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Of The

Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

For the Year 1962



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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA
For the Year 1962**

To His Honour

The Honourable H. P. MacKeen, C.D., Q.C.,
Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

May it please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the report of the Provincial Archivist to the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1962, together with a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period April 1st, 1962, to March 31st, 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. STANFIELD,
Premier

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PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA

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Report of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

For the Year 1962

To the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

Gentlemen:

I have the honour to present the annual report of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1962.

This year has been one of continued development. Space provided in the basement is now being put to use. New equipment has been acquired. Progress has been made in the collection and assimilation of materials. Special displays have been arranged. Correspondence has been expanded and an increasing use has been made of the resources of the institution.

A floor having been installed in it, and a number of steel racks having been acquired for it, the basement now affords needed space. The bindery has been moved into it. Newspapers are stored in it. Pictures have been hung on its walls. New accessions of archival materials are cleaned and sorted in it, and photographs are mounted or framed there. Other articles of new equipment have also been acquired. These included a Recordak Reader for microfilm, a floor polisher, a water cooler, fire extinguishers and steel shelves, besides filing cases for manuscripts.

During the year a considerable quantity of manuscripts has been collected. Land papers of Cape Breton Island — warrants to survey during the period 1787-1820 — have been transferred from the Crown Lands Section of the Department of Lands and Forests. Some records of the Department of the Provincial Secretary have also been obtained. Some of the papers of Simon Hugh Holmes, who was Premier of Nova Scotia from 1878 to 1882, have been acquired. Other interesting accessions included the records of births and marriages kept by Rev. John Seccombe, of Chester, for the years 1762-85; a copy of the min-

utes of the Port Roseway Associates, 1782-83; a letter signed by Horatio Nelson, dated August 17, 1782; papers of the Logan family of Musquodoboit, presented by Robert A. Logan; papers of Peter Smyth, of Port Hood, who was a member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia from 1867 to 1879; and papers of J. W. Carmichael Company, Limited, of New Glasgow. Besides these and other documents which have been donated or transferred to the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, the daily journals kept by the Superintendent at Sable Island in the years 1884-98 and 1900-12 and his letter-books for 1884-1906 have been received on loan.

There has been a substantial expansion in the collection of microfilms. 265 reels, approximately 26,500 feet of films, both negative and positive, have been acquired. Many of these are of newspapers. Others are reproductions of land grants. Still others are copies of the Parrsboro township book, the genealogy of the Bishop family, the minutes of meetings of Quakers in Dartmouth, 1786-98, the papers and proceedings of the Halifax Mechanics' Institute, 1832-44 (from the John S. Thompson papers), three reels of Newcastle papers and one reel of the papers of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. In addition, the records of the Coldstream Pastoral Charge (Presbyterian and United Church of Canada), 1871-1958, the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Lower Stewiacke, 1848-1907, and St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Pugwash, 1857-1941, have been reproduced.

There has also been a significant expansion of the collection of newspapers. Current issues of the **Antigonish Casket**, the **Berwick Register**, **Cape Breton Post**, the **Dartmouth Free Press**, **Forward**, the **Halifax Chronicle-Herald** and **Mail-Star**, the Lunenburg **Progress-Enterprise**, the **Maritime Co-operator**, the **Maritime Merchant** and the **Yarmouth Light** continue to be received. Through the courtesy of the proprietor, a complimentary subscription of the **Digby Courier** has been received since March 22nd.

Several maps and plans were acquired during the year. One was a plan of the Halifax Fortress prepared by George T. Bates. Others were copies of plans of 1871 and 1880 of the Old Town Clock, Halifax.

The collection of pictures also continues to grow. 549 were procured during the year. A large framed picture of Capt. George McKenzie, the famous New Glasgow shipbuilder, was received from J. W. Carmichael Company, Limited. Two pictures, executed in birch

bark and made by Miss Eleanor Whiston, and eight framed Bartlett prints were presented by Mr. Howard Whiston of Halifax.

Other interesting muniments obtained included a valuable collection of Nova Scotian silver donated by Miss Una Thomson of Halifax and a collection of coins of Canada and Newfoundland presented by Miss Alice McLearn, of Halifax. A silver cup which had been presented to Sir Malachy B. Daly by the Charitable Irish Society of Halifax in 1918 was donated by that society. An Eli Terry model mantel clock was received from Mr. Robert A. Logan, now residing in St. Paul, Minnesota. A set of 15 postage stamps of Ireland and a set of eight coins of Ireland were donated by Mr. H. M. Standish of Halifax.

The library received 245 books, 385 pamphlets and 354 separate issues of periodicals during the year. This printed matter included a number of volumes of Debates and Proceedings of the House of Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia for the years 1887 to 1910 which were transferred from Province House.

Several special exhibits were arranged for display during the year. One was prepared for the 150th anniversary of the death of Simeon Perkins. Another was for the 150th anniversary of the outbreak of the War of 1812. A third had to do with the evolution of the Halifax Fortress. A fourth had to do with the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic*. A fifth demonstrated how a genealogy may be compiled. A display was also again provided for the Nova Scotia Festival of the Arts and two members of the staff went to Tatamagouche to look after it.

During the year several special meetings were held in the Archives Building. These included one of the Nova Scotia Museum of Fine Arts on March 5th, one of the Halifax Coin Club on March 7th, and one of the Nova Scotia Historical Society on April 13th. In addition, an exhibition of the paintings of the Nova Scotia Museum of Fine Arts was held from November 20th to November 23rd.

1962 has been a busy year in every phase of the operations of the institution, with more visitors, more inquiries and more correspondence. In all, 3,473 persons were assisted in the use of 6,617 books, 4,392 manuscripts, 2,514 newspapers, 2,066 microfilms, 582 maps, 1,581 photographs; and 4,787 registered as visitors to the historical museum and art gallery. Visitors continue to come in substantial numbers on

Wednesday evenings from October to May inclusive. Four of my students who obtained their M.A. degrees at Dalhousie University completed theses on "Halifax as an Element of Sea Power", "Sable Island before Confederation", "The Role of Charles Tupper in Nova Scotian Politics, 1855-1870" and "The Public Life of Hon. G. H. Murray". Other graduate and undergraduate students have also been assisted in their research. Continued progress has been made in assimilating and cataloguing archival materials, with considerable time being devoted to Court papers of Lunenburg County, provincial marriage bonds, the Miller papers, microfilms and newspapers. Guided tours have been provided for special groups and other visitors.

As Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, I had the privilege of presiding at the re-dedication of the Old Town Clock in Halifax on October 20th, and of accompanying Hon. Walter Dinsdale on a visit to Louisbourg on October 21st. I also arranged for and presided at the unveiling of the Sir Charles Tupper memorial at the Sir Charles Tupper School in Warren, near Amherst, on June 6th. Moreover, on November 17th I visited Jordan Falls for the purpose of selecting a site for the proposed memorial to Donald McKay, the famous designer and builder of clipper ships. Furthermore, during my vacation, in September, I spent some time in London investigating records pertaining to fortifications in the Atlantic Provinces, after which I made a report on my investigation to the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

As in previous years, I took part in the deliberations of the Nova Scotia Historic Sites Advisory Council and carried on correspondence in the furtherance of its work. On August 4th, I visited the President of the Women's Institute of Mira Gut and conferred with the owner of the land considered suitable for a proposed memorial.

During the year I gave addresses at Halifax, Jollimore and Frederickton, and Miss Blakeley attended a meeting of the Yarmouth County Historical Society in order to present a certificate of merit from the Canadian Historical Association to that society. For the local television station of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation I gave talks on Sir William Alexander and Nova Scotia, the ship *Bear*, and William Hall, V.C. For CJCH television I spoke on the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, the newspaper collection in the Archives building, the significance of the word "Bluenose", the art gallery in the Archives building, and Christmas customs in Nova Scotia. At the 18th annual Pharma-

ceutical banquet of Dalhousie University I gave an address on pharmacy and pharmacists in Nova Scotia. At a meeting of the Halifax Ladies' Musical Club I spoke on the Arts in Nova Scotia. I spoke on Nova Scotian currency at a meeting of the Halifax Coin Club, on art galleries, museums and archives at a meeting of the Nova Scotia Museum of Fine Arts, on "You and Our History" at a meeting of the Kiwanis in Halifax, on "Halifax" at a meeting of the Halifax Junior League, and on Sir Sandford Fleming and the North West Arm at a meeting of the J. W. MacLeod and the Fleming Tower Home and School Associations. At Fredericton on June 4th I gave an address on national historic sites. Furthermore, at the Nova Scotian Institute of Science Centennial dinner I delivered a paper on the history of that organization.

The third volume of the Diary of Simeon Perkins, edited with an introduction and notes by me, which was published by the Champlain Society, appeared early in the year, and my article entitled "Joseph Howe and the Freedom of the Press" was published in the Journal of Education, February 1962.

Appendix A is a list of donors for the year 1962.

Appendix B is Hon. Charles Tupper's report on the Charlottetown Conference, 1864.

Appendix C comprises three letters from Senator William Miller to Hon. F. W. Borden, dated December 17, 21 and 23, 1897, containing comments on Nova Scotian and Canadian affairs.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the financial year ending March 31st, 1963, will be found below.

Respectfully submitted,

C. BRUCE FERGUSSON,

Provincial Archivist.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31, 1963.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, April 1, 1962	\$ 52.31
Government of Nova Scotia	58,500.00
Sales of publications, etc.	474.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Maintenance and expense of building	\$ 2,655.38	
Furnishing and equipment	4,818.21	
Salaries	39,053.23	
Temporary Salaries	4,048.65	
Maritime Hospital Association	98.30	
Office Supplies and expenses	1,017.40	
Transfer and Express	168.57	
Library and manuscript room	1,109.73	
Bindery material	102.57	
Purchases, Archival Material	747.22	
Microfilm equipment and supplies	1,865.87	
Printing publication	194.25	
Sundry expenses	256.15	
		\$56,135.53
Balance on hand, March 31, 1963	2,890.92	
		\$59,026.45
		\$59,026.45

For and on behalf of

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES
OF NOVA SCOTIA

BRUCE FERGUSON, Provincial Archivist.

Winifred McFatridge, Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the record of Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year ended March 31, 1963, and certify that the within statement is true and correct, and that the balance shown as on hand and in the bank has been verified.

HAZEN H. VENO, Chartered Accountant

Halifax, N. S.
April 5, 1963.

APPENDIX A

LIST OF DONORS

- American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.
Amon, Mr. Robert D., Dartmouth, N. S.
Anderson, Mr. G. D., Nova Scotia Light & Power Co., Ltd.,
Halifax, N. S.
Anderson, Mr. Stewart, Halifax, N. S.
Anslow, Miss Florence, Windsor, N. S.
Antigonish Casket, Antigonish, N. S.
Armit, Capt. W. B., Halifax, N. S.
Armstrong, Dr. Maurice W., Colledgeville, Pa.
Babson, Mrs. Gustavus, Jr., Batavia, Ill.
Bates, Mr. George T., Halifax, N. S.
Bentley, Mr. Keilor, Baddeck, N. S.
Blair, Mrs. A. C., Halifax, N. S.
Blakeley, Miss Phyllis, Halifax, N. S.
Blakeley, Miss Shirley, Halifax, N. S.
Bliss, Mr. Edwin T., Halifax, N. S.
Board of School Commissioners, Halifax, N. S.
Bonner, Mr. George, Halifax, N. S.
Bouteillier, Mr. R. S., Saanichton, B. C.
British Council Liaison Officer, Ottawa, Ont.
Brown, Mr. H. R., Pugwash, N. S.
Buchanan, Rev. Maurice G., Indianapolis, Ind.
Bureau of Statistics of Quebec, Quebec.
Burke, Mr. Harry L., Joggins, Cumberland Co., N. S.
Cameron, Mr. James M., New Glasgow, N. S.
Canada Council, Ottawa, Ont.
Canadian Church Historical Society, Montreal, P. Q.
Canadian Jewish Congress, Montreal, P. Q.
Canadian National Railways, Montreal, P. Q.
Canadian Red Cross Society, Halifax, N. S.
Cape Breton Post, Sydney, N. S.
Carvalho, Mr. J. A., Cambridge, Mass.
Carmichael, J. W. and Company, Limited, New Glasgow, N. S.
Chapman, Miss Mary Agnes, Barnstaple, North Devon, England.
Charitable Irish Society, Halifax, N. S.
Chiasson, Dr. R. J., Antigonish, N. S.
Chirgwin, Mr. W. L. Sydney Mines, N. S.
Clarke, Cpl. J. N., R.R. 2, Wilmot, Annapolis Co., N. S.

- Clayton, Mrs. Hazel M., Smith's Cove, Digby Co., N. S.
Coburn, Mr Heath T., Fontana, California.
Commercial News, Halifax, N. S.
Creed, Mrs. Jason, Halifax, N. S.
Creighton, Mr. C. S., Montreal, P. Q.
Cross, Mrs. Leora Webster, Kentville, N. S.
Crown Lands Section, Department of Lands and Forests, Halifax, N. S.
Dalhousie Gazette, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S.
Dawson, Mr. William, Halifax, N. S.
DeFrancisco, Mrs. William, Uniondale, Long Island, N. Y.
Department of Education, Halifax, N. S.
Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.
Department of Public Records and Archives, Toronto.
DeWolf, Mr. Paul, Halifax, N. S.
Digby Courier, Digby N. S.
Dorrance, Mr. David, Halifax, N. S.
Douglas Library, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.
Drache, Mr. S. J., Q.C., Winnipeg, Man.
Duncanson, Mr. John V., Falmouth, N. S.
Dunn, Lady, Montreal, P.Q.
Eaton, Mr. E. L., Upper Canard, N. S.
Edwards, Miss Muriel, Halifax, N. S.
Evans, Mrs. G. R., Halifax, N. S.
Fergusson, Dr. C. Bruce, Halifax, N. S.
Fergusson, Hon. N. Layton, Q.C., Halifax, N. S.
Figler, Mr. Bernard, Montreal, P.Q.
Fooks, Mr. Robert H., Head of St. Margaret's Bay, N. S.
Foote, Lt.-Col. Wm. A., San Diego 16, Calif.
Forward, Digby, N. S.
Fraser, Lady, Bedford, N. S.
Garland, Mr. Joseph E., Gloucester, Mass.
Geizer, Mr. Arthur C., Halifax, N. S.
Geizer, Miss Nan, Halifax, N. S.
Government of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.
Gowans, Prof. Alan, Newark, Delaware.
Grant, Lt.-Col. Gordon, Halifax, N. S.
Grey, Mr. Frank, Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand.
Halifax Herald Limited, Halifax, N. S.
Hall, Mrs. Harry, Sheet Harbour, N. S.
Hants Journal, Windsor, N. S.
Harding, Miss Anne B., Cambridge, Mass.
Harvey, Dr. D. C., Halifax, N. S.

- Harvey, Mrs. Denis, Orleans, Ont.
Hatfield, Mr. G. D. H., Halifax, N. S.
Hazen, Mr. G. W., Halifax, N. S.
Hill, Miss Mary C., M.A., Shrewsbury, County of Salop, England.
Hornstein, Mr. R. A., Halifax, N. S.
Hudson's Bay Company, Winnipeg, Man.
Hustins, Mr. Gilbert, Lower Sackville, N. S.
Illsley, Mr. C. L., Halifax, N. S.
Imperial Oil, Limited, Halifax, N. S.
Industrial Estates Limited, Halifax, N. S.
Institute of Historical Research, London, England.
Ives, Mr. Wm. A., Halifax, N. S.
John Carter Brown Library, Providence, R. I.
Johnson, Miss C. Belle, Collingwood, Cumberland Co., N. S.
Johnson, Dr. C. H., Kamloops, B. C.
Johnson, Mr. D. C., Halifax, N. S.
Jones, Mrs. C. E., Smith's Cove, Digby Co., N. S.
Kerr, Dr. A. E., Halifax, N. S.
King, Brigadier W. D., Yarmouth, N. S.
Kirk-Greene, Mr. Anthony, Zaria, Northern Nigeria.
Lee, Mrs. Stanley, Halifax, N. S.
Leger, Mr. P. A., Halifax, N. S.
Legislative Library, Fredericton, N. B.
Logan, Dr. Murray, Halifax, N. S.
Logan, Mr. Robert A., St. Paul, Minnesota.
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Luzier, Mrs. John, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
MacBeath, Dr. George, Saint John, N. B.
McCarthy, Dr. J. P., Truro, N. S.
McCarthy, Very Reverend John, Halifax, N. S.
McCulloch, Lt. P.L.S., R.C.N., Fleming Glen, Halifax Co., N. S.
McDonald, Mrs. J. A., Halifax, N. S.
McInnes, Miss Carol, Halifax, N. S.
McInnes, Mr. H. M., Halifax, N. S.
McLearn, Miss Alice, Halifax, N. S.
MacLeod, Mr. Innis G., Halifax, N. S.
McLeod, Mr. W. E., London, Ont.
Mallory, Prof. J. R., McGill University, Montreal, P. J.
Marginson, Prof. K. F., Halifax, N. S.
Maritime Art Association, Fredericton, N. B.
Maritime Museum of Canada, Halifax, N. S.
Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., Halifax, N. S.

- Martin, Dr. J. P., Dartmouth, N. S.
Masterson, Mr. P. G., Toronto 2, Ont.
Maxner, Mr. M. O., Lunenburg, N. S.
Meagher, Mr. T. J. N., Halifax, N. S.
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, P. Q.
Moses, Mr. Douglas H., Lunenburg, N. S.
Mosher, Miss Effie, Windsor, N. S.
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, Yarmouth, N. S.
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, Lunenburg, N. S.
Municipality of East Hants, Shubenacadie, N. S.
Murray, Mrs. C. W., New Westminster, B. C.
National Archives of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand.
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.
Nauss, Mrs. Frank, Chester, N. S.
New Brunswick Museum, Saint John, N. B.
Newby, Mrs. M. T., Toronto, Ont.
New York Historical Society, New York, N. Y.
New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.
Nova Scotian Institute of Science, Halifax, N. S.
Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, Halifax, N. S.
Nova Scotia Museum, Halifax, N. S.
Office of the City Clerk, Halifax, N. S.
O'Neil, Mr. Leonard, Mulgrave, N. S.
Ontario Archives, Dept. of Public Records and Archives, Toronto, Ont.
Ontario Historical Society, Toronto, Ont.
Palfrey, Mrs. C. H., Halifax, N. S.
Partington, Lt.-Col. K. J. B., Halifax, N. S.
Payzant, Miss Marion M., Wollaston 70, Mass.
Post Office Department, Ottawa.
Progress-Enterprise, Lunenburg, N. S.
Provincial Secretary, Halifax, N. S.
Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa.
Pullen, Rear Admiral H. F., Chester Basin, N. S.
Punch, Mr. Terrence, Halifax, N. S.
Queen's Printer, Ottawa.
Robertson, Mrs. Donald, Shelburne, N. S.
Robertson, Mr. W. H., Victoria, B. C.
Robinson, Mr. George, Fairview, N. S.
Roulston, Mr. Ellis, Halifax, N. S.
Rowan-Legg, Mr. Stewart, Halifax, N. S.
Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, P. Q.
Saskatchewan Archives Board, Saskatoon, Sask.

- Scott, Mr. Bernard, Halifax, N. S.
Shand, Miss Gwendolyn, Windsor, N. S.
Smith, Miss Alison, Halifax, N. S.
Spurr, Mrs. E. W., Eureka, N. S.
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Stanfield, Hon. Robert L., Halifax, N. S.
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Stayner, Mr. C. St. C., Halifax, N. S.
Stevens, Mr. John, Halifax, N. S.
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Stewart, Mr. J. W., Moncton, N. B.
Stewart, Mr. R. B., New Glasgow, N. S.
Stocking, Mrs. Iola, Meridian, Idaho.
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Tobin, Miss Marguerite, Halifax, N. S.
Sylvester, Miss Margaret, New Glasgow, N. S.
Tufts, Mr. Lloyd, Halifax, N. S.
United Church of Canada, Committee on Archives, Toronto 5, Ont.
University of Montreal, Montreal, P. Q.
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
Wainwright, Major E. P., Halifax, N. S.
Wainwright, Rev. Kennedy, Stewiacke, N. S.
Webber, Mrs. E. P., Halifax, N. S.
Weis, Rev. Robert L., Providence, R. I.
Whidden, Miss Helen, Milford Station, N. S.
Whiston, Mr. Howard, Halifax, N. S.
White, Mr. G. W. Howland, Liverpool, N. S.
Wilson, Mrs. Margaret, Detroit 27, Michigan.
Yarmouth Light, Yarmouth, N. S.
Yeoman, Miss Jean, Halifax, N. S.

APPENDIX B

HON. CHARLES TUPPER'S REPORT
ON THE CHARLOTTETOWN CONFERENCE, 1864

Report of proceedings of a Conference held to consider the question of a Legislative Union of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The Conference was composed of the following Delegates:

Hon. Charles Tupper, Provincial Secretary

“ W. A. Henry, Attorney General

“ Jonathan McCully, M.L.C.

A. G. Archibald, Esq., M.P.P.

Hon. S. L. Tilley, Provincial Secty.

“ W. H. Steves [Steeves] M.L.C. & M.E.C.

“ J. M. Johnson, Attorney General

“ E. B. Chandler, M.L.C.

“ J. H. Gray, M.P.P.

Hon. Col. J. H. Gray, M.E.C.

“ W. H. Pope, Col. Secty.

“ Edward Palmer, Atty. General

“ Geo. Coles, M.P.P.

“ Andrew A. McDonald, M.L.C.

The Delegates met at the Colonial Building, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, on the 1st day of Sept. 1864 when on motion of the Hon. C. Tupper seconded by the Hon. S. L. Tilley the Hon. Col. Gray was appointed Chairman of the Conference. The Hon. C. Tupper and the Hon. S. L. Tilley were appointed joint Secretaries.

~~The Conference assembled daily and spent much time in discussion and on~~

After some time spent in general discussion it was decided ~~before entering upon the formal consideration of~~ to receive a deputation from the Government of Canada who had arrived for the purpose of ~~a free~~ explaining to the Conference the views of the ~~Canadians~~ that Government upon ~~the~~ the Union of British North America.

~~On the 2d. of Sept. The Hon. J. A. McDonald Atty. General~~

In conformity with that decision the following members of the

Canadian Government were received by the Conference on the 2d. of Sept.:

Hon. J. A. McDonald, Atty Gen. C.W.

“ G. E. Cartier, Atty Gen. C.E.

The Conference met separately [sic] and with these gentlemen ~~were explained most daily with the Conference~~ until Wednesday the 7th Sept. and ~~discussed with~~ full and free discussion took place between them and the members of the Conference. Upon the 7th Sept. ~~up~~ at the invitation of the Delegates from Nova Scotia the Conference was adjourned to meet at Halifax When on the 10th Sept. it was reassembled at the Legislative Council Chamber and the discussions continued with the members of the Canadian Government.

On the 12th of Sept. upon the invitation of the Delegates from New Brunswick the Conference was adjourned to meet at St. John, N. B. ~~when pursuant to adjournment the Conference met at Stubbs Hotel on the 16th Sept. all present except Messrs. Henry and Johnson.~~

Previous to adjournment the Hon. J. A. McDonald announced to the Conference that the Executive Council of Canada would advise His Excellency The Governor General to invite the Lieut. Governors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and ~~P. E. Island~~, New Foundland [sic] and P. E. Island to ~~send~~ appoint delegates to attend a Conference at Quebec to take formally into consideration the subject of a Union of all the B.N.A. Provinces.

Pursuant to adjournment the Conference met at Stubb's Hotel, St. John, N. B. on the 16th of Sept. when it was decided to adjourn ~~the Conference~~ until after the Conference to be called at Quebec had formally discussed the larger question in all its bearings. ~~The Conference was~~

An adjournment accordingly took place until again called by the Chairman to meet at such time and place as he should think fit of which due notice should be given by the Secretaries to the members.

Such adjourned meeting was duly ~~not~~ called and held at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, C.W. on the 3d. of Novr. when it was Resolved

That in view of the resolutions passed at the Quebec Conference

in favor of a Confederation of the British North American Provinces this Conference decided to postpone the consideration of the question of a Legislative Union of the Maritime [sic] Provinces and that the joint secretaries be requested to draw up a report of the proceedings of the Conference for the information of the Lieut. Governors ~~of the Maritime Provinces~~ and of the Legislatures of the Maritime [sic] Provinces.

A vote of thanks having been passed unanimously to the Chairman for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office the Conference was on motion adjourned *sine die*.

Signed

Chairman

C. TUPPER,

Joint

Secretaries

Provincial Secretary's Papers, Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

APPENDIX C

(I)

67 Queen Victoria St.

London, E. C. 17 Decr. 1897

Dear Dr. Borden:

I see you have come by the Germanic and I shall be very pleased to call on you & give you a drive about town or through the parks & tomorrow if you are in town & have no dinner engagement I shall be glad if you come & dine with us en famille at 55 Lancaster Gate at 7 o'clock or if you would like to go to church with us on Sunday morning I would take you to hear my friend, Dr. Clifford, the leader of the Free Church movement who is a very interesting personage — having risen from the ranks since I made his acquaintance to be the most popular orator & the clerical leader of the Progressive nonconformist party. If you could get to my house at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 we could go to church together & come back to lunch at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 1 — I am anxious to have a talk with you confidentially about the present apparent policy of the Laurier ministry in regard to Imperial Federation & the relations of the Dominion with the U. S. — for it is possible to lay the foundation of an alliance between the American and the English people at the present time by means of Canada as a bond of Union, but if Canada acts as a barrier to Union—and becomes an obstructive—in the way of Union. I suggested to Fielding that we should try to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with the U. S. on lines common to England and Canada but this idea of insisting upon St. John being the terminal port of Ocean steamers (mail or traffic) & the view of stop them from taking mails or Cargoes to Boston & Portland is utterly ruinous to Halifax & will induce the Boston & Portland people to try & block our Canadian railway system in connection with New York and perhaps induce the Washington politicians to pass retaliatory measures of a most stringent character.

As for England continuing to give Free trade to Canada or Australia or anybody without reciprocity to herself is useless to calculate on and Mr. Laurier's idea of Canada being a nation able to dictate terms to the Mother County & give her just what she likes in the way of special advantages & yet remain an integral or even an ordinary com-

ponent part of the Empire is absurd. To take & keep Canada has cost G Britain a thousand Millions of Pounds & Sir W. Laurier talks of her in the same way as Blake has done of late years & would like to talk now, were it not that he is a member of the Imperial—just as if the Imperial connection meant to get everything & give nothing back.

Canada is absolutely at the mercy of Great Britain, & if the Mother County insists on the abolishment of her tariff of war, she must give England real & not sham Reciprocity.

Chamberlain would sell Canada to the U. S. for a real reciprocity treaty with the U. S. and this sale would mean Free trade between all English speaking peoples & would mean an advance of 50% in the value of all real Estate in Halifax & 25% everywhere else in Canada—If Canada objected she would have to give England absolute Free trade in order to remain a part of the British Commonwealth — in case we had a republic in England tomorrow and a European war might result in such a thing for when Dr. Clifford by my advice at a meeting convened by the Freechurch Council in favour of Armenia threatened to appeal from the Emperor & the Government to the peoples of Europe he was cheered to the echo, and afterwards said to me that his appeal from the Emperor had brought down the House more than any other sentiment in his speech. I have thought of publishing a letter I wrote Fielding sometime ago expressing these things more or less & which I would like to show you before instructing my son to publish in the papers.

Hoping to see or hear from you soon.

Faithfully yours,

W. MILLER

The Honble D. Borden

(II)

I send you by post some of my old Imperial political Federation letters [11] & the Programme of National Policy & Federal Freetrade league. Several of the letters are not of print—nor for some years.

67 Queen Victoria St.,

London, E. C. 21 Dec. 1897

Dear Mr. Borden:

I received your note and called at your Hotel this morning but finding you appeared to be deep in Engagements did not like to wait & keep anybody out in the cold on my Account. Pray come any day & lunch with me here about noon & we can have a chat about my old hobby Imperial Federation thro' a British Zollverein which I have been worrying all our English & Canadian politicians with for over thirty years (before the Dominion anti-imperial & antifederal miscalled Confederation took place) a scheme I indoctrinated poor Willie Garvie with in 1866 & which we had hopes of carrying till Howe played the traitor just after Tupper had offered to let N. S. out of the Confederation (see his late reminiscence speech in which he tells a part of the truth, keeping back his offer to me) if I got Howe to join me and induce the British governmt to take her right into the Empire as the Free port of G. Britain in the American Continent.

But before I could see Joe Howe the Duke of Buckingham & the Duchess invited him & his wife & Tupper to spend the Sunday at Stowe as Garvie told me when I could [called] just after they had gone & thus there these two right Honble right noble confederates with Tupper's help bribed Joe Howe (As Sir John had the year before offered him thro me any terms—an offer I was careful not to transmit) with the Presidency of the Canadian Council & when I saw him & his wife at their return to London it was of course too late. The poor Silly woman was full of the Duchess' Condescension but Joe Howe could not look me in the face & never could be a man again or look an old friend in the face. Of course as Tupper said in his late reminiscence speech he could look him in the face for they were birds of a feather & afterwards flew together.

Is Laurier & is Fielding to follow in the wake of Howe & Blake & well nigh all the other Canadian politicians whom I have seen sell

themselves for filthy lucre as I told Chamberlain when I told him nearly twenty years ago how he could confederate the Empire as Canada had been confederated when he asked me the question & when I gave him the answer by Bribery and Corruption—a proposition [wh] (to my amusement knowing how he would ere long change his mind about the matter).

My son John from New York is here for a few days & as he goes by the St. Louis American line sailing on Christmas we are having some friends to dinner on Christmas Eve & will be glad to have you then come & dine with us en famille at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock—My old aunt, the last of the Murdochs (who is nearly if not quite 90) is staying with us & will doubtless be at the table.

about the matter) he rejected with scorn. Alas he himself has since then taken the Queens shilling & been dubbed the Right Honble. Alas a greater than he or Joe Howe either my poor old friend Parnell have I seen go down into the depths of political corruption—I think it was shortly after spending the whole day with Parnell at his beautiful ancestral seat in the Vale of Avoca that day [the next] after he was made head of the Home rule party that I gave Chamberlain my plan for confederating the Empire by bribing & corrupting all our Colonial Politicians to his apparent disgust & honor. In the course of our 6 hours talk that day when he laid his heart & soul open to me with enthusiasm of youthful hope & patriotic fire said I to him “How is it Mr. Parnell all you Politicians are so full of Vanity?” Mark the difference between the patriot Parnell & the ambitious politician Joe Chamberlain—“How do you think Mr. Miller said he Politicians could walk through the Amt of mire they have to encounter if it were not for this quality of Vanity?” To think how Blake has fallen since he listened to me with more than the enthusiasm of Parnell when I first expounded to him the Imperial Federation Scheme based upon an English Zollverein & promised to second me to the best of his ability & kept his word at Aurora shortly after he got my letter putting the scheme according to his own request in Blk on White—and to think of him he used to write me of it as the **Great Question** until the sin of political corruption surged around him & he tried to walk through it & without thinking perhaps sold himself to the C.P.R. & is now its bond slave. He told me just before he eventually took his last plunge into the Irish party that he was no Englishman. Irishman he was if anything & then like a simple Colonial he came to lead the Irish party as an Irish gentleman—ignorant in his simplicity

that as I told Henry George I had sent a message to Michael Davit (when he & Healy & Dillon & Lecky were trying to dethrone Parnell that their attempt was useless for the Irish people would never follow anybody but an English gentleman—a sentiment which Michael Davit had the day before (after hearing from our mutual friend doubtless) actually repeated to Henry George.

All this I tell you in Confidence in the hope you may escape the Corruption that came to nearly all politicians through lust of power as I have heard so much good of you from some of our friends.

Faithfully yours,

W. MILLER

Honble F. W. Borden

(III)

67 Queen Victoria St.

London, E. C. 23 Decr. 1897

Dear Dr. Borden:

I am sorry you had so much trouble about my call as it was my intention just to see you for a moment & make an appointment when we could meet & have a quiet chat over Canadian & particularly Nova Scotian affairs & interests. The two Mr. Millers will make a good story—I have not yet met my namesake the present agent general for N. B. but I remember dining with the late agt gl when he invited Fielding & some of his friends to a dinner at his Club & he then told me **his wife had staid at 55 Lancaster Gate** when my late Uncle & Aunt lived there **before her marriage** as a friend doubtless of my Cousin's wife who was a St. John lady. The fact is I was surprised how the gentleman had the cheek to go off with you as I saw him do, when I was coming from the other end of the Hall on my name being called & was afraid to remain lest there should be a lady in the case or something of the kind.

I am glad that the mistake happened so that when we meet there may be no need to hurry our talk as must have been the case when the other Miller & his wife were come officially to wait on their Minister—

If you have no engagement come **en famille** tomorrow night to dinner at 7½ p.m. 55 Lancaster Gate but do not refuse anything in the way of your public duty for a private meeting as you have not much time & you must see as much and as many as possible of the citizens of the world when in its metropolis as possible & you can call on me & have lunch & a talk in the City any day at noon.

Faithfully yrs

W. MILLER

Honble F. W. Borden,

Hotel Victoria

Sir Frederick Borden Papers, Public Archives of Nova Scotia.