

The Granville Centennial

THE Granville Centennial was an epoch in the history of the village, and was declared by everyone to be a success; indeed, considering the size and means of the place, a very decided one.

As early as 1903 a motion was made in the Travelers Club, which finally led to the organization of the Womans Centennial Association, for the purpose of raising funds for a memorial fitting for the occasion, and also for helping in the celebration in such ways as women might. When, however, the citizens, who would be expected to lead in a centennial movement, were urged to start one, or when a town meeting was called for that purpose, the decision always was that, as the Association was well organized and enthusiastically at work, the better way would be for all preparations to be made through that channel.

The name, however, was changed to the Granville Centennial Association, and later a Finance Committee of men was formed, to which the Association turned over all funds which had been raised for the memorial, to be used for the expenses of the celebration, as the feeling in the town seemed to demand such action, and this Finance Committee collected by subscription all of the rest of the money needed. At the same time a Board of Managers was formed, to be the executive body of the Association, which Committee bore the burden of the last preparations for the Centennial, and of the celebration itself.

In its final form the officers of the Association were: President, Mrs. Kate Shepard-Hines; Secretary, Miss Hellen Munroe; Treasurer, Miss Amelia Bancroft; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Burton Case; Board of Managers, Dr. E. W. Hunt, Chairman, Mr. J. S. Jones, Mr. J. H. Sample, Dr. F. W. Shepardson, Prof. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. Shepard-Hines, Mrs. Burton Case; Chairman of Celebrating Committee, Mrs. C. J. Baldwin; Chairman of Finance Committee, Mr. J. S. Graham. Other Chairmen will be mentioned in connection with their work.

For the celebration itself, a Chairman with a small Committee was appointed for each day, and was held responsible for that day. In this way the energies of each Committee were directed toward a single object, and taken together, the success was even greater than could have been expected, considering the means at hand. A vast amount of work was done at the headquarters under the direction of the Corresponding Secretary.

The Recording Secretary's book is a faithful and full history of this movement, and will make interesting reading in the future.

To the Presbyterian Church, as being the first one in the town, were given the opening days, Sunday, the third of September, and Monday, the fourth, with Dr. Work as Chairman. Many of their former members were in attendance. In the scope of a thousand words only