

PARLIAMENT HOUSE

— OTTAWA —

LAYING OF THE CORNER
STONE OF THE MAIN
TOWER — BY —

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

EDWARD, PRINCE OF

WALES





Parliament House
Ottawa
Laying of the Corner
Stone of the Main
Tower by
His Royal Highness
Edward, Prince of
Wales, K. G. etc. etc.
at 11.30 o'clock a. m.
Monday the first day
of September, 1919

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PROGRAMME



HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., LL.D., accompanied by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G., G.M.M.G., G.M.A.E., M.C., will arrive at the site of the Tower at 11.30 O'clock, A.M., and after inspecting the Guard of Honour will proceed to the Royal Pavilion.

THE CEREMONY will proceed in the following order:

1. The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod Commands Silence.
2. The Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Laird Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., D.C.L., LL.D., M.P., addresses His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and thanks him for having graciously consented to officiate upon this occasion.
3. The Deputy Minister of Public Works, J. B. Hunter, Esq., deposits a sealed copper receptacle containing a scroll, coins, postage stamps and certain papers of record and messages of greeting, in the cavity provided for the purpose in the stone upon which the corner stone is to rest in the new tower.
4. The corner stone is raised and elevated above its base, and the mortar bed is prepared by the construction staff.
5. The Minister of Public Works presents a trowel, mallet and plumb bob triangle to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which being accepted, His Royal Highness advances to the stone and levels the surface of the mortar.

6. The stone is lowered into position on the bed of mortar under the direction of the following :

John A. Pearson, Esq., Architect ;

D. Ewart, Esq., I.S.O., Dominion Consulting Architect ;

J. O. Marchand, Esq., Associate Architect ;

Wm. Lyall, Contractor ;

While the stone is being lowered into position the band plays "O Canada".

7. Address by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

8. His Royal Highness applies the plumb bob triangle to the stone, gives the stone three strokes with the mallet and declares it well and truly laid.

9. His Royal Highness calls for three cheers for His Majesty the King.

10. The band plays one complete stanza of the National Anthem.

11. The Right Honourable the Prime Minister calls for three cheers for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

12. The band plays one complete stanza of "God Bless the Prince of Wales".

13. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales proceeds to inspect the war veterans and other troops on parade.

14. Distribution of decorations.

15. March past of war veterans.

16. Departure of the Governor General, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and party.



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.

"Upon the occasion of the official national commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation, on the second day of July, 1917, the central column of the main inner hall of the building was unveiled and dedicated as a memorial by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., LL.D., Governor General of Canada.

"This, the corner stone of the main tower, is laid on the fifty-ninth anniversary of the original ceremony, namely, the first day of September, 1919, in the ninth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George V, by His Royal Highness Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Duke of Cornwall, in the Peerage of England; Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, and Baron of Renfrew, in the Peerage of Scotland; Lord of the Isles and Great Steward of Scotland, K.G., G.M.M.G., M.C., etc., etc.

"At the time of the laying of this stone the hearts of the people of Canada are filled with gratitude to Almighty God for the consummation of peace following the victorious conclusion of a cruel and devastating war in which Canada honourably participated. In the cause of right and freedom 418,052 Canadian soldiers were despatched overseas during the conflict and by their gallantry and devotion earned imperishable glory for their country. Over 60,000 of them will never return.

"War was declared by Great Britain, August 4, 1914; an armistice was signed and active hostilities ceased November 11, 1918; the Treaty of Peace was signed at Versailles, France, June 28, 1919.

"The Government and Parliament of Canada, etc., at date of laying of this corner stone.

"GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

"His Excellency the Right Honourable Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, Marquess of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Earl of Burlington, Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke, Baron Cavendish of Keighley; Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; One of His Majesty's Privy Council; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

" THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS OF THE PROVINCES
OF CANADA.

Names and titles inscribed in full on the scroll.

" THE DOMINION CABINET.

Names and titles inscribed in full on the scroll.

" THE SENATE OF CANADA.

Names, designations and addresses of the Hon. the Speaker and members inscribed in full on the scroll.

" THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

Names and titles of the Hon. the Speaker and the members, with constituencies represented, inscribed in full on the scroll.

John A. Pearson, Architect, of the building.

J. O. Marchand, Associate.

David Ewart, I.S.O., Adviser of the Building Committee.

P. Lyall & Sons Construction Co., Ltd., Contractors.

(b) Copy of the itinerary of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to Canada, 1919.

(c) A set of standard Canadian coins—gold, silver and copper.

(d) Canadian postage stamps of the current year.

(e) Copies of the programme and cards of invitation for the ceremony of the laying of this corner stone, September First, 1919.

(f) Copy of the 1919 Edition "The Canadian Parliamentary Guide"

(g) Copies of the current issues of the Ottawa daily newspapers.

(h) Annual report 1918 of "The Historic Landmarks Association of Canada"

(i) Messages of greeting.