

"Upon the occasion of the official national commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation, on the second day of July, 1917, the central column of the main inner hall of the building was unveiled and dedicated as a memorial by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., LL.D., Governor General of Canada.

"This, the corner stone of the main tower, is laid on the fifty-ninth anniversary of the original ceremony, namely, the first day of September, 1919, in the ninth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George V, by His Royal Highness Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Duke of Cornwall, in the Peerage of England; Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, and Baron of Renfrew, in the Peerage of Scotland; Lord of the Isles and Great Steward of Scotland, K.G., G.M.M.G., M.C., etc., etc.

"At the time of the laying of this stone the hearts of the people of Canada are filled with gratitude to Almighty God for the consummation of peace following the victorious conclusion of a cruel and devastating war in which Canada honourably participated. In the cause of right and freedom 418,052 Canadian soldiers were despatched overseas during the conflict and by their gallantry and devotion earned imperishable glory for their country. Over 60,000 of them will never return.

"War was declared by Great Britain, August 4, 1914; an armistice was signed and active hostilities ceased November 11, 1918; the Treaty of Peace was signed at Versailles, France, June 28, 1919.

"The Government and Parliament of Canada, etc., at date of laying of this corner stone.

"GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

"His Excellency the Right Honourable Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, Marquess of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Earl of Burlington, Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke, Baron Cavendish of Keighley; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; One of His Majesty's Privy Council; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.