

DEPOSITED IN CORNER STONE

Contents of the sealed copper receptacle placed within the corner stone of the main tower of Parliament House, Ottawa, at the laying thereof by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, September the first, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

(a) A parchment scroll with the following engrossed thereon:—

"The corner-stone of the original Parliament House, Ottawa, was laid on the first of September, 1860, by His late Majesty King Edward VII, of glorious memory, then Prince of Wales.

"The original buildings, excepting the Library, were completed in the year 1866 and were occupied by the Legislature of the Province of Canada on the 8th of June, 1866, for the last session of that body. Thereafter, they were occupied by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada. The Library building was completed in the year 1876. The buildings were enlarged by additions to the offices in the northwestern part, said additions being completed in the year 1909, but otherwise they remained intact until the 3rd of February, 1916, when they were destroyed by fire. Parliament immediately resumed its session on the 4th of February, 1916, at the Victoria Memorial Museum, which was immediately vacated by the Geological Survey and fitted up temporarily for the purpose by the Public Works Department. Steps were forthwith taken for the erection of new buildings.

"Sufficient advance had been made in the reconstruction to permit of the original corner stone being relaid by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.C., K.T., K.P., C.M.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., Governor General of Canada, on the fifty-sixth Anniversary of the original ceremony, namely the first day of September, 1916, in the sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George V, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.