

objectionable provisions, the bill had its final reading and was assented to on May 4th, 1891. By its provisions, the power of appointing the first Council, consisting of nine members, was vested in the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, who did not exercise his prerogative until June 23rd, 1892. On that date the following gentlemen were informed of their appointment. Mr. Albert Horton, official reporter of the House of Commons; Mr. H. J. Emerson, law stenographer; Mr. A. F. Wallis, of the *Mail*; Mr. Alex. Downey, official reporter of the Maritime Court; Mr. E. E. Horton, official reporter High Court of Justice; Mr. Thomas Bengough, official reporter York County Courts; Mr. A. C. Campbell, the *Globe*; Mr. John Carrick, the *Hamilton Times*; and Mr. J. D. Clarke, *London Advertiser*.

"At that time Messrs. A. Horton, A. F. Wallis and A. C. Campbell were engaged in reportorial and journalistic duties at Ottawa, and owing to the protracted nature of the session of the Dominion Parliament then in progress, no opportunity was afforded of calling the Council together for the purpose of organizing and electing officers, as provided by the Act, until the 3rd of November, 1891. On that date a meeting of the Council, was held, and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Alex. Downey; Vice-President, Mr. John Carrick; Secretary, Mr. H. J. Emerson; Treasurer, Mr. Thos. Bengough. It was then discovered that, under the provisions of the Act, it was doubtful whether By-laws could be legally adopted until a further period of three months from the date of the organization of the Council had been allowed to elapse, during which applications might be made for admission to membership by registering, as provided by the 9th clause of the Act. It was therefore decided to take no direct action in regard to the By-laws until that time had expired. Thus, the greater portion of the winter season, during which the work of the Association might best have been prosecuted, was practically lost. In the meantime, however, Committees were appointed to modify and amend the Constitution devised for the provisional organization, and to consider and arrange a Curriculum and scheme of examinations. The result of the deliberations of these Committees was reported to subsequent meetings of the Council, and will come before you in the form of a special report to-day.

"On the 16th of February, 1892, another meeting of the Council was held, when the Secretary reported that he had received fifteen applications for admission to membership under the registration clause of the Act. Eight of these applications were rejected, the persons making them being found to lack the technical qualifications required by the Act. The other seven were admitted to membership. The following are their names: Mr.