

and Dr. Andres, of the By-Law Committee. A special general meeting was called for 27th of May, at which, after being read clause by clause, the by-laws were finally passed and ordered to be sent to Quebec for the approval of the Lieut.-Governor. The change of Government at Quebec delayed matters somewhat, but they received the necessary sanction and became binding on the Society on the 9th July, 1878, no amendment having been suggested. The constitution and by-laws of the Society have been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Association. Those who have examined them must at once see that the Society is placed on a good footing, and, with careful and judicious management, cannot fail to do a good work, and one greatly needed in this Province. The changes made have necessarily entailed a great deal of thought and labour on the board of management of the Association; but the other operations of the Society have been carried on with vigor. The work of the Report Committee is now in the hands of the members, and an examination of the Report will show that it reflects credit not only on the Society, but also on the gentlemen who had immediate charge of the work. The delay in the publication has been owing to a misunderstanding. The Society have now done the work themselves, and are to receive a grant from the Government of \$200 to aid them in it. Mr. Lesperance, of the *Canadian Illustrated News*, examined and corrected all the manuscripts, and the society are indebted to him for the careful manner in which he seems to have done his work. The printing was done by tender, the lowest, and in other respects the best, having been accepted. Monthly meetings of the Society were held during the months of February, March, April and May, at which some interesting discussions took place and some exceedingly good papers on different subjects were read. It is a matter of regret that the attendance at these meetings was not larger. Owing to lack of money and the uncertain prospects of the society, the idea of holding an early summer exhibition, as was proposed, had to be abandoned. If the Society are really desirous of having a summer exhibition the proper way to do would be to purchase a large tent, get proper tables and trestles made, and by so doing two very