

same published. This brought on a general discussion of the whole question relating to our knowledge of the documentary history of Acadia and the obligations we were under to cause the same to be published complete. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the four Historical Societies of the Maritime Provinces and the Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island were alone adequate to the task of causing to be published such a documentary history as the Maritime Provinces really desired. It was moved by Governor Archibald, seconded by Senator Almon and resolved, that a committee be appointed, consisting of five, to report at a future meeting on the value of the St. John manuscript and also on a plan for securing the co-operation of the Government of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island in publishing the complete documentary history of Acadia. The committee consists of Governor Archibald, Dr. Hill, W. D. Harrington, M. P. P., T. B. Akin and J. T. Bulmer.

We hope to be able to give the substance of Mr. Hannay's paper in our next number.

#### MISTAKES AT THE MINT.



**HISTORY** of the British coinage would afford some amusing instances of mistakes on the part of the Mint authorities. The most recent example is not so striking as that of the "Godless florin," on which numismatists place a price far in excess of its nominal value, but is interesting in its way. After being in circulation some years, it has fallen to the lot of Mr. MacGeorge, of Glasgow, to discover that the quarterings on the shield of Britannia on the existing bronze coinage are wrong. The device on the shield ought to be the same as that on the national flag—that is, the English cross of St. George, with the St. Andrew's cross or saltire of Scotland side by side with the Irish saltire. The Scottish cross, however, has by some oversight been omitted, and a new issue