

It is desirable to remind the members of the importance of striving individually all they reasonably can, to increase our membership, and add to our importance and influence as a body. I am sure the market value of our Annual Report and our exchange reports is quite equal to the annual fee, even increased as it is proposed to be; not to mention the good the Association has already accomplished by advocating and guarding our rights.

If each member would undertake to canvass only one Dominion Land Surveyor outside our Association every year, by showing to him the value of our services to the profession, and allowing him the perusal of annual reports and exchanges, I think the result would be a material yearly increase of our membership.

One matter the Committee regrets exceedingly to allude to, is the prospective loss of our Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Wheeler feels that his worldly interests can be better advanced in another part of our country, and contemplates leaving the service of the Department of the Interior. Owing to the contemplated change his name has not been submitted on the ballot paper for re-election.

The members of the Committee feel, and I am sure the members of the Association are in accord with them, that they are losing a first-class officer, whose zeal and painstaking are equal to his ability, which leaves nothing to be desired.

I feel we will all heartily join in wishing him every success, and himself and Mrs. Wheeler every happiness in his new sphere.

As it is absolutely necessary that the Secretary-Treasurer should be permanently located at Ottawa, the choice of candidates for the office is necessarily limited, but I think we have found in Mr. J. I. Dufresne a gentleman who will discharge the duties of the office with credit to himself and the Association.

PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION.

Another Association of Surveyors has come into existence since our last meeting. The surveyors of British Columbia have realized that "Unity is Strength," and have formed themselves into an association. Bravo say we, and may they never have cause to regret the step.

The Annual Dinner of the Association last meeting proved so successful, that to forego it this year would be almost a crime. Your Committee have therefore gone to considerable trouble to insure at least as much success as last year; we hope you will manifest your appreciation of our efforts by attending the dinner, and enjoying yourself to the utmost of your power, which we know you will if you will only attend.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for the honor conferred on me by electing me your President, and the attention you have given the perusal of this address, I respectfully submit it for your approval.

WILLIAM OGILVIE.