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The meeting to be held in Ottawa from June 27 to July 2, inclusive, will be the hundred and second meeting of the association and the fifth Canadian meeting. The first Canadian meeting was held in Montreal in 1857, only nine years after the organization of the association; the second Canadian meeting was held in Montreal in 1882; the third, in Toronto in 1899; and the fourth, also in Toronto, in 1921. The approaching meeting will be the first one to be held in Ottawa, the capital of Canada.

Ottawa

In 1613 Champlain and a few companions paused briefly on the promontory where Ottawa now stands to admire the broad sweep of the river against a background of the Laurentian Hills, which still remain tree-covered as they were three hundred years ago. For two centuries the Ottawa River was the highway over which fur traders penetrated into the Upper Great Lakes and a considerable part of British America. The first white settler near the present site of Ottawa was Philemon Wright, of Massachusetts, who led a small company of pioneers to the region in 1800. In 1854 the name of the village which had grown up at the head of the Rideau Canal was changed from Bytown to Ottawa. In 1857 Ottawa was selected by Queen Victoria as the seat of the government of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec; in 1867 it became the capital of the Dominion of Canada.

At present the population of Ottawa is about 140,000. Being the capital city, it has magnificent public buildings superbly located on Parliament Hill. The Canadian Houses of Parliament are among the most graceful examples of Gothic architecture. A scenic