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drives, etc., and the performing of all improvements, repairs, etc., required in connection therewith "

Four gentlemen composed this commission, three appointed by the Government, the mayor of the city being the fourth. Mr. Henry N. Bate was appointed chairman of the commission, and the result of the work done is a monument that shall speak of him and the



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other members of the commission for generations to come. The general plan of the improvements adopted was the construction of driveways connecting Rockliffe Park, at the eastern end of the city, with the Government experimental farm, at the western end.

Already over \$712,000 has been expended in these improvements, and the city is becoming to look worthy the capital of this great and growing country.

The population of Ottawa is about 75,000, and is rapidly increasing. Apart

from being the seat of government, Ottawa takes high place as a manufacturing centre, it being one of the greatest lumber markets in Canada. The citizens are intensely loyal to the city and its institutions. Quite recently it has shown to the world what can be done in the way of raising funds for philanthropic purposes, when in two weeks there was raised for a new Young Men's Christian Association building a sum of over \$200,000. The contributions received the last day of the canvas is said to have been a world's record.

The Sun Life of Canada has shown that it has faith in the Capital City, for it erected, a few years ago, a building which is second to none in the city for architectural beauty. The Company is a great favorite with all Ottawans, and is ably represented by the Messrs. Reid father and son, and the traditions of the Company, as well as the traditions of Auld Scotia, are kept aglow by the enthusiasm of that sparkling Highlander, Mr. Wm. Grant.

It may not be out of the way to state that the Sun Life of Canada should have a warm spot in the heart of all Canadians, from the fact that it has, perhaps, done more to favorably advertise Canada than any other of our institutions. It is said that in China, when Canada is spoken of, the Celestial looks bewildered, but when the Sun Life of Canada is referred to he wakes up and knows.

## Crowded for Room.

"Have you much room in your new flat?" "Room! Good gracious, I should so not! Why our kitchen and diningroom are so small that we have to use condensed milk!"



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