

PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE,  
SESSION 1885-'86.

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FIRST MEETING.

The First Meeting of the Session 1885-'86, being an open meeting and *Conversazione*, was held on Saturday, 21st November, 1885, the President in the Chair.

The President delivered an address, in which he announced the union of The Natural History Society with the Canadian Institute. He was followed by Mr. Brodie, President of The Natural History Society.

Mr. David Boyle read the following paper, entitled

THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL OUTLOOK.

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen :*

I take it that the purpose of the Council in asking me to write this paper was rather that I should lay before you what the Institute has done and proposes to do by way of recording archæological data and forming a collection illustrative thereof, than to attempt anything like a disquisition on the subject in its widest sense.

Still, it may be well to understand clearly just where we stand at the outset, and perhaps I can scarcely do better than tell you what in my opinion, the study of archæology is *not*.

It is not merely the collecting of arrow-points, tomahawks, pipe-heads and pottery, at so much or at nothing apiece from farmers and other persons. It is not even the actual digging up of such objects