

[Circular.]

ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYORS OF ONTARIO.

SIR,—At the meeting of the Local Legislature in 1887 the above Association sent delegates to appear before the Municipal Committee of the Ontario Legislature to be examined on the various changes proposed in the different Drainage Acts of Ontario, the Municipal Act, section 570, etc., and the Ditches and Watercourses Act of 1883 and the Amendments thereto, and were very successful in having nearly all the changes proposed by the Association carried and included in the Statutes of 1887, most of the delegates sent by the municipalities concurring in the changes proposed.

At the meeting of our Association, held in Toronto, on February 28, 29, March 1, 1888, it was decided to have the opinion of the various Municipal Councils and Farmers' Institutes throughout Ontario, and of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Grange, on the change in the two Acts that were proposed at the above meeting of the Legislature, but which were not sustained by the Municipal Committee, and ask them also to propose any changes they might think would make the Acts more worked. The most important alteration on which we would like to have the opinion of your

is concerning the appeal from the award of the Engineer under the Ditches and Watercourses Act of 1883, which is contained in the following sections of Bill No. 107, 1887, presented by Mr. Waters, which reads as follows:—

6. Section 11 of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

11.—(1) Any person dissatisfied with the award and affected thereby, may, within fifteen clear days from the filing thereof, deposit with the clerk of the municipality a written notice of his intention of appealing therefrom (shortly setting forth his grounds of appeal) to the Court of Revision of the municipality of which the lands in respect to which the proceedings are initiated are situated, which Court the Council shall from time to time, as the occasion may require, hold on some day not earlier than twenty, nor later than thirty days from the day on which the time of appeal expired.

(2) The clerk on the receipt of the notice of appeal shall notify the reeve or other head officer (as the case may be) of the same, who shall instruct the clerk to notify the other members of the court of the time and place such court shall be held.

(3) Such court shall be constituted in like manner, and have the same powers as Courts of Revision under the Assessment Act.

(4) The appeal from the Court of Revision shall be to three competent persons (one of whom shall be a Provincial Land Surveyor) whose award shall be final, and who shall be appointed by the judge, junior, or acting judge of the County Court of the county in which