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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON LOCAL HISTORY

AT the opening session, on the morning of May 26th, a round table session was devoted to a discussion of local history, "the problem of its improvement and correlation, and the possibilities of cooperation by university departments of history, archives, historical societies, etc. Prof. Fred Landon was chairman of the session and the subject was introduced by Prof. D. C. Harvey, Provincial Archivist of Nova Scotia and Dr. J. J. Talman, Provincial Archivist of Ontario. Others who took part in the discussion were Professors George W. Brown, Chester Martin, A. G. Dorland, Chester New and R. G. Trotter, Mr. E. C. Kyte of Queen's University Library and Mr. J. McE. Murray, secretary of the Ontario Historical Society. The session was continued beyond the usual closing hour because of the interest shown in the discussion and at the close a resolution was passed: "That this meeting heartily recommends to the Council of the Canadian Historical Association the consideration of means by which the collection and preservation of local records may be encouraged throughout the Dominion. Prof. Landon was named as a committee of one, with power to add, to consider further means of encouraging the development of local history activities.