

Letter from the Rev. A. Antoine, O.M.I., D.D. of the Ottawa University, acknowledging receipt of the Annual Report of the Association and stating that a two-years course, similar to that which in other Universities in the Dominion leads to the degree of C.E., had been established in the University, and that the suggestions of practical Engineers and Surveyors would be valuable in the realization of such an object.

Reply of the Secretary-Treasurer that the Executive Committee were preparing a few notes, embracing their views as to the form such a course should take, and would submit the same if the University considered them of sufficient worth.

Reply by the Rev. A. Antoine that he would be very glad to receive these suggestions, and that as they came from the best practical authority they would receive their most serious consideration.

Letter from Dr. A. R. C. Selwyn, C.M.G., Director of the Geological Survey, enclosing a copy of an Order-in-Council authorizing the issue each year to the Association of the thirty copies of the Annual Report of the Geological Survey.

The President referred to the courtesy with which Dr. Selwyn had received the deputation who waited upon him in this matter, and his desire to oblige them; the above mentioned Order-in-Council being the result.

It was moved by W. S. DREWRY, seconded by J. J. MCARTHUR, and *Resolved* :—

"That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered Dr. Selwyn for the prompt and cordial manner in which he has met the views of this Association in regard to the yearly issue of the Geological and Natural History Reports, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Selwyn."

Letter from J. A. Kirk, D.L.S., of New Westminster, B.C., drawing attention to the fact that it was generally understood in British Columbia that the Department allowed the use of the magnetic needle in making timber limit surveys, although the Manual of Surveys required all surveys to be astronomical. He thought that either the Manual should be amended so as to make compass surveys legal, or that an astronomical survey should be insisted upon.

Letter from the Executive Committee to the Surveyor-General asking that the instructions now issued for timber limit surveys be so amended as to preclude the use of the magnetic needle; and that the