

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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This notice was sent to members of the profession and to all Registrars, Postmasters and Dominion Land Agents in the North West, and it is hoped that it will aid in stopping the practice of unqualified persons.

SUB-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

The Sub-Executive Committees in Manitoba, the North West Territories and British Columbia have rendered valuable service to the Association during the past year. Reports from these Sub-Committees will be submitted to you, they contain important questions for consideration and action by the meeting. It is recommended that these Committees be reappointed and become a permanent feature of our organization. In connection with the duties of these Sub-Committees I beg to call attention to the necessity of action being taken by the Association and the Sub-Executive in the North West Territories to protect the rights of our profession in any legislation which may be passed by the newly created Legislative Assembly for the Territories relating to surveys and surveying. No doubt legislation in that direction will be considered before long, and we should take steps to prevent, if possible, any infringement of our rights.

STANDARD MEASURES.

The President in his address at our last Annual Meeting spoke of the erection of an apparatus in this city for the purpose of testing our standard steel tapes. You will, I know, be glad to hear that this apparatus is now in working order, and that surveyors can procure the standards provided by law, and are thus enabled to keep that important instrument, the chain, of proper length. As a matter of interest to our members we have provided in our programme for a visit of inspection to see this apparatus in use.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

It is a matter of great gratification to be able to report a material increase in our membership during the past year. Our roll now stands 11 Honorary members, 77 Active members and 9 Associate members. It is earnestly hoped that members of the Association will, during the coming year, try and induce those Dominion Land Surveyors who have not yet done so to join the Association and help on the good work we are trying to accomplish.

As an inducement to membership I would call attention to our

REPORTS AND EXCHANGES.

During the past year our members have received the annual report of our Association and the reports of the Associations of Michigan,