

## LEGISLATION AND PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF THE YEARS 1916 AND 1917.

stone column upholding the roof of the great entrance hall of the new Parliament buildings the following inscription be incised:

JULY  
1867 . . . . . 1917  
ON THE FIFTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFEDERATION  
OF BRITISH COLONIES IN NORTH  
AMERICA  
AS  
THE DOMINION OF CANADA  
THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT AND  
PEOPLE  
DEDICATED THIS BUILDING  
THEN IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION  
AFTER DAMAGE BY FIRE  
AS A MEMORIAL OF  
THE DEEDS OF THEIR FOREFATHERS  
AND OF THE VALOUR OF THOSE  
CANADIANS  
WHO IN THE GREAT WAR FOUGHT FOR  
THE  
LIBERTIES OF CANADA  
OF THE EMPIRE  
AND OF HUMANITY

and (7) that the Government arrange a fitting ceremonial service for setting in place and dedicating this inscribed stone at 12 noon on July 2, 1917

This report was adopted, and the recommendations made were carried into effect. By Royal Proclamations of June 6, 1917, Sunday, July 1, 1917, was observed throughout Canada as a "day of humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken by the British Commonwealth and the Allies, and for those who are offering their lives for it, and for a speedy and enduring peace"; and Monday, July 2, 1917, was appointed as Dominion Day and for the special celebration throughout Canada of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Confederation. The Memorial Tablet bearing the inscription above recorded was unveiled by His Excellency the Governor-General (the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.) in the presence of a large representative assembly at noon on July 2, 1917, when speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered by His Excellency and by Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

**The Quebec Bridge.**—The bridge which since 1900 has been in course of erection across the St. Lawrence, about eight miles above the