

The Council has pleasure in announcing that through the efforts of one of our city members, Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison, C.M.G., M.P., and the Hon. Senator Loughheed, the grounds and ruins of old Fort George at Niagara are to be preserved and cared for by the Government.

Action was taken by the Council in accordance with resolutions passed at the meetings, to secure some commemoration of the crossing of the Atlantic by the first steamer, in 1833. Dr. Sandford Fleming has proved conclusively that the Canadian steamer *Royal William* was the first to steam all the way across. The Government will probably erect a tablet to commemorate the event. A model of the vessel is being exhibited at the World's Columbian Exposition, and public documents relating to the crossing distributed to the public. The log of the *Savannah*, which has recently been published, proves that she steamed only in calm weather, and out of 29 days, 11 hours at sea, she steamed altogether only 3 days, 8 hours.

A joint committee of the Institute and Astronomical and Physical Society has prepared a circular to be sent to all the observatories and astronomers asking their opinions regarding a change in time reckoning, whereby the astronomical and civil day shall begin at mean midnight, and suggesting that the change shall be inaugurated in 1901.

The Institute was requested by the several provincial universities and McGill, Montreal, to send an invitation to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, to hold its meeting in 1895 in Toronto. The proposal was favourably received by the Provincial Government; the Dominion Government did not entertain the proposal on the basis set forth in our petition; negotiations are still pending, which it is hoped may terminate favourably to the prayer of the Institute, and result in the desired grant being made.

The appeal of the Institute to leading citizens for aid, and an increased membership has been widely disseminated; it is being followed up by a personal presentation of the claims of the Institute.

The Institute again acknowledges its indebtedness to the generosity of the Government in enabling it to continue its archaeological work.

The report of the Curator will be found as full as ever of interesting matter. The report is being printed as an appendix to the annual report of the Hon. Minister of Education.

The thanks of the Institute are due and are tendered to Messrs. Cockburn, Denison, and Coatsworth, M. P.'s for the City of Toronto, for many services rendered during the last session; and to the CITY PRESS for full reports of our meetings.