

Moved by Prof. Macallum, seconded by James Bain, Jr. :—

“The Council and members of the Canadian Institute desire to tender to Professor Loudon their congratulations on his appointment to the Presidency of the University of Toronto, and to express the hope that he may long live to occupy the position for which he is so well qualified. They rejoice to see in this appointment of a former President of this Institute to the highest office in the Provincial University, a tribute to the character of the scientific work done by the Institute and an augury of a continuation of the close relations which should exist between the two leading scientific bodies in the province.”

Mr. J. W. L. Forster then presented to the Institute a portrait of Sandford Fleming, LL.D., C.M.G., which was acknowledged by the President.

Mr. Forster, in handing the portrait to the President and members, said :—

“Sirs,—There are not many ways in which I can directly advance the scientific departments of the Institute, but this task was undertaken with the hope that in some way it would serve to encourage and deepen the interest in the work you are doing. I was moved to the act also because of my humble opinion no one better deserves this recognition at your hands than the subject of the picture in view of his services in the past and present relationship to the Institute, and I was prompted to this by the knowledge that what is mortal of men will vanish from our sight, and there are men whose memory is worthy of being cherished. The hope is indulged in that this portrait will by this service be prized for generations to come.

The President said in reply :—

“There are jewels that we must provide with a suitable setting, and the hope is renewed that a suitable home shall soon be secured for the Institute, and that this portrait will be one of its chief ornaments. Not only is this a liberal gift from the artist, but a tribute to science from the fine arts. The Institute will jealously guard this treasure, which is a worthy tribute to its most distinguished living member.”

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. Sandford Fleming, in which he regretted his unavoidable absence, and warmly acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. The letter contained some interesting reminiscences of his early connection with the Institute, and of those