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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AT QUEBEC,
MAY 23-24, 1924

The annual meeting of the association was held in Québec city, on Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24.

On the evening of May 23 the annual Popular Lecture was given before a large audience in the Promotion Hall of Laval University. The lecturer was Mr. Ægidius Fauteux, of the Saint-Sulpice Library, Montreal, and his subject, the life of Montcalm in Canada.

At the morning and afternoon meetings of May 24, the following members were present, and they inscribed their names in the official record of the Society:—

Mr. J. C. Sutherland (representing the Literary and Historical Society of Québec), Prof. W. T. Waugh (the Montreal Historical Association), M. Montarville Boucher de La Bruère (the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal), Miss Frances M. Staton (the Toronto Public Library), Mrs. I. C. McLimont (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), Prof. Archibald MacMechan (Historical Association of Annapolis Royal), Mme. E. C. Pourtier (the Women's Canadian Historical Association of Ottawa), Professor Leo Harvey (the University of New Brunswick), Col. M. G. Marquis (La Société des Arts, Sciences et Lettres de Québec), Hon. F. W. Howay (the British Columbia Historical Association), MM. Cyrille Tessier, Philippe Angers, Prof. Arthur S. Morton (University of Saskatchewan), Chanoine Emile Chartier (Université de Montréal), Pierre-Georges Roy, Alphonse Gagnon, Joseph Dumais, Abbé Ivanhoë Caron, Georges Bellerive, Francis J. Audet, J.-A. Corriveau, John Hamilton, Henry Iwers, Pemberton Smith, Hon. Thomas Chapais, Lawrence J. Burpee, J. F. Kenney, R. W. Brock (the University of British Columbia), C. Marius Barbeau, and others.

The papers and addresses given, after the presentation of the reports of the treasurer and the Landmarks Committee, were the following:—

The Presidential Address, by Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee;

M. Philippé Angers, "L'Invasion de Québec par Arnold";

Professor Leo Harvey, a short explanation of the Paget Colour process, and its practical importance in the preparation of coloured lantern slides for lectures on history;

Professor W. T. Waugh, on "Shakespeare's Henry V in the Light of Recent Research";

Miss Frances M. Staton, on the Rebellion of 1837 and its bibliography;

Professor William H. Atherton, on "The Study of Local History"; in the absence of the author this paper was read by Judge F. W. Howay;

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Col. William Wood, on the Yale University scheme for the illustration of national history, especially by means of motion pictures, and sets of other pictures;

M. Georges Marquis, sur "Les guides historiques et l'Ancien Québec," avec vues;

Mr. Harlan I. Smith, on "The end of Mackenzie's overland route to the Pacific"; with illustrations; in the absence of the author, this paper was read by Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee;

M. C. Marius Barbeau, on "Temlaham, an Indian Paradise Lost in northern British Columbia," also with illustrations.

Reports on the activities of the affiliated societies were then presented by their representatives.

Professor Archibald MacMechan while commenting on the work of the Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, and describing some of the interesting features of the local historical museum, extended his review to the origin and growth of historical research in Nova Scotia, particularly in the form of county history.

Messrs. J. C. Sutherland and William Wood spoke on behalf of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and the commemoration of the society's hundredth anniversary by means of a book entitled "Unique Quebec" and presented to all the members of the Canadian Historical Association on the occasion of its annual meeting.

Judge F. W. Howay spoke on behalf of the British Columbia Historical Association, and mentioned the construction of an Indian village with totem poles in Stanley park and the erection of a monument to the memory of Captain Cook, in Nootka sound;

Professor Leo Harvey, stated that the New Brunswick Historical Society may soon resume its activities, principally through its affiliation with the Natural Science and History Society, and the initiation of a province-wide movement towards the study of local history;

Professor Arthur S. Morton described the recent work of the Saskatchewan Historical Society, and mentioned the existence of four groups within his province whose chief purpose was to collect data on the history of the province, these groups being located in Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Regina, and Battleford;

Professor W. T. Waugh explained that the new Montreal Historical Society, founded by Professor Basil Williams, has been very active in the past year; the interest of its many members has been aroused by means of meetings, lectures, expeditions, and various investigations;

M. Georges Marquis reported on the work of the Société des Arts, Sciences et Lettres de Québec, which consists of a series of from ten

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to fifteen lectures every year and the publication of its monthly magazine "Le Terroir;"

M. M. Boucher de La Bruère stated that the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society was unusually active last winter, that monthly lectures were given as a consequence and special meetings held, that the Chateau de Ramesay collection has been materially increased, and that the city of Montreal has spent on the Chateau itself a fairly large sum for repairs and improvement;

Dr. Coyne spoke of the three anniversaries in which the Elgin Scientific and Historical Institute this year took an active part.

The following resolutions were then brought forward and approved:—

Moved by J. C. Sutherland and seconded by Professor Archibald MacMechan—That the address of the president be enthusiastically supported by the members of this association for its constructive ideas, and that the report of the treasurer be accepted;

Proposé par Montarville Boucher de La Bruère, et secondé par J.-Eugène Corrivé—Que la Société historique du Canada exprime le vœu, après avoir entendu la causerie de M. G. E. Marquis, que les autorités locales, à Québec, prennent tous les moyens à leur disposition pour assurer à la Cité de Champlain la perennité de son cachet historique, et pour conserver ses édifices et ses monuments d'un autre âge; de plus que les autorités fédérales soient priées de remettre à la Commission des Champs de Bataille nationaux le soin et l'entretien des fortifications qui sont sur le point de tomber en ruine; et que cette résolution soit adressée à qui de droit par le Secrétaire de la Société historique du Canada;

Proposé par Georges Bellerive et secondé par Pemberton Smith—Qu'une croix soit élevée en la mémoire du mouillage des vaisseaux de Jacques Cartier—la Grande Hermine, la Petite Hermine et l'Emérillon—à l'endroit maintenant connu sous le nom de "Mouillage des Anglais," à l'Ile-aux-Coudres;

Moved by Judge F. W. Howay and seconded by Lawrence J. Burpee—That the Dominion Government be requested in the name of this association to consider the advisability of establishing a federal park in the neighbourhood of Bella Coola (British Columbia) to commemorate the expedition of Alexander Mackenzie to the Pacific coast in 1793, the culmination of the long search for an overland route to the sea;

Moved by Professor Archibald MacMechan and seconded by l'abbé Ivanhoë Caron—That the legendary and historical landmarks of the Upper Skeena river, as set forth in Mr. Barbeau's paper on *Temlaham, an Indian Paradise Lost*, be suitably commemorated by

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the Federal Government, and that an effort be made to preserve the totem poles and Indian grave-yard villages, particularly on account of their unusual value for tourist purposes;

Moved by J. C. Sutherland and seconded by M. Boucher de La Bruère—That the thanks of the Canadian Historical Association be conveyed to the Department of the Interior, Parks Branch, for the publication of the Annual Report of the Association for 1923;

Moved by Professor W. T. Waugh and seconded by C. M. Barbeau—That this association express its gratitude to the Quebec Literary and Historical Association and to Colonel William Wood for the gift of the interesting *vade-mecum* "Unique Quebec" to its members, and for other marks of courtesy in the course of its annual meeting;

Moved by Colonel William Wood and seconded by J. F. Kenney—That this association wishes to record its sorrow at the death of Mr. E. C. Whitney, one of its life members, which occurred in Ottawa, early in the spring of 1924, and to instruct the secretary to convey its sympathy to his bereaved widow, Mrs. E. C. Whitney, also one of its life members;

Moved by Dr. James Coyne and seconded by P.-Georges Roy—That this association wishes to record its regret at the death of J. Castell Hopkins, Lawrence Fortescue, James Hope, Dr. Otto Klotz, H. C. Mott, and Sir Edmund Walker, whose names appeared on the list of annual members, and that a copy of the motion be forwarded to the bereaved relatives;

Moved by Judge F. W. Howay and seconded by Pemberton Smith—That Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee be re-elected President of the Canadian Historical Association;

Moved by J. C. Sutherland and seconded by M. Boucher de La Bruère—That Dr. A. C. Doughty be elected to the office of Vice-President of this association;

Moved by W. T. Waugh and seconded by Dr. James Coyne—That M. C. Marius Barbeau be re-elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer;

Moved by A. S. Morton and seconded by G. Marquis—That Mr. J. F. Kenney be elected to the office of English Editor;

Moved by M. Boucher de La Bruère and seconded by J. C. Sutherland—That M. Gustave Lanctot be elected to the office of French Editor;

Moved by Pemberton Smith and seconded by A. S. Morton—That M. Pierre-Georges Roy, of the Provincial Archives, Quebec, Professor George M. Wrong, of the University of Toronto, Professor Chester Martin, of the University of Manitoba, Professor

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Archibald MacMechan, of Dalhousie University, Judge F. W. Howay, of the Law Courts, New Westminster, B.C., and Professor Basil Williams, of McGill University, be elected to the office of members of the Council;

Moved by William Wood and seconded by J. C. Sutherland—That Mr. Pemberton Smith, Judge Howay, M. Ægedius Fauteux, Mrs. J. B. Simpson and Professor A. S. Morton constitute the Standing Committee on Historical Landmarks, with power to add to their numbers, the first-named to be chairman;

Moved by Pemberton Smith and seconded by Judge Howay—That Colonel J. F. Cunningham be thanked for his services as auditor in the past year, and be re-elected to the same office;

Proposé par Alphonse Gagnon et secondé par Georges Bellerive—Que les remerciements de cette association soient adressés à ses dignitaires sortant de charge pour l'exercice consciencieux de leurs devoirs pendant l'année qui vient de s'achever;

Judge F. W. Howay then moved that the meeting be adjourned.

C. MARIUS BARBEAU.
Secretary.