

## TO COMMEMORATE TWO GREAT EVENTS

Plans for Impressive Celebrations at Annapolis Royal

Law Court and the Baronet-  
cies—Elaborate Programme  
Suggested to Mark Bi-  
Centenary and Ter-Centen-  
ary.

(Halifax Chronicle.)  
Preparations are now being made for a trio of celebrations at Annapolis Royal this coming summer, two of which will mark two events of national wide importance. The other is of a more local nature but of unusual interest to the literary world. The events to be celebrated are: First, the tercentenary of the grant by King James The First to Sir William Alexander of a charter creating the Baronetries of Nova Scotia and there establishing the Scotland of the new world. Second, the bi-centenary of the establishment at Annapolis of the first English Court of Civil Law in what is now the Dominion of Canada. Third, the centenary of Thomas Chandler Halliburton's residence at Annapolis Royal. The famous writer and humorist moved to that town in 1821 and while resident there did much of his literary work. Of these three anniversaries that commemorating the establishment of English Civil Law is without doubt of exceptional national importance, of interest to the Empire at large and embracing the whole English speaking world. The Scottish anniversary is one of deep significance to Nova Scotians. Although in itself the granting of the charter was an event circumscribed in history by the delay in its fulfillment, yet it was the very foundation that in after years made Nova Scotia for ever the Scotland of the new world, a replica in many characteristics of the Old Land. A Joint Programme.  
It is proposed that the celebration of these two anniversaries should take place on the same day and be a joint programme, the date set being the 5th of August. The plans at present are only in their early and meagre inception. The Nova Scotia Historical Society, under the presidency of Major J. P. MacIsaac, is taking the lead in the matter. The genesis of the proposal is credited to Mr. Justice Chisholm, speaking before the society in 1918. The interest in the proposed celebration has already gone beyond Nova Scotia, in fact there have been evidences of much more interest and knowledge of it in Toronto, Montreal and Boston, than in Halifax. Dr. Murray Clarke of Toronto is materially assisting. The Canadian Bar Association to meet very soon at Quebec is expected to take up the matter. At the next meeting of the Nova Scotia Historical Society to be held on Friday evening, February 11th, the plans will be further discussed and representatives from Dalhousie University, and the Bar Society of Nova Scotia will be asked to assist the committee. The tentative programme suggests the erection at Annapolis, of a bronze tablet with suitable inscription by the provincial government. There is an organization in Annapolis called the Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, of which Chief Justice Harris is president. A committee of this association under the chairmanship of J. M. Fortier, has undertaken the work of advising and directing the Annapolis end of the celebration.  
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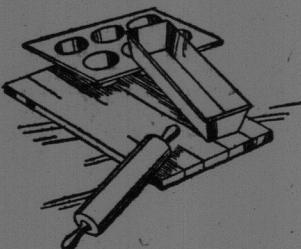
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THE UNITED STATES  
REJECTED PLAN TO  
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Birmingham, Feb. 4.—The British government formally proposed a cancella-

tion of all inter-allied debts, but the proposals were unacceptable to the United States government, said the Rt. Hon. J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, in a speech to his constituents here today.