

REPORT OF PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Members of the Association of Provincial Land Surveyors of Ontario :

GENTLEMEN,—We congratulate you upon the successful formation and organization of our Association upon what we consider a proper basis.

While in the United States we find the American Society of Civil Engineers, Boston Society of Civil Engineers, Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, St. Louis Engineers' Club, Michigan Engineering Society, Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Illinois Engineers' Association, and kindred Associations in Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa, we, in Ontario, have remained idle witnesses of the advances made by our professional cousins. Some few of us may be members of the Institute of Civil Engineers of Great Britain or of the American Society of Civil Engineers, while a few others have the advantage of practising in the vicinity of the Dominion or Provincial capitals, thereby being able to exchange views and opinions on professional topics, although not joined together by the fetters of a written constitution.

Mention should be made of the Association of Dominion Land Surveyors, which was organized in 1883, the papers published in the proceedings being of great interest to the profession.

The vast majority, however, of our Provincial Land Surveyors are without the advantages arising from association with fellow-professional men, which state of things must cease to exist before they can expect to accomplish much towards their advancement.

Class legislation we do not think is at present deserved, however much we may desire it. We must first become a united body, and be able to present our request to our Legislature so intelligently, so justly, and so forcibly, that they cannot do otherwise than comply.

We anticipate many changes in our Statutes within the next few years, especially in reference to municipal matters, and if we choose we can offer such suggestions as will be certain to benefit ourselves as well as the public at large.

Professional work is now being done for our municipalities by persons who have no credentials but those of being good political canvassers.

We cannot expect the Lawyer, the Physician, the Dentist, the Veterinary Surgeon, or the Pharmaceutical Chemist, to interest himself in our behalf; each has sufficient to do in furthering his own particular professional interests.

The Lawyer and Physician are slowly but surely encroaching on our field, and we must unite and resist the invaders.