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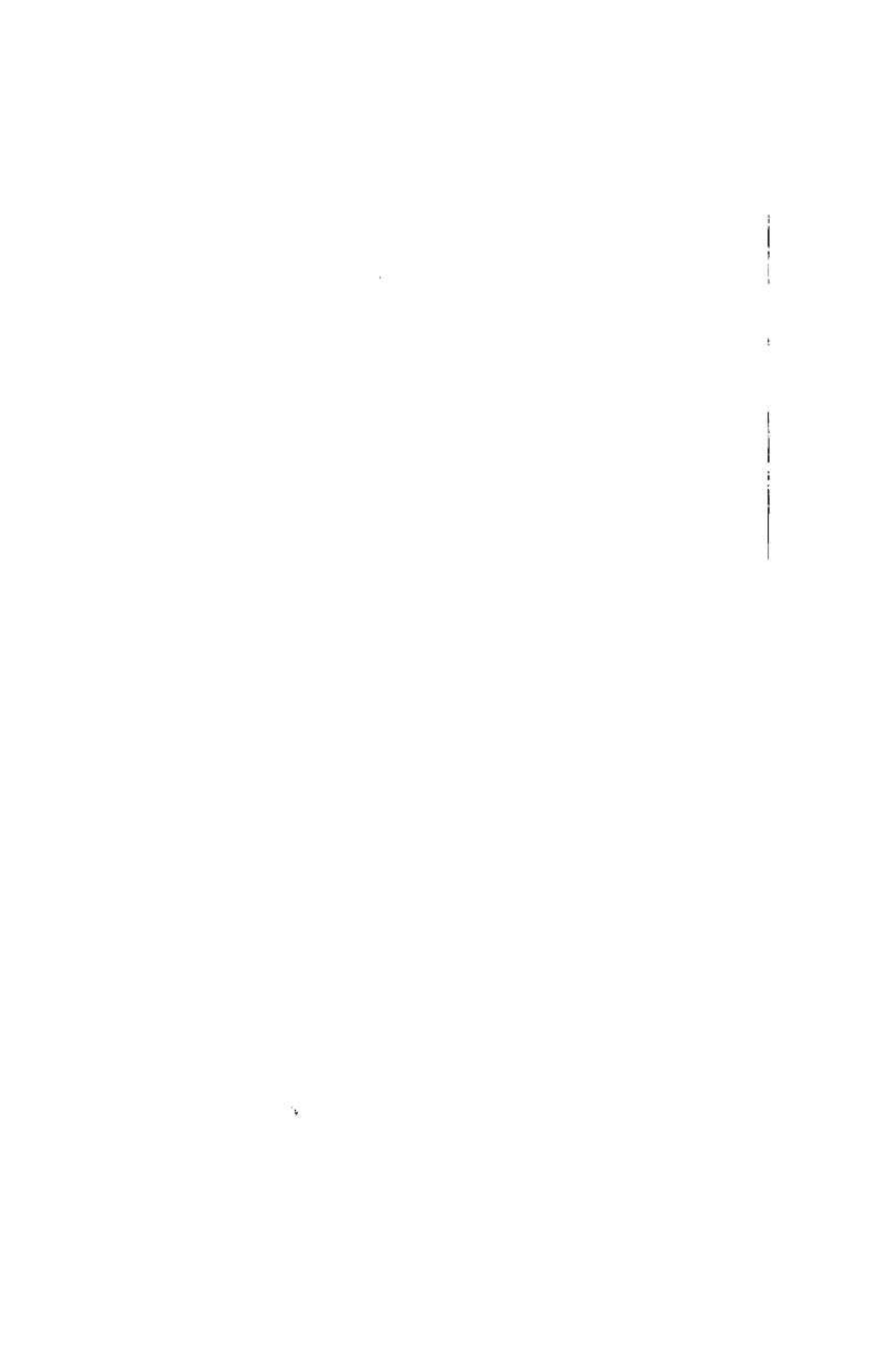
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## REPORT.

The Committee on Louisbourg Memorial have pleasure in reporting that their labors have been brought to a successful termination by the unveiling of a handsome granite monument at Louisbourg, Cape Breton, on June 17, 1895, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the capture of the fortress by the New England forces under Pepperrell, assisted by the British fleet under Warren. The committee beg to express their thanks for the generous subscriptions received from the members and from the following State societies: New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, Illinois, Missouri, and the General Society. The committee also wish to express their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. William Gedney Beatty, of the New York Society, the architect of the monument, to whom the Society is greatly indebted for the success of the undertaking. A commemorative medal was struck off from the metal of an old bronze cannon found in the wreck of a French frigate, supposed to be "Le Célèbre," sunk in Louisbourg harbor. Medals in suitable cases were presented to the Queen of England, the President of the United States, and the Governor-General of Canada.

The description of the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the monument commences with the reception given to the Society by the Nova Scotia Historical Society, in the Council Chamber of the Provincial Building at Halifax, on the evening of June 14th. Many members of the Historical Society and their friends were present, and after a number of informal speeches from the hosts and guests, the meeting adjourned to enjoy a collation. The Society's flags were displayed and attracted much interest, especially the facsimile of the "Louisbourg Camp Colour."

Upon their arrival in Halifax, the members of the Society

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were honored by receiving cards from the Committee for the Halifax Club and from the Commodore of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, extending the privileges of their houses.

On the morning of the fifteenth, two special sleeping-cars were attached to the regular train for Sydney, Cape Breton, one for His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Daly, and party, and one for the members of the Society and the delegation from the Nova Scotia Historical Society. Sunday was spent at Sydney, and on Monday, June 17th, the party proceeded by rail to Louisbourg, reaching there at eleven o'clock. The Dominion Coal Company formally opened their railroad from Sydney to Louisbourg for the celebration, and furnished transportation for the Society and their guests. They ran two passenger trains, carrying about twelve hundred persons, and as many more reached the scene by driving, by boats, and on foot. Arriving at the terminus of the railroad, the Society and their guests were driven around the bay past the ruins of the Grand Battery to the old fortress, in carriages provided by the Louisbourg Auxiliary Committee. Her Britannic Majesty's ship "Canada," the Dominion cruiser "Curlew," and merchant vessels anchored in the harbor displayed their colors, the "Canada" being dressed in bunting from stem to stern. Flags were also flying over many houses in the town, and the streets filled with people, as the event was a great gala day for Louisbourg and vicinity. Many of the churches held bazaars, and, near the site of the monument, tents and platforms were erected, where the lads and lassies were dancing to the inspiring music of bagpipes. Captain Wilson, R.N., and officers from H.M.S. "Canada," met Governor Daly at the train and conveyed him and the ladies of the party on board the ship. At 11.45 the Governor left the ship, receiving a salute of eleven guns, and proceeded to the old town, where he was escorted by the members and their guests to inspect the ancient fortress. At one o'clock the party were entertained at luncheon in a large marquee by the Louisbourg Committee. After lunch a procession was formed as follows, Col. James M. Whittemore, U.S.A., being placed in command: