

gives such promise of achieving great longevity in the plentitude of mental powers. Mr. Scott has contributed to the literature of Ottawa's semi-centennial—a pamphlet rich in historical record and containing a wealth of personal reminiscence pertinent to the events which preceded the holding here of Canada's first Parliament. His speech at the City Hall to-day in response to the address of welcome to Ottawa's old boys will be one of the prime features of the celebration.

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“An important historical document” is the *Montreal Gazette's* characterization of Hon. Mr. Scott's address to the Queen, adopted by the Ottawa city council and forwarded on behalf of the citizens to Her Majesty, setting forth the claims of Ottawa to be selected as the site of the Capital. Of the brochure—the Choice of the Capital—issued by the Secretary of State during Carnival week, the *Gazette* says:—

In a pamphlet of timely interest Hon. R. W. Scott has recalled the discussions that agitated “the Canadas” for some sixteen years—becoming more and more intense and sometimes bitter during the latter half of that period—as to the selection of a permanent capital. As Mr. Scott can fairly claim to have contributed some cogent reasons towards the determination of the selection that proved permanent, and was in public life during the latter years of the controversy, this account of events “quorum pars magna fuit” may be considered both opportune and valuable. It is opportune because the present year contains the jubilee or 50th anniversary of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria's choice of Bytown, or Ottawa, as the capital of the united Canadas; and it is valuable, because it is the fullest accessible record of a memorable and significant controversy.

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