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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The forty-second Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association was held on the new and impressive campus of Laval University, Quebec, on June 5-8, 1963. Much of the undoubted success of the proceedings was due to the Programme Committee, under the chairmanship of M. Fernand Ouellet, and the Committee on Local Arrangements, headed by R. P. Adrien Pouliot, s.j. A total of 198 members signed the Association's register during the course of the Meeting. The majority of meetings were held in the Pavillon of the Faculty of Medicine.

On the morning of Wednesday, 5 June, both the Archives and Local History Sections held business meetings. In the afternoon, Council held a lengthy meeting, and Mr. Robert S. Gordon addressed the archivists, taking as his subject: *Footloose in Archivia: A Glance at Canadian Archival Resources*. Mr. Hugh A. Dempsey, of the Glenbow Foundation, Calgary, was chairman of the meeting. In the afternoon, there was a tour of the Provincial Archives of Quebec. The evening provided the occasion for a joint meeting of the Société historique de Québec and the Canadian Historical Association under the chairmanship of Mme Reine Malouin. Two addresses were given: *La fondation du séminaire de Québec par Mgr de Laval*, by l'abbé Honorius Provost, of the Archives du Séminaire de Québec, and *The Old City of Quebec and our Heritage in Architecture*, by John Richardson of the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board, Ottawa.

Various aspects of Canadian and European history were explored at sessions held on 6 June. In the morning, the Rev. G. F. McGuigan, of the University of British Columbia, discussed *Land Policy and Land Disposal in the Eastern Townships (1763-1809)*, and Alfred Duguc, of the Université de Montréal, addressed members on *Les papiers de Thomas Molson: description et évaluation de leur signification historique*. The commentator was Albert Faucher, of Laval University. Meanwhile at another session, R. Sanfaçon, also of Laval University, spoke on *La mise en culture des terres dans la France médiévale*, and P. Brieger, of the University of Toronto, described *The Story of Creation in English and French Bibles before 1200 A.D.* The Rev. P. Raftis acted as commentator. In the afternoon, two members of Laval University, A. Labarrère-Paulé, and Claude Galarneau, delivered papers on *L'instituteur laïc canadien-français au 19e siècle* and *l'abbé L.-J.-S. Raymond et les grands romantiques français (1834-1857)*. The commentator was Laurier Lapierre of McGill University. Simultaneously J. Boshier, of the University of British Columbia, examined

*Jacques Necker et l'Etat moderne*, and T. S. Webster, of the University of Manitoba, described *Ira Allen in Paris, 1800, planning a Canadian Revolution*. Gordon Couse was the commentator.

The Annual Dinner was held in Laval's Pavillon Pollack on the evening of 6 June. Miss Hilda Neatby, of the University of Saskatchewan, chose as the subject of her Presidential Address the character of Jean-Olivier Briand, the early Vicar-General of Quebec, afterwards Bishop of the diocese. The speaker discovered in her subject "an earnest, conscientious man loaded with responsibilities which, it seems clear, he had not sought and which he felt to be beyond his powers and yet which, stubborn, tough, persevering Breton peasant as he was, he would carry because he must." Her remarks were illustrated by many illuminating quotations from the Bishop's correspondence.

On the morning of 7 June there was a meeting sponsored by the Joint Committee of the American Historical Association and the Canadian Historical Association. Professor J. S. Galbraith, of the University of California, presided as chairman and the commentator was Roger Graham of the University of Saskatchewan. R. C. Brown, of the University of Alberta, discussed *The Commercial Unionists in Canada and the United States*, and Gaddis G. Smith, of Yale University, cast new light on *The Clandestine Submarines of 1914-15 and the Nature of the North Atlantic Triangle*. Meanwhile, another session heard a paper read by R. C. Croizier, of the University of California, on *The Burma-China Railway: A Case Study of the Commercial and the Administrative Mentality in Late Victorian Empire Building*. He was followed by G. M. Schwartz, of Memorial University, who examined *Liberalism in Germany, 1871-1914: a Problem in Political Taxonomy*. The commentator was R. Spencer. The afternoon session was devoted to consideration of *The Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland and the Farmers' Organizations in Western Canada*, and *Tardivel, journaliste ultramontain*, by P. E. Panting, Memorial University, and Pierre Savard, Laval University, respectively. Later in the afternoon members of the Association were guests at a *vin d'honneur* given by Laval University.

In the evening a joint meeting of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association and the Canadian Historical Association was held under the chairmanship of Mgr Arthur Maheux. Marcel Trudel gave his interpretation of *La servitude de l'Eglise catholique sous le régime anglais* and D. C. Masters of Bishop's University, discussed *Bishop George Mountain*. The commentator was G. F. G. Stanley.

Immediately following another meeting of Council, the Association held its General Meeting on the morning of Saturday, 8 June. Progress was reported in connection with the planning of the National Museum of History and the collaboration of the Canadian and American Historical

Associations. Members were advised that two new booklets (one by Michel Brunet and the other by T. J. Oleson) had been published in the Historical Booklets Series. Recommendations for Certificates of Merit, proposed by the Local History Section, were approved by the meeting. The following officers were elected for 1963-1964: President: Marcel Trudel, Québec; Past Presidents: Miss Hilda Neatby, Saskatoon, and R. A. Preston, Kingston; Vice-President: Mason Wade, Rochester, N.Y.; English Language Secretary: T. M. Hunter, Ottawa; French Language Secretary: Bernard Weilbrenner, Ottawa; Treasurer: R. S. Gordon, Ottawa; Editors of the Annual *Report*: J. P. Heisler and Fernand Ouellet; Councillors (to retire in 1966): Rev. Lorenzo Cadieux, s.j., Sudbury, Ontario; C. W. Humphries, Sackville, N.B.; Rev. W. S. Reid, Montreal, Que., and T. S. Webster, Winnipeg, Man.

The Annual Meeting concluded with a most interesting guided tour of Old Québec.

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Ottawa, December, 1963