

Copy of the Memorial

Proposed to be submitted by the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Upper Canada on the subject of the International Exhibition, to be held in London in 1862.

"Your memorialists respectfully beg leave to address your Honourable House on the subject of the International Exhibition to be held in London in 1862.

"Your memorialists have the best grounds for the expectation that the proposed Exhibition will exceed in importance and grandeur those illustrations of progressive Industry and Art which elicited the astonishment and admiration of the civilized world, at London in 1851, and at Paris in 1855.

"Your memorialists consider that the honourable position acquired by Canada at those Exhibitions greatly contributed to diffuse information throughout Europe respecting the resources of the Province, to draw the attention of emigrants to it as a field for industry and settlement, as well as to induce numbers of commercial men and capitalists to make it their home or the scene of their enterprise.

"Your memorialists believe that the progress which has been made in our knowledge of the resources of Canada since the year 1855 might greatly enhance the value of any display that could be made in 1862. They believe that the advance in our civilization during the past six years will, if properly represented, exercise a proportionately greater effect upon those who may have the opportunity of comparing 'CANADA IN 1862' with 'CANADA IN 1855' or 'CANADA IN 1851.'

"But while your memorialists are firmly persuaded of the great benefits which might accrue to the country from a proper representation next year at London, of its resources and the civilization of its people, they also believe that without ample pecuniary assistance from Your Honourable House that great object can not be attained.

"With a view to enable our countrymen to exhibit the Progress of their Industry, the increased Extent and Value of the Resources at their command, their Growing Power as an Industrial People, your memorialists humbly pray that Your Honourable House will be pleased to grant that a sum not less than \$60,000 of public money may be expended, under proper supervision and control, in assisting to secure a fit representation of the Resources and Civilization of Canada at the International Exhibition of 1862.

"And your petitioners will ever pray, &c."

ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS, CIVIL ENGINEERS, AND
PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYORS OF CANADA.

At a meeting of this Association held in Toronto on the 6th February last, George Brown, Esq., of Montreal, 1st Vice-President, in the chair, the

question of an uniform system of measurement of Artificers work was brought up on a report from the Special Committee. The subject was very fully discussed, there being a very large number of members present, who took great interest in the matter. The report recommended the application of a decimal system similar to that in general use on the Continent of Europe, but the majority considered that such a mode, however convenient, would be next to impracticable in this Province. It was therefore resolved to refer back the report, with instructions to adapt, as far as possible, the system set forth in Laxton's *Price Book*, which contains the rules regulating the general measurement of work in England. A Paper was received from Mr. Hanvey, of St. Thomas, "On the Allowance to be made for the Curvature of the Earth in Surveying," which was appointed to be read at the next meeting. A resolution was passed sympathising with the family of the late lamented President of the Association, Wm. Thomas, Esq. The 1st Vice-President, Mr. Brown, having vacated the chair, a vote of thanks was accorded him for his zeal in making a journey from Montreal at so inclement a season of the year to attend the meeting, and for his able conduct in the chair. The meeting then adjourned.

The Association met again at Toronto for the nomination of officers, on the 6th March last, Wm. Hay, Esq., Architect, Toronto, in the chair. After the nomination, which was the chief business of the meeting, an interesting discussion ensued on Mr. Hanvey's paper, presented at the previous meeting, in which Mr. J. O. Browne, of Toronto, Mr. Peters, of London, and others, took part. The question greatly affects the practice of surveying in this Province, where frequently the first line of a survey is run on a true meridian, and the others parallel or rectangular to it. It was generally admitted that the polar lines should be true local meridians, and that some alteration in the Statute directing the mode of surveying for the Province is required. Mr. Peters having been called to the chair, a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hay for the able manner in which he presided at the meeting.

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