

The views thus expressed and assented to, lead me to think that if your committee could see their way to appeal to Nova Scotians as suggested in my letter to the Mayor of June 26th, a considerable portion of the funds required could be raised by private contributions. Then, too, the provincial and perhaps the federal government may each be found willing to aid in the movement. Meanwhile, as pointed out in the letter last referred to, the present year should not be allowed to pass without decisive action being taken.

The action which I would venture to advise is, on some convenient day during the present season, to lay the foundation stone of the proposed, or some other memorial edifice which may be preferred. My offer to furnish the site with 70 or 80 acres of land for a Park will continue to hold good, and as I explained to the committee of the City Council, it would be open for me to considerably augment the gift which I have already proposed to make.

I may state for the information of your committee that Mr. Doane, the city engineer, has been good enough to look into the matter of cost, and has estimated that the full expenditure on the proposed edifice need not exceed \$15,000. If arrangements be at once made to lay the foundation stone during the present season, the completion of the whole building could be effected when funds became available, and the city authorities placed on a financial position to proceed with the work.

By such means I feel well assured that Halifax would secure in addition to a Public Park on the North West Arm, a mural memorial of the hygone life of Nova Scotia: a historical monument which would be hailed with a sense of pride by this young Canadian nation, and regarded with feelings of genuine satisfaction by the Mother Country and the whole sisterhood of British nations.

Yours very truly,

SANDFORD FLEMING.