

*Ethnological Survey of Canada.—Report of the Committee, consisting of Professor D. P. PENHALLÓW (Chairman), Mr. C. HILL-TOUT (Secretary), Mr. E. W. BRABROOK, Dr. A. C. HADDON, Mr. E. S. HARTLAND, Professor E. B. TYLOR, Sir JOHN BOURINOT, Mr. B. SULTE, Mr. DAVID BOYLE, Mr. C. N. BELL, Professor JOHN MAVOR, Mr. C. F. HUNTER, Dr. W. F. GANONG, and Rev. JOHN CAMPBELL.*

In our last report attention was directed to efforts being made to enlist the co-operation of the various provincial Governments in the work of this Committee with a view of putting it upon a more permanent basis. At the Toronto Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, held on May 27, the Council, in submitting its report, made a lengthy reference to our work, and pointed to the great necessity of having it prosecuted with vigour while material is available. A joint committee from Sections 2 and 4 was appointed to take the matter into consideration, with the result that the Society unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

‘Resolved, that Hon. J. W. Longley, Sir James Grant, Dr. T. J. W. Burgess, Rev. John Campbell, Dr. George Bryce, Mr. Wilfrid Campbell, and Professor D. P. Penhallow, Chairman, as Chairman of the British Association Committee on an Ethnological Survey, be appointed a standing Committee to co-operate with the British Association Committee on an Ethnological Survey, and that they be empowered to take such steps as may be necessary to secure from the various provincial Governments, as also from the Dominion Government, the adoption of legislation relative to the establishment of national and provincial museums of ethnology, and the organisation of a permanent Ethnological Survey of the entire Dominion.’

The Ontario Government has already taken the initiative in such work, and it is believed that the admirable beginnings already made by Mr. David Boyle in the Archæological Museum connected with the Department of Education may serve as an incentive to similar efforts in other provinces.

The plan now before the Committee of the Royal Society of Canada will be prosecuted with vigour. It is substantially the one which the British Association Committee has had under consideration for some time, but which it has not been able to carry into effect. It contemplates the formation of a strong central committee within the British Association Committee as a nucleus. This Committee will control all matters relating to the direction and organisation of research and the distribution of funds. In return for financial support it will secure to the several provinces such ethnological material as may specifically relate to each, reserving any duplicates for exchange and for deposit in the British Museum or such other suitable place as may be selected.

Mr. Hill-Tout has continued to carry on his investigations among the Salish of British Columbia under greater difficulties than usual during the past year. Two of the three tribes which he has at present under observation were quarantined on account of an outbreak of small-pox among them just at the season when it was most convenient to be among