

The fact is, while the other professions have been advancing and keeping up with the times, we have, in comparison, been in a state of lethargic indifference since the time when the recognized fee of a Surveyor was £1 per day.

By Sub-section 3 of Article IX. of the Constitution, the Executive shall, as soon after its election as possible, strike the several Standing Committees.

The object of these Committees is to facilitate the carrying-on of the business of the Association. All questions and problems arising in practice may be referred to its particular committee for consideration, and it is hoped the members of the Association will see that these Committees are not kept wholly idle. All communications should be sent to the chairman of the committee having in charge the consideration of the subject of the communication, who should bring the matter before his committee, and report to the Association at its next meeting, if he considers it of sufficient interest.

Each Committee should endeavour to advance the interests of that branch of the profession which has been placed in its charge.

We would suggest to our successors that the following Standing Committees be appointed :—

1. Committee on Land Surveys.
2. Committee on Land Drainage.
3. Committee on Municipal Engineering.
4. Committee on Instruments, etc.
5. Committee on Legislation.
6. Committee on Publication.

COMMITTEE ON LAND SURVEYS.

This Committee should be carefully selected, and be as thoroughly representative as possible.

Its duty should be to examine carefully the "Act respecting Land Surveyor's and the Survey of Lands," and the "Registry Act," and suggest to the Association any necessary changes or amendments.

They should also prepare, or have prepared, for the General Meeting one or more papers to be read thereat on this particular branch of the work of the Association.

This may include difficulties experienced in interpreting the "Lands Act" and "Registry Act"; field-work practice; means of attaining a uniformity in notes and plans; investigating decisions of Courts, etc., etc.

The Annual Report of this Committee will become, in a short time, a valuable document, and alone worth our annual subscription.

COMMITTEE ON LAND DRAINAGE.

Upon examination of Appeal Reports for the last few years, this Committee will realize the muddle into which our legislators and our judiciary have managed to get this matter.