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FINAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL
DIAMOND JUBILEE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In concluding the activities of the National Executive, it is but fitting that there should be a resume of the work performed since September 8th, 1927, the date of the meeting at which reports were received from the various provincial committees and from the sub-committees of the National Executive. At that time the committee prepared an interim report which was presented to Parliament by the Prime Minister on February 2nd, 1928. This report was subsequently printed by order of Parliament and a copy is attached hereto.

The intervening months have been occupied with carrying out the programme of this executive insofar as it was not completed at the date of the meeting held in September 1927.

Prominent among the activities were the history contests in the schools and universities and the distribution of medals and certificates in connection therewith.

The contract for the plaques for public and separate schools throughout Canada was completed in good time by the manufacturers and the plaques were furnished as directed to the Ministers of Education of the provinces and distributed by them to the schools.

The work of distributing publications was completed, including the volume "Evolution of Government" written by William Smith of the Dominion Archives.

The final task was the distribution of the official commemorative medal, which was carried out as directed by this executive on the recommendation of the committee on medals.

A large amount of correspondence has been carried on and the work of meeting financial obligations satisfactorily completed.

Your committee can well look back to an achievement which has fully measured up to the best expectations of the originators of the proposal to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of Confederation.

In conclusion it is but fitting that as Chairman of this Committee, I should pay tribute to those who were largely responsible for the organization of the celebration and for carrying it through to such a successful fruition.

The most potent force in ensuring the success of the celebration was the press of Canada that every day contributed enthusiastically and generously.

Outstanding among those not in the public service was Mr. Charles G. Cowan, Chairman of the Association of Canadian Clubs, who, as an Honorary Secretary, gave his whole time for three months prior to July 1st, 1927 and since that date has exercised supervision. To Mr. Cowan's organizing ability, business acumen and wholehearted Canadian patriotism, much of the success attained was due and, while many other citizens throughout Canada rendered invaluable aid, it is but fair to say that Mr. Cowan contributed a double share and is entitled to a large measure of credit for the work accomplished.

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