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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

By NORMAN FEE

THE Council and Executive of the Canadian Historical Association held three meetings during the year. At the meeting held in Montreal immediately following the final session of the annual meeting on June 2, Council named Mr. A. E. Prince of Queen's University Chairman of the programme committee for 1945. The regular annual meeting of Council was held at Baldwin House, the University of Toronto on November 6, 1944 and was well attended. The discussion centred on ways and means to increase the influence and usefulness of the Association and on the general plan for the programme of the annual meeting in 1945. It was felt that the capital account in which the Association had a credit balance of more than \$400 should in some way be increased and the money used for Canadian Historical Association prizes in the field of Canadian or colonial history, or that it might even be used to assist in the publication of an enlarged *Canadian Historical Review*. As a preliminary step to the enlarging of the capital account it was proposed that a campaign to increase the number of life members be undertaken. The results of this campaign were very gratifying. Invitations from the President, Mr. Sage and the committee consisting of Messrs. Lower, Brown, and Underhill were addressed to all members and a particular note was sent to all past presidents. Some fifty or more letters were received in acknowledgement commending the plan and twenty life memberships were received bringing the association \$1,060. The life membership is \$50.00 or more. The committee was re-appointed with a view to following up the work already done and also with a view to broadening the appeal to include persons and firms outside the present membership.

Mr. D. C. Masters, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, P.Q. was named Chairman of the Programme Committee for 1946.

### THE PROGRAMME

The annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association was held on May 23-5 at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Papers were presented on the following subjects: "The Development of Canadian Literature," by G. H. Clarke, Queen's University; "The Evacuation of the Canadian Japanese," by F. E. LaViolette of McGill University; "The Nicolls Papers: A Study in Anglican Toryism, 1845-77," by D. C. Masters, Bishop's University; "The Alaska Boundary Dispute," by F. W. Gibson of Queen's University; "Political Developments around the Turn of the Present Century," by B. K. Sandwell, editor of *Saturday Night*, Toronto; "Le Nationalisme canadien-français à l'aurore du XXe siècle," by the Abbé Arthur Maheux; "Teaching of International Relations in the United States," by Howard Wilson, Harvard University; "Teaching of International Relations in Canada," by C. E. Phillips, University of Toronto. The presidential address was read by Professor W. N. Sage of the University of British Columbia at joint session with the Canadian Political Science Association, the subject being "Where Stands Canadian History?" The *Annual Report* of the Association, which will again be edited by Professor R. M. Saunders of the University of Toronto, will contain most of

the above papers. A joint session was also given to the subject of government, the following papers being read: "Changes in the Function of Government," by J. O. Corry of Queen's University; "Constitutional Adaptation to Changing Governmental Functions," by F. R. Scott, McGill University.

In spite of certain unavoidable last-minute changes in programme, the meeting went off very well, and was attended by a representative gathering including members from every province and also from the United States.

The following officers were elected: President, F. H. Underhill, University of Toronto; Vice-President, H. N. Fieldhouse, University of Manitoba; English Secretary and Treasurer, Norman Fee, The Public Archives, Ottawa; French Secretary, Séraphin Marion, The Public Archives, Ottawa; new members of Council to retire in 1948, A. G. Bailey, University of New Brunswick, the Abbé Antoine d'Eschambault, Archevêché de St-Boniface, D. C. Masters, Bishop's University, J. J. Talman, University of Western Ontario.