

2. By Professor Hind, M. A., "Communication from Major Lachlan, relative to a simultaneous system of meteorological observations throughout the Province, including a letter on the subject from Professor Henry, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute."

On the motion of F. W. Cumberland, Esq., seconded by T. Henning, Esq., it was resolved:

That the communication of Major Lachlan be referred to the Editing Committee, with the request that if the same be published in the Journal, it may be accompanied by an explanatory statement of the present position of the subject in Canada, and the action hitherto taken in the matter by this Institute.

FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING—26th January, 1856.

G. W. ALLAN, Esq., President, in the Chair.

*The following Gentlemen were elected Members:*

GEORGE RYEBURN, Esq., Toronto.

F. W. JARVIS, Esq., Toronto.

I. F. TAYLOR, Jun., Esq., Toronto.

*The following Donations were announced, and the thanks of the Institute voted to the Donors:*

1. From George W. Money Penny, Esq., Commissioner of Indian Affairs, U. S. per the Hon. J. M. Broadhead, of Washington:

"Schoolcraft's History of the Indians in the United States." Part 5th.

2. From the Rev. A. C. Geikie, of Toronto:

"Grammaire Raisonnée de la Langue Russe," by Ch. Ph. Reiff, St. Petersburg; 1828-29. 2 vols.

The President intimated that the Special Committee appointed to consider the most proper measures to be taken in acknowledgment of the public services of W. E. Logan, Esq., had the subject still under consideration, and would report to the Institute at its next meeting.

George William Allan, Esq., President, then read the Annual Address.

On the motion of the Rev. Thomas Schreiber, seconded by Oliver Mowat, Esq. Q. C., the thanks of the Institute were voted to the President for his Address, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Dr. Wilson presented the Report of the Committee to which was referred the Communication of Major Lachlan on the subject of a system of Meteorological Observations throughout the Province.

The Report having been read and adopted, was ordered to be printed in the Journal, along with Major Lachlan's communication.

*The following Papers were then read:*

1. By J. G. Hodgins, Esq., Deputy Superintendent of Schools:

"Memorandum on the steps which have been taken by the Educational Department to establish a system of Meteorological Stations throughout Upper Canada."

Resolved, That Mr. HODGINS' communication be printed along with the other papers relative to Meteorological Observations in Canada, and that it be accompanied by a reduced copy of an illustrative map exhibited by Mr. Hodgins.

2. By W. D. C. CAMPBELL, Esq., of Quebec.

"On a Method of Determining the Errors below 32° Ft. of Mercurial Thermometers which have been compared and corrected above the freezing point."