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### *The National Battlefields Commission*

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for me to speak in his praise—of Sir George Drummond, of the Bank of Montreal, of Mr. Byron Walker, now Sir Edmund Walker, president of the Bank of Commerce, a man of highly cultivated mind, deeply versed in matters of history and art, of Colonel Denison, magistrate, a distinguished economist and well informed military writer, and of myself. Later the Province of Ontario was represented by Lt.-Col. Hon. Mr. Hendrie, a large manufacturer, of Hamilton, and the Province of Quebec by its excellent and very sympathetic Minister of Public Works, Hon. Mr. Taschereau.

The preamble of the Act (7 and 8 Edward VII, chapter 57) indicates its object.

“WHEREAS it is desirable in the public interest of Canada to acquire and preserve the great historic battlefields at Quebec, restoring as far as possible their principal features, so as to make them a Canadian National Park ; Whereas considerable proportions of these grounds are already vested in His Majesty for the military or other public purposes of Canada ; Whereas it is anticipated that, in addition to the appropriation of public moneys of Canada hereby authorized, the various provincial governments, as well as municipal or other bodies and many private individuals, will contribute generously to the aforesaid project ; And whereas it is expedient to provide for the constitution of a Commission for the acquisition, management and control, subject to the provisions of this Act, of the said battlefields and the moneys contributed for the said purposes ; ”

Incidentally the Parliament of Canada entrusted to the Commission the task of organizing the celebration of the Tercentenary of the foundation of Quebec by Champlain, and they, according to the