

He then called for a general expression of opinion from all Provincial Land Surveyors present.

OTTO J. KLOTZ was the first speaker, and heartily supported the movement. He alluded to the fact that various attempts had been made in former years to form an Association. Such attempts had always been directed in the wrong course, *i.e.*, seeking incorporation, and obtaining rights now vested in the Crown. In fact *incorporation* had up to the present time been looked upon as the sole panacea of the Provincial Land Surveyors. Organization and unity of purpose is the first step towards success. As an Association, as individuals, our success is dependent upon ourselves. There is the material among the Provincial Land Surveyors of Ontario to form an Association creditable to themselves and to the country, and which will ever bear "Progress," the watchword of the nineteenth century, on its banner.

He then read the following letter from Lindsay Russell, late Surveyor-General, being a reply to the circular of October 21st, 1878:—

"In answer to circular of 21st inst. sent me, I have to reply that while "I sympathize in all efforts to raise the standard or status either, of our "profession, I cannot see that it is practicable to do anything in the latter "direction by legislation. The only object that legislation respecting any "profession can legitimately have is to ensure to the public proper protection from the exercise of such profession by unqualified persons. There "cannot be any legislation for the benefit of a special class, or, rather, there "should not be.

"The only legitimate means of raising the status of the profession consists in the effort of each individual thereof, by the evidences of conduct, "acquirements, and ability, to win for himself the good opinion of those of "his fellow-citizens with whom he comes in contact. The more as individuals the members of any profession succeed in this, the higher as a "class they will stand. If as a class they are held in slight esteem by the "public, it is because they do not merit more. Public opinion is, on the "whole, tolerably just, and no doubt rates the services of any class at their "true value. I am afraid we will have to rest content with being of no "more importance in the eyes of our fellow-creatures than the circumstances of our own merits, and the value of our services to them, have "combined to prescribe. I would willingly join in any discussion of the "interests of the profession, but shall be unable to attend the meeting proposed, as I have to go elsewhere at the date specified.

"I remain, dear Sir, yours truly,

"F. H. LYNCH-STAUNTON,  
"Hamilton."

"LINDSAY RUSSELL.