

## PREFACE

The sixth Canadian Mathematical Congress marks the first time that the Congress has met after two years rather than the customary four. At the first Congress in Montreal with McGill University as host, it was thought that once every four years was often enough for the mathematicians of Canada to meet together in general session, although the Summer Seminar has always been held every two years. The Preface to the Proceedings of the first Congress expressed the hope and belief that it would be the beginning of important mathematical development in Canada. The sixth Congress shows that we are no longer at the beginning; there has been important mathematical development in Canada, and at an unprecedented rate. It is a tribute to those who had the courage and foresight to embark on a venture which might have appeared in 1945 to be an ambitious and daring project. It is to be hoped that future meetings of the Congress will prove to be as profitable as this one.

The success of the sixth Congress is due in no small measure to the careful planning of our host, the University of Saskatchewan, and to the excellent program prepared by the Committee on Arrangements and carried out by both visiting and Canadian mathematicians. The Executive and members of the Congress are deeply grateful to all concerned.

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