

PREFACE.

THE Provisional Executive Committee have considered it proper that the Report of Proceedings of the first meeting of the Association of Provincial Land Surveyors of Ontario should be prefaced by a statement of the circumstances which led to its organization.

Early in December, 1885, a correspondence was carried on between Willis Chipman, of Brockville, and the conveners of the meeting held in Toronto on 23rd February, which correspondence resulted in the issuing of the following circular to the Land Surveyors of the Province :—

CIRCULAR.

We, the undersigned Provincial Land Surveyors, deem it advisable, for the purpose of improving ourselves and maintaining and elevating the standard of our profession, to organize an Association of Provincial Land Surveyors in Ontario.

We request your earnest co-operation. Associations of this kind are now in successful operation in many of the States, and are doing a great work, and we feel that if we do not wish to fall behind in the race we must follow their example.

A meeting for organization will be held at Toronto, on Tuesday, 23rd February, 1886, at 2 p.m. Arrangements have been made for meeting in the Crown Lands Department.

It is desirable that all P. L. Surveyors should attend this meeting, that a Constitution may be adopted that will meet with the approval of the majority of the profession. Those who may find it impossible to attend will oblige the conveners by communicating their views to Willis Chipman, Brockville, Secretary *pro tem*.

Conveners: Otto J. Klotz, G. B. Kirkpatrick, T. H. Jones, Jno. M. Moore, P. S. Gibson, G. B. Abrey, M. J. Butler, Lewis Bolton, Prof. Galbraith, Alex. Niven, Edgar Bray.

At this Convention a Constitution and By-laws were adopted, which are embodied in this Report of Proceedings.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and thoroughly representative. Many letters of encouragement and hearty approval were received by the Secretary from members of the profession who were unable to be present.

All the papers published in this Report were prepared upon only two weeks' notice, and the Committee takes this opportunity of thanking the members who so kindly volunteered them.

To our exchanges we may state that our first Report of Proceedings is necessarily very imperfect, but we hope that next year we may be in a position to publish something of more interest.

Signed on behalf of the Provisional Executive Committee.

WILLIS CHIPMAN.