

TRANSACTIONS
OF
THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE,

SESSION 1890-91.

FIRST MEETING.

First Meeting, 1st November, 1890, the President in the chair.

Donations of books and pamphlets since last meeting, 279, including 151 volumes from Mrs. Scidler, and 61 volumes from Hugh Wilson, F.G.S., who also presented 45 specimens of Canadian woods.

Exchanges since last meeting, 2,042.

The following were elected members :—A. H. F. Lefroy, M.A., Dr. R. Orr, Widmer Hawke, Fred. A. T. Dunbar, Dr. Thomas Millman, J. J. Murphy, C. G. Cremer, and Hugh Wilson, F.G.S.

The Council reported the election of Frank Tweed as an associate.

The following communication from A. H. F. Lefroy, M.A., was read by Dr. Kennedy :—

“GENERAL SIR JOHN HENRY LEFROY, K.C.M.G., C.B., F.R.S.

“I desire to comply with the kind request of the Canadian Institute as contained in their resolution of April last, and furnish a short biographical notice of my father, General Lefroy, who died on April 11th of this year. He was a son of the Reverend John Henry George Lefroy, Rector of Ashe, in the County of Hampshire, in England, and was born at Crondall, in that County, in 1817. In his 17th year he obtained his commission in the Royal Artillery, one of the two scientific regiments in the service, and throughout his life his energies were largely occupied in scientific work, and especially in the scientific work of his profession. Thus it will be seen that he did not enjoy the advantages, which he esteemed so highly, of a University training.

“In 1839 he was sent to the Island of St. Helena as director of the Magnetical Observatory there. In 1842 he was chosen by the Royal Society to undertake the work of a Magnetic Survey of the British