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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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The annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association was held at Queen's University, Kingston, on May 27 and 28. On the second day two joint sessions were held with the Canadian Political Science Association, which continued its meeting on the 29th and 30th.

The first morning was given over to military history: C. P. Stacey of Princeton University reading a paper on "The Fenian Troubles and Canadian Military Development, 1865-71"; and Colonel A. Fortescue Duguid, D.S.O., Director of the Historical Section, General Staff, Ottawa, a paper on "Canadians in Battle, 1915-18". The papers presented in the afternoon session were: "Les voyages des Cabots" by A. Beaugrand-Champagne of the University of Montreal; "Cultural History" by Ralph Flenley of the University of Toronto; and "The Genesis of the Free Land Homestead Law of 1872" by H. M. Morrison of Prince George, B.C. In the evening a paper on "American Republican Leadership and the Movement for the Annexation of Canada in the 1860's" was read by J. Patterson Smith of Illinois College, and one on "The Reform Convention of 1859" by George W. Brown of the University of Toronto.

The joint session on the afternoon of the 28th was devoted to a discussion of federalism and sectionalism in the Dominion, the papers being presented by N. McL. Rogers of Queen's University, V. W. Bladen of the University of Toronto, and W. M. Whitelaw of McGill University. In the evening, the presidential address of the Political Science Association was read by D. A. MacGibbon of the Board of Grain Commissioners, Winnipeg, his subject being inflation. A. L. Burt also read a paper entitled "Guy Carleton, Lord Dorchester: An Estimate".

At a luncheon conference on problems of historical publications in Canada, several suggestions were made, and in particular the suggestion that in addition to its *Report* the Association might begin a series of "Papers". The idea was very favourably received, and will be carefully considered.

The attendance was good and interesting discussion was a feature of every session. It is difficult to get adequate representation from all parts of the country and other meetings necessarily make their claims on some who would otherwise be present. The meetings of the Association have, however, shown a cumulative improvement for several years. The meetings fill a need that can be met in no other way, and every aspect of Canadian historical activity should if possible be represented in the Association.

It was a cause of general regret that an accident prevented the President, F. J. Audet of the Public Archives, Ottawa, from presiding at the sessions. The local arrangements were excellent, thanks to Queen's University, and in particular to Professor R. G. Trotter who also assumed the

chief responsibility in arranging the programme. The Committee on Local Arrangements provided also for a most interesting visit on the morning of the second day to Fort Henry.

For next year the principal officers are: President, E. R. Adair, McGill University; Vice-President, Chester New, McMaster University. It is expected that next year's meeting will be held at Ottawa. The papers read at this year's meetings of the two Associations appear for the most part in this report and in *The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science*.