

Members who make this *excuse* (the word excuse is used advisedly) cast an unjust reflection on those who have prepared papers. Those who have assisted us in the last two years were not idlers in any sense of the word.

Another charge against the *too busy* member is this:—He is getting from the Association more than he puts in. His subscription pays his share of the publishing of Proceedings and necessary expenses connected therewith, and his share of securing legislation that will be to his benefit, *that* is all. Now who makes the most use of our reports and exchanges? Certainly the busy member.

Time and money are to a great extent convertible: the busy member makes the most money and can therefore afford the most time for preparation of a paper.

If a member finds his time too much occupied with his business, the proper and legitimate thing for him to do is to increase his fees—if sufficiently increased the charm will work instantaneously.

The Secretary owes to the members an apology for the errors that appeared in the last Proceedings, the most of them being of a typographical nature. The bad orthography displayed in the list of members is accounted for by the bad penmanship of the Secretary.

This year the usual reduced rates have been extended to the members of the Association by the railway companies.

The financial condition of our Association is good, there being a cash balance in our favour of \$64.90, and \$9.50 due us for advertisements. Last year our Constitution was amended so as to increase yearly subscription to \$3. The decrease of our "surplus" from \$106.05 to \$64.90 shows the wisdom of passing the amendment.

A statement of receipts and expenditure of the Association from January 1st, 1887, to January 1st, 1888, is appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIS CHIPMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYORS OF ONTARIO FOR THE YEAR 1887.

1887.		RECEIPTS.	
To Balance from 1886		\$106 05	
" Fees, 1886-87—two at \$3		\$6 00	
" " 1887-88, Old Members—sixty-eight at \$2	...	136 00	
" " " New " —fifty at \$3		150 00	
" " 1888-89, " " —one at \$3		3 00	
			\$295 00
" Advertisements		77 50	
" Proceedings sold		2 25	
" Thirty-nine Dinner Tickets sold at \$1.50		58 50	
Total			\$539 30