

on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the locks of the Rideau Canal: the remark was called forth from the latter by a Mr. Burke insisting on getting more land than the Colonel was disposed to allow him. "Sir," said the Colonel, "this land will be very valuable some day, it will be the capital of Canada." This conversation took place about fifty yards from where the fence of the Western Block of the Departmental Buildings now stands. Others are said to have made similar remarks; but it has been deemed sufficient to particularize only the above, as their professional education and experience better qualified them to form an opinion.

To return then to 1867, the Confederation of the Provinces was celebrated in the capital with becoming *éclat*, as is seen by reference to the journals of the time, access to which has enabled the writer to reproduce some of the particulars.

The first of July was the most eventful one in the history of Ottawa, for the Union was ushered in at midnight by the firing of one hundred and one guns, the kindling of a bon-fire on the Ordnance lands opposite the cathedral, the ringing of bells and the discharge of fire-works. The bon-fire was witnessed by a very large concourse of people anxious to see the display. Flags, many of which had been hoisted to their places simultaneously with the firing of the first gun at