

Canada, visiting all the branches and, in some cases, spending a couple of days in the city in the hope that his visit would promote even closer co-operation between the Canadian Institute and the Royal Institute.

New Branches
Halifax and
Edmonton

I have the pleasure to report the organization of branches of the Institute at Halifax and Edmonton.

Several preliminary meetings were held in Halifax during the year, one addressed by Mr. W.M. Birks and another by Mr. Macadam, Secretary of the Royal Institute, during his visit to the Maritime Provinces last summer. On December 10th this group was formally organized at Halifax, with an initial membership of twelve, and with as many more prospective members. The officers elected were as follows:

Hon. F.B. McCurdy, Honorary President.
C.J. Burchell, K.C., Chairman.
Dean Sydney E. Smith, Vice-Chairman.
Professor R.A. MacKay, Secretary.

For the past two years the Honorary Secretary has been in correspondence with Mr. John Imrie, Managing Director of the Edmonton Journal, with a view to the formation of a Group in Edmonton. After Mr. Imrie's return from the Orient, where he acted as Chairman and Spokesman of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce delegation, an organization meeting was held on January 2nd, resulting in the formation of a group of fourteen members with John Imrie as President and C.S. Wallace as Secretary.

The recent death of Colonel R.W. Leonard, of St. Catherines, donor of Chatham House to the Royal Institute, has deprived the Canadian Institute of a constant friend and Canada of a notable and patriotic citizen.

Sir Robert
Borden's
Appointment

During the year the Institute has been indirectly honoured by the appointment of Sir Robert Borden as Chairman of the Political Committee of the annual Assembly of the League of Nations. In his absence, the Vice-Chairman, Hon. N.W. Rowell, K.C., has given a great deal of attention to the work of the Institute.

Sir Arthur
Currie

Sir Arthur Currie recently left for India as the representative of the Dominion of Canada to officiate at the unveiling of the afoka column at the formal inaugural opening at New Delhi - the capital of British India.