historical Societies; as well as that gathered by individuals interested in preserving the mementoes of our Country's great history.

The world is busy making History. Many feel that for ages past, there has not been a period that will have such a tremendous effect on history as that just beginning in the year 1915. In Europe old landmarks are being removed; historic buildings are being destroyed; new history is being born amid the noise and horror of combat. Here, far removed from the cradle of war, the march of material progress too often tramps right across important ancient landmarks, and buildings intimately connected with the history of our land. And whether we look forward to the immediate future of our Country with anxiety, or with confidence and eagerness, we

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are all too prone to forget the heroic pioneers, sons of Old France and sons of Old Britain, who made our land fit for us to live in and grow in. In the press of present duties and opportunities, it is easy to overlook the fact that unless the National habit of properly indicating historic sites and landmarks is established, our descendants will look in vain, not only for the traces of stirring events that happened in the early days of our nation, but even for the sites which shall become important in the teeming history of our own day and generation. A little thought, a little gratitude, a little foresight, is generally all that is needed to preserve a landmark of history, without in any way conflicting with or hindering the development work so necessary for our great, expanding future.

Each of our members understands that we cannot do proper justice by merely naming a street or a town (often remote) after a man or a woman famous in our history. The place in which a hero lived, or died; the spot where a battle was fought, and won, or lost; the building in which some great work was accomplished;—these are the proper objects to be preserved, or marked out in some special and National way, for future Canadians to see and to appreciate.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The objects of this Association are as follows:

1. To act in conjunction with all existing Historical and kindred Societies for the preservation in their localities of objects that are connected with persons or events "that have once stirred our National life and should still stir our memories"; and to bring to bear a concentrated influence, personal, public, and legislative, to aid in their proper preservation.

2. To receive and classify periodic reports from such Societies upon Landmarks which they or their members consider worth preserving as National Heirlooms.

3. To receive similar reports from individual members, and others not affiliated with the various Historical Societies, but who take an interest in the proper preservation of the Country's history.

All original lists and memoranda will be deposited among the Dominion Archives, so that each contributor will have the satisfaction of knowing that his own recommendations will stand on record for all time to come.

All correspondence in French should be marked for the "Historic Landmarks Association", and be forwarded to M. Benjamin Sulte, F.R.S.C., Ottawa, Ont.

All English correspondence should be addressed to Mrs. J. B. Simpson, 173 Percy street, Ottawa, Ont.

The Annual Subscription of \$5.00 for an affiliated Society, or \$1.00 for an individual member, is now due; and cheques should be sent without delay, accompanied by the enclosed form, to George Durnford, Esq., F.C.A., Treasurer, 58 Canada Life Building, Montreal.

Propositions for New Membership should state clearly the applicant's desire for enrolment in the Historic Landmarks Association, and be accompanied by a cheque for the first year's subscription, to the order of the Treasurer, as above.

(NOTE—The Association begs to point out that each subscribing Society has the right to appoint one representative to form part of the Council of this Association; and to request that those Societies who have not already done so, should make the appointment at their next regular meeting, and forthwith notify the name and address to the General Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Simpson, 173 Percy Street, Ottawa.)

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