

DEPOSITED IN CORNER STONE.

Contents of the sealed copper receptacle placed within the corner stone at the relaying, September First, 1916:—

(a) A parchment scroll with the following engrossed thereon:—

"This corner-stone was laid on the first of September 1860 by His late Majesty King Edward VII, of glorious memory, then Prince of Wales, during his visit to the British Colonies of North America and to the United States of America.

"The original buildings, excepting the Library, were completed in the year 1866 and were occupied by the Legislature of the Province of Canada on the 8th of June, 1866, for the last session of that body. Thereafter, they were occupied by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada. The Library building was completed in the year 1876. The buildings were enlarged by additions to the offices in the north-western part, said additions being completed in the year 1909, but otherwise they remained intact until the 3rd of February, 1916, when they were destroyed by a disastrous fire, which is more particularly described in the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the origin thereof, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Parliament immediately resumed its session on the 4th of February, 1916, at the Victoria Memorial Museum which was immediately vacated by the Geological Survey and fitted up temporarily for the purpose by the Public Works Department. Steps were forthwith taken for the erection of new buildings. At the same session of Parliament, a Joint Committee was appointed by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., LL.D., President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., D.C.L., LL.D., for securing the reconstruction of the buildings.

"This Committee is composed of

"The Honourable Robert Rogers, M.P.,
Minister of Public Works,
Chairman;

"The Honourable John Douglas Hazen, M.P., B.A., B.C.L.,
Minister of Marine and of the Naval Service;

"The Honourable John Dowsley Reid, M.D., M.P.,
Minister of Customs;

"The Honourable Pierre Edouard Blondin, M.P.,
Secretary of State and Minister of Mines;