

Mr. R. Chalmers, on the Postpliocene of the same region, has further added to our knowledge of this interesting region, on the confines of New Brunswick and Quebec. In connection with more Western regions, Dr. Selwyn, of the Geological Survey, has presented a paper on discoveries of fossil plants in the Lignite tertiary of Roches Percées, in the Western Territories. Another interesting geological subject was that of the structure of the Peace River District, as explained by Dr. G. M. Dawson, and more especially the recognition in that region of the Cretaceous series represented farther south, holding not only valuable beds of coal, but also fossil plants, seeming to connect some of the distinct floras recognised by American palæontologists to the southward. Having referred to the papers of Dr. Osler on Fresh Water Polyzoa, Mr. Donald on Baking Powders and Dr. Edwards on the qualities of certain Well-water, he said that much interest had been added to the meetings by the specimens submitted by their zealous curator, Mr. Muir, to whom they were also indebted for an illustration of a new illuminating lens for the microscope, which he himself had invented. A Committee had been working throughout the Session in arranging for the visit of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1882, and it was hoped that their efforts would be successful in bringing about a scientific meeting even more successful than that of 1857.

In the absence of Mr. Whiteaves, who has removed to Ottawa, Mr. G. L. Marler read the following

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL.

Your Council has to regret the loss; since last annual meeting, of several of your most active members by the removal to Ottawa of the Geological Survey. Your Society has, by such removal, been deprived of a number of very active members, and your Council takes this opportunity of tendering to these gentlemen its sincere thanks for the valuable services they have rendered the Society, and hopes that although removed from this city they will not cease to interest themselves in the Society's proceedings, but will continue their connection with it as corresponding members. To attain this end your Council recommends that these gentlemen be regularly elected corresponding members.