

to their fellow Canadian citizens for contributions to aid in erecting an Historic Tower to commemorate the memorable epoch which has been specially alluded to, and to symbolize the progress of the united Canadian people for a period of a hundred and fifty years. In this patriotic movement large contributions are not solicited; there are reasons for preferring small sums from many sources.

The foundation stone of the Tower was formally laid by Lieutenant-Governor Fraser of Nova Scotia on October 2nd, 1908, that day being the semi-tercentenary of the origin to which Parliamentary Government within the Canadian Dominion may be traced. The Tower is designed to have many galleries dedicated to the memory of men who have served their country, and it has been suggested that the ground chamber be associated with the name of the illustrious statesman, William Pitt.

When completed, this national memorial will bridge over the century and a half of years which have elapsed since the British Empire took root in Nova Scotia, a date anterior to the possession by Great Britain of Australia, New Zealand, the Cape of Good Hope, and India. The contemplated Tower will stand out as a message from the past; it will be an object lesson to remind our youth and the youth of every coming generation how deeply indebted we are to the great Mother of Parliaments for our inherited blessings. The Tower to be erected as a national landmark will be a famous teacher of Canadian history. Its continual tendency will be to awaken and nourish not only local, but likewise the widest patriotism; it will foster loyalty to that Empire which as a common heritage we call our own; it will inspire a feeling of admiration and attachment to that humanizing and civilizing force which has had no equal since the world began.