

His Excellency delivered a very neat address which was received enthusiastically. To this the President replied and referred to the proverbial hospitality for which Canadians were noted.

The report from Council was then made and the result of the vote announced so far as conclusions were arrived at. The following leading officers were then declared elected :—

President	Sir J. William Dawson.
Secretary	Prof. H. L. Fairchild.
Treasurer	Dr. I. C. White.

The Secretary's report, as well as that of the Treasurer, showed the Society to be in a flourishing condition.

Then followed obituary notices of three deceased Fellows: T. Sterry Hunt, J. S. Newberry, and J. H. Chapin. Prof. Raphael Pumpelly's notice of Dr. Hunt was read by Mr. Van Hise; that of Prof. Newberry, prepared by Dr. Kemp, was read by Prof. H. L. Fairchild; and Prof. Hitchcock read Mr. W. M. Davis's memorial of J. H. Chapin.

READING OF PAPERS.

The reading of papers or work proper of the Society began on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. The following is a list of the papers, in the order in which they were taken up at the meetings. The whole time of the Society was taken up in reading and discussing papers until a late hour on Friday, the 30th December. Time and space do not allow us here to do justice to the interesting discussions on the papers presented. Both Glacial and Archæan Geology received a goodly share of animated discussion, whilst a few papers on palæontology also stimulated further enquiry. Dr. Willard Hayes's paper on "the new geology" was a splendid contribution to the geomorphology of the district examined by that author and described at the meeting.

LIST OF PAPERS.

- A. R. C. SELWYN—On the coals and petroleum of the Crow's Nest Pass, Rocky Mountains. (15 minutes).
 H. P. BRUMELL—On the geology of natural gas and petroleum in Ontario. (20 minutes).