

APPENDIX

I also desire to congratulate you more particularly on the fact that the methods you have adopted for the celebration of the Champlain Tercentenary, have helped to lessen the narrowing and evil influences of provincialism, and to draw the two great races of Canada, and the various parts of the Dominion and of the Empire closer to each other and to the Crown.

I would desire to convey an expression of my personal thanks to all who have assisted to bring about this high result. First and foremost to you and to the members of the Commission; and I would specially mention Mr. Byron Walker and Colonel Denison, who did not allow the distance from Toronto and the pressing call of other engagements to prevent them from giving a regular attendance to the numerous meetings of the Commission at Quebec.

It is pleasant to reflect on the large amount of voluntary, continuous, and enthusiastic service so ungrudgingly given to the Tercentenary by high-minded and public-spirited persons. In this respect the Prince of Wales himself provided the great example. In leaving England at the pleasantest season of the year in order that he might do honour to Canada on her 300th birthday, His Royal Highness not only realised the greatness of the occasion, but recognized its claim upon the homage of the Heir to the Throne, and of every other patriotic Briton.

I have already referred to the sacrifices so cheerfully made by yourself and the other mem-