

FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING—19th April, 1856.

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

The following Gentleman was elected a Member :

Rev. Professor AMBERY, M. A., Trinity College, Toronto.

The following letter from the Provincial Secretary was read.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 15th April, 1856.

Sir—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General, to acknowledge the receipt of the Memorial of the Canadian Institute, signed by you, as the President of the Society, praying His Excellency to cause provision to be made for carrying on the Geological Survey of the Province on a more extended scale, so as to insure its completion in every detail, at the earliest possible period.

His Excellency desires me to request you to assure the Canadian Institute that he entirely coincides in the opinion expressed in their Memorial, as to the importance to the Province, both in a scientific and economical point of view, of the Geological Survey, and as to the value of the services of the distinguished Canadian by whom it has been conducted.

I am to add that the prayer of the Memorial will receive His Excellency's full consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your most obedient servant,

GEORGE E. CARTIER,
Secretary.

G. W. Allan, Esq., President Canadian Institute,
Toronto.

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

1. By Robert A. Harrison, B.C.L., Toronto—
Package of Antiquarian Papers.
2. By T. C. Gregory, Esq., Windsor, C. W.—
Collection of Fossil Elk Horns.
3. By W. C. Chewett, Esq., M. D.—

A letter was read by Professor Cherriman from Dr. Chewett, intimating a donation of Fifty Pounds worth of Books to the Library of the Institute, to be selected by the Council, from the stock of Messrs. Maclear & Co.

On the recommendation of the Council, Dr. Chewett was nominated for election as a Life Member.

4. By the Publishers, through A. H. Armour, Esq.—
"Appleton's Cyclopædia of Biography." 1 vol.
5. By the Hon. J. M. Brodhead, of Washington—
"Maps and Views to accompany the President's Message and Documents, 1854-5." 1 vol.
"Dr. Jackson's Report on the Michigan Mineral District, 1847-9, with Geological Maps, &c."
"Forster & Whitney's Reports on the Copper and Iron Districts of Lake Superior. Parts I. and II., 1850-51, with Geological Maps, &c."

The following Papers were then read :

1. By E. A. Meredith, Esq., LL.B.—
"On the Influence of the recent Gold Discoveries on Prices."