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Mr. Smart

On Friday last I inspected Fort Wellington, Prescott, Ontario, and found everything in good condition. The new rubberized floor covering in the museum room looks very well indeed and adds considerably to the generally attractive appearance of this well kept room.

Mr. Webb and I inspected the log ceiling of the underground passage leading to the caponniere, with a view to its being replaced by reinforced concrete at some future period when funds are available. The passage is to be lighted by electricity, as recommended by Mr. Smart.

The caretaker's residence (old officers' quarters) is a long narrow building heated by stoves, which necessitate the use of a considerable length of piping. I would like to do away with most of this as it is, of course, a distinct fire menace and I think this can be achieved by a change in position of the main stove, the elimination of another, and the introduction of a small electric radiator to give a certain amount of heat to the two bedrooms. When we have funds for such work I consider we should have a basement under part of the building, equipped with a suitable heating system. In the meantime, we hope to have a small porch built at the entrance to the house, which will undoubtedly help to keep it warmer in the Winter.

If funds and labour are available we will have all the fort buildings painted next year. The museum cases will also be repainted and some changes will be made in connection with the pictures, maps, etc., on the walls of the museum room.

I also inspected the Chrysler's Farm monument, situated near Morrisburg, Ontario, of which I attach a photograph.

This tall granite structure was affected by the earthquake in September last, which loosened the three upper stones, the top one being moved somewhat out of place. We communicated with the caretaker at the time and he stated that there was no danger of the top stone falling unless we had another earthquake of severity. While I think this is a reasonable

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assumption I consider that we should have the present condition rectified and we are, accordingly, taking action with this in view.

I would like to mention that this site is beautifully maintained by the caretaker and is a credit both to him and to the Department.