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REPORT OF THE LOCAL HISTORY SECTION
1959-1960

The Local History Section continued the practice which it inaugurated during 1959 of circulating reports of activities in the local history field in all the provinces to provincial historical societies.

In the spring of 1960 provincial chairmen of the Section were invited to submit nominations for the first awards to be made by

the Canadian Historical Association for meritorious work in the field of local history. Eight provinces submitted entries, most of them making nominations in all categories of awards. The supporting evidence which accompanied the nominations cast light upon the great activity which prevails in local history in Canada and provided much information concerning the variety of methods adopted to further stimulate interest.

At its General Session in Kingston on Saturday, June 11, the Canadian Historical Association conferred certificates to honour a dozen individuals and associations for outstanding achievements. The recipients for 1960 are the following:

The Ontario Historical Society, in recognition of its leadership of affiliated societies and local museums in Ontario, and for its publications program.

L'Institut d'histoire de l'Amérique française, Montreal, for moral support and scientific orientation given since its foundation in 1947 to local and regional French Canadian historical associations.

The Army Museum, Citadel Hill, Halifax, for its excellent collections, models, and displays.

Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty, Jordan, Ontario, for its excellent collections, displays and record of high achievement in its particular field.

The Toronto Public Libraries, for signal contribution to historical scholarship in publishing *The Arthur Papers*, the concluding volume of which appeared in 1959.

L'abbé Emile Bégin, Laval University, for his biography, *François de Laval*, published in 1959.

Manitoba Pageant, Winnipeg, the junior history magazine of the Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba, for its pioneering work in striving to awaken among school children a proper appreciation and understanding of their own local history.

The Western Producer, a farm journal published weekly at Saskatoon, in recognition of its policy of publishing frequent, excellent articles in the field of local history.

Miss Jean Gill, Charlottetown Public Library, for frequent and generously-rendered assistance over many years to virtually every scholarly project on the history of the province and to all manner of students of local history.

Mr. James G. MacGregor, Edmonton, for many excellent writings in the field of local history, and for his work as a lead-

ing figure in the Historical Society of Alberta and in helping launch its quarterly magazine, *The Alberta Historical Review*.

Monseigneur Victor Tremblay, Séminaire de Chicoutimi, for his outstanding contributions as founder-president of La Société Historique du Saguenay and his compilation of "Mémoires des vieillards".

Mr. Edwin C. Guillet, Toronto, in recognition of many valuable writings in the field of local history, and for valuable work in locating and collecting pictorial records as a research historian for the Archives of Ontario.

The officers of the Local History Section for 1960-1961 are as follows:

Chairman: Dr. Margaret Ormsby, Department of History, University of British Columbia, Vancouver 8, B.C.

1st Vice-Chairman: Professor G. F. G. Stanley, Department of History, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

2nd Vice-Chairman: Professor Maurice Careless, Department of History, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont.

English-Language Secretary: Allan R. Turner, Archives Division, Legislative Library, Regina, Sask.

French-Language Secretary: Rev. Father Adrien Pouliot, S.J., Le Collège des Jésuites, 1150 Ouest, rue St. Cyrille, Québec, P. Q.

Kingston, Ontario, June, 1960

MARGARET A. ORMSBY,
Chairman.