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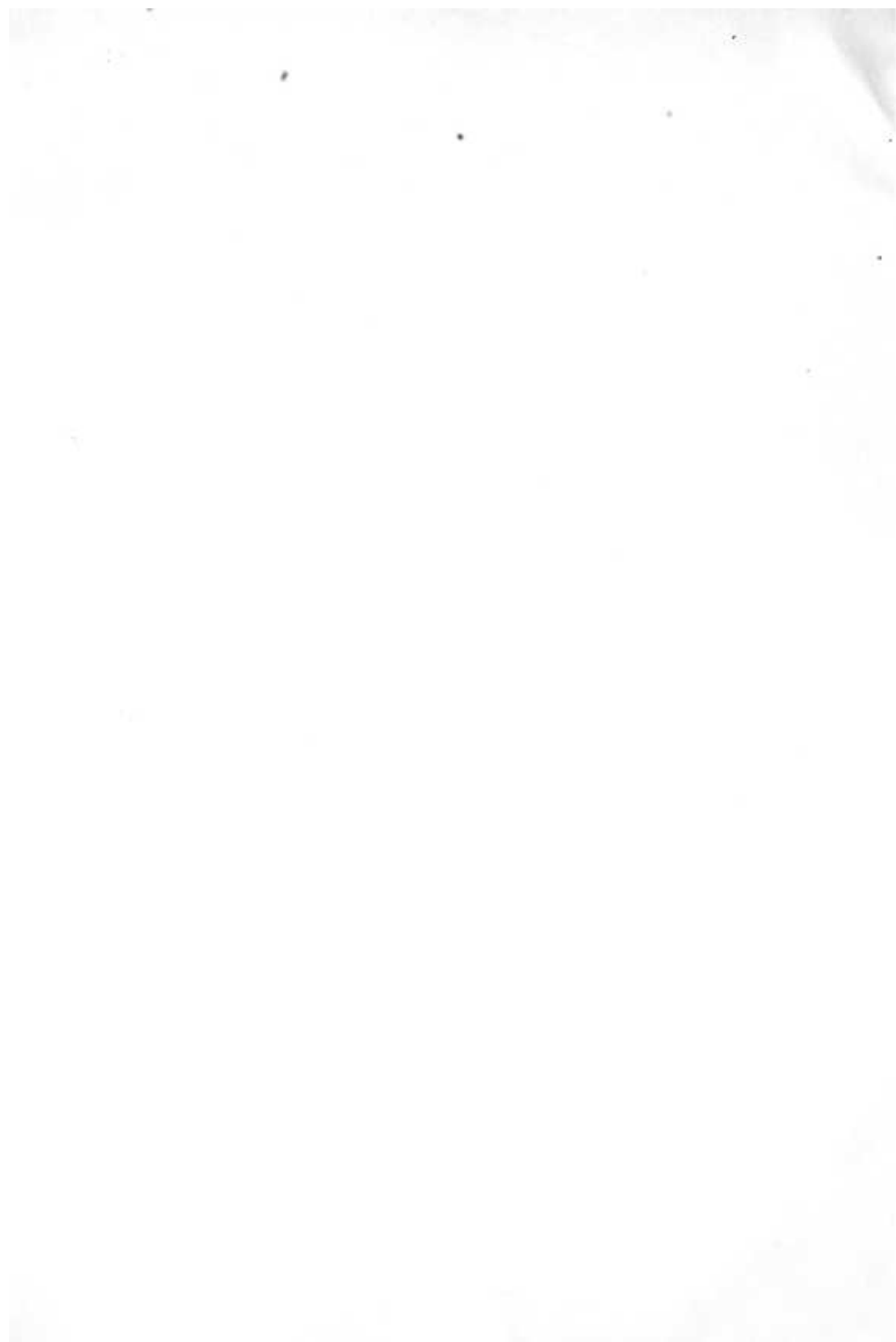
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ORGANIZATION MEETING.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in the organization of an Historical Society for the County of Missisquoi, was held in Bedford on Monday evening, the 26th of October, 1898.

On motion of Judge Lynch, Mr. John Gough was appointed Chairman, and Dr. N. A. Smith, Secretary, of the meeting.

Hon. Judge Lynch explained the working of the Brome and Shefford Counties Societies, and the objects to be attained by a similar organization in Missisquoi. After a full discussion of the matter it was decided to take action for the purpose of carrying out the project.

It was moved by E. Coslett,

and seconded by E. W. Morgan, Esq., that the following gentlemen form a committee for the purpose of organizing an Historical Society in the County of Missisquoi, viz: Judge Lynch, E. W. Morgan, J. J. Mullin, John Gough, Z. Cornell, F. C. Sanders, E. Coslett and Dr. N. A. Smith.—Carried.

Moved by Z. Cornell, seconded by J. J. Mullin, that the committee take measures for calling a public meeting at an early day, for the purpose of completing the permanent organization of the Society, and the transaction of business connected therewith.—Carried.

N. A. SMITH, Secretary.

Missisquoi Historical Society.

CALL FOR MEETING TO ORGANIZE.

A meeting of all interested in the formation of an Historical Society for the County of Missisquoi will be held in the TOWN HALL, BEDFORD, on TUESDAY, the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1899, at one o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of completing the organization and transaction of any business connected therewith.

All persons having in their possession historical relics, are requested to bring the same, and any information relating to the early history of Missisquoi will be gladly received.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

Hon. Judge Lynch, Z. E. Cornell, E. W. Morgan, J. J. Mullin, F. C. Saunders, E. Coslett, John Gough, N. A. Smith, M. D.

PRELIMINARY MEETING.

In accordance with the notice given, a meeting was held at the Town House, Bedford, on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 1899, for the purpose of organization. Hon. Judge Lynch was elected Chairman and Dr. N. A. Smith, Secretary.

Hon. Judge Lynch addressed the meeting, setting forth the objects of the Society, and advocated the immediate organization of an Historical Society in the

County of Missisquoi. He was followed by Rev. Ernst M. Taylor of the Brome County Society who earnestly advocated the movement and gave many interesting facts regarding the early history of this section of the country.

It was then moved by Rev. Mr. Nye, seconded by E. W. Morgan, Esq., "that we now proceed to organize an Historical Society in the County of Missisquoi."—Carried.

It was moved by F. C. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Geo. Capsey, that the name of the Society be: "The County of Missisquoi Historical Society," and that the office of the said Society be located in the Town of Bedford, Province of Quebec.—Carried.

It was moved by J. J. Mullin, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Hunter, that immediate steps be taken for incorporating the Society, under the Statutes of the Province of Quebec.—Carried.

It was moved by E. W. Morgan, seconded by H. C. Blinn, that the following list constitutes the officers of this Society for the coming year, viz:

Honorary Presidents, Hon. Geo. B. Baker, Hon. J. C. McCorkill; President, Dr. C. L. Cotton, M. L. A.; Vice-presidents, W. M. Pattison, Mrs. Geo. Claves, E. L. Watson; Secretary, Dr. N. A. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Theo. Moore; Directors for Dunham, Geo. D.

Baker, J. P. Noyes, David Westover, M. O. Hart; Directors for Stanbridge, Henry Ross, Mrs. Freligh, Rev. H. W. Nye, E. W. Morgan; Directors for St. Armand East, Thos. Shepard. E. E. Spencer, Canon Davidson, A. H. Holden; Directors for St. Armand West, Peter Smith. Loftus Smith, Hiram Streit, Chas. Tittmore; Directors for Clarenceville and St. Thomas, John Hawley, A. H. Derrick, Thos. Hunter, B. V. Naylor; Directors for West Farnham, Dr. J. B. Comeau, Dr. McCorkill, Edwin Welch.

It was decided that application be made to the County Council at its next meeting for permission to apply for incorporation. The following declaration was signed by a number of those present:

We, the undersigned residents of the County of Missisquoi in the Province of Quebec, hereby declare that we are desirous of forming ourselves into an association to be known as the Missisquoi County Historical Society under the provisions of Article 5,487 and following articles of the Revised Statutes of Quebec, the objects being to obtain all possible information concerning the early and subsequent history of the county, to preserve such historical facts as may be thus secured in some substantial and permanent form, to acquire whatever property may be necessary for the purposes of the society and generally for the instruction of the members of the society and others. The society to have its office and place of busi-

ness at the town of Bedford in said county.

Bedford, 8th March, 1899.

Names.	Residence.
Thos. Hunter	Venice.
E. W. Morgan,	Bedford.
A. J. Stevens,	Bedford.
H. C. Blinn,	Frelighsburg.
Fred C. Saunders,	Bedford.
Mrs. G. Freligh,	Bedford.
C. A. Rice,	Bedford.
Mrs. C. A. Rice,	Bedford.
N. A. Smith, M. D.,	Stanbridge
Theodora Moore,	Stanbridge East.
Henry W. Nye,	Bedford.
Geo. Capsey,	Bedford.
Chas. O. Jones,	Bedford.
John Gough,	Bedford.
John J. Mullin,	Bedford.
I. N. Shepard,	Frelighsburg.

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipal Council of said County of Missisquoi hereby certify that at a regular session of the said Council held at said Town of Bedford, this 14th day of June 1899, the consent and authorization of said Council was granted to the formation of said Society. Bedford, 13th June 1893.

GEO. CAPSEY.

Secretary Treasurer

Besides those already mentioned in the above requisition the following ladies and gentlemen signed the roll of membership:

Names,	Residence.
Wm. Meade Pattison,	Clarenceville
Hon. W. W. Lynch,	Knowlton.
Rev. E. M. Taylor,	Knowlton.
S. J. Montgomery,	Bedford.
Mrs. Gilman,	Bedford.
F. Primmerman,	St. Armand.
J. Primmerman,	St. Armand.
C. S. Moore,	Stanbridge.
Nina Smith,	Stanbridge.
Z. E. Connell,	Bedford.
Mrs. W. A. Gibson,	Bedford.