

TRANSACTIONS
OF
THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE,
SESSION 1891-92.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

Special General Meeting, 19th June, 1891, the President in the chair, to consider plans for the enlargement of the building, or the acquisition of a new site and other proposals connected with the extension or change of the buildings and work of the Institute.

After discussion of various proposals the following resolution was carried :—That it be an instruction to refer the question of the alterations, or the selection of another site, to the Council to report to the Institute at a future meeting.

SUMMER SESSION AT PENETANGUISHENE.

First Meeting, 25th September, 1891, at 15.30 o'clock, in the Pavilion of "The Penetanguishene," E. A. Meredith, LL.D., in the chair.

Mr. A. F. Hunter, B.A., read a paper on "Military and Naval Exploits on the Nottawasaga during the War of 1812."

Towards the end of the year 1813 the Americans began to make preparations for the re-capture of Michilimackinac, which had been taken from them the year before. A relief expedition left Kingston in February, 1814, for that northern post, and halted on the Nottawasaga River. Here they constructed bateaux for their transportation across Georgian Bay, and a few weeks later a blockhouse was erected near the mouth of the river. This blockhouse was attacked by American boats on August 14th, 1814, and destroyed, as well as the Northwest Company's schooner *Nancy*, which was lying in the river at that place. Some extracts from books, now become rare, were given to throw light upon the incidents of that skirmish, besides two accounts from pioneers of the county.

It was stated in answer to enquiries that "Michilimackinac" meant "Great Turtle" and was shortened to "Mackinac" by the French, that