

### Canadian Institute.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1854.

G. W. Allan, Esq., Secretary of the Canadian Institute, offered a piece of ground on George Street, 50 feet frontage by 130 in depth, as a site for a building for the purposes of the Institute.

Mr. Allan's liberal offer was cordially accepted by the Council, and the thanks of the Institute were ordered to be given to that gentleman.

A donation from the Rev. G. Bell, of Simcoe, was announced. Mr. Bell's donation consisted of a large number of Indian Remains and Geological Specimens.

The thanks of the Institute were ordered to be transmitted to the Rev. Mr. Bell, for his valuable donations.

The following gentlemen were proposed Members of the Institute:—

Mr. SMALL,	.....	Collingwood Harbour.
Rev. Professor J. SMITH,	.....	Kingston.
Rev. Professor J. WILLIAMSON,	.....	Kingston.
Mr. H. N. COVETLANDT	.....	Simcoe.

#### COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 1854.

The following donations were announced by the Vice President.—

"The Bombay Magnetical and Meteorological Observations," presented by the Hon. East India Company.

A specimen of the Ornithorhynchus, from Australia, presented by Mr. Maurice Baldwin, of Toronto.

Twenty-four volumes of Bohn's Scientific, Standard, Antiquarian, Classical, and Illustrated Library, presented by H. G. Bohn, Esq., London, through A. H. Armour, Esq., Toronto.

The Census of the United States, and the Documentary History of the State of New York, presented by A. H. Armour, Esq.

The thanks of the Council were ordered to be transmitted to the Honourable East India Company, Mr. Maurice Baldwin, Mr. Bohn, and Mr. Armour, for their respective donations.

Mr. Richard Denison, of the township of York, and Mr. George Wilson, of the City of New York, United States, were proposed members of the Institute.

#### COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1854.

The following Donation from A. H. Armour, Esq., Toronto, was announced:—

Schoolcraft's History, Condition and Prospects of the Indian Tribes; Parts First, Third, and Fourth.

Report of the Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey for the year 1852.

Report of the Commissioners of Patents for the year 1853; Part 1., Arts and Manufactures.

Mr. Armour's donation was accompanied by a letter, informing the Council that he was indebted to the liberality of the Hon. G. W. Manypenny, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Hon. J. M. Brodhead, Washington, and Ellicott Evans, Esq., Buffalo, for the above-mentioned valuable works.

The following resolutions were ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Armour:—

"Resolved.—That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. Armour for his valuable donation, and for his constant and active zeal in promoting the interests of the Institute."

"Resolved.—That the thanks of the Council be tendered to the gentlemen mentioned by Mr. Armour as having so liberally assisted in obtaining this valuable addition to the Library."

#### COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>, 1854.

The following gentlemen were proposed members:—

Mr. J. U. THOMSON	.....	Toronto.
Mr. D. B. REID	.....	"
Mr. D. O. FRENCH	.....	"

"Resolved.—That the thanks of the Council be transmitted to Lieutenant A. Noble, R.A., for his valuable Monthly tables of the Meteorology of Quebec, communicated by him to the Canadian Journal, and that the Council desire to express their regret at the suspension of the Quebec table, on account of the removal of Lieutenant Noble to Montreal.

"Resolved.—That the thanks of the Council be transmitted to Dr. Smallwood, St. Martin, Isle Jesus, and to Professor Cherriman, Director of the Provincial Magnetic Observatory, for the valuable monthly Meteorological tables of Isle Jesus and Toronto.

#### Robert Stephenson, M.P.

The Library of the Canadian Institute has recently been enriched by contributions from various sources. Appropriate acknowledgments of this encouraging liberality—which is rapidly creating a permanent and most valuable adjunct to the Institute—have been duly inserted in the extracts from the Minutes of Council. It is with great pleasure that we have to announce in addition to recent contributions already noticed, a most valuable donation from the distinguished engineer, Robert Stephenson, Esq., M.P.

Mr. Stephenson's donation consists of the celebrated work on "The Britannia and Conway Tubular Bridges, with general inquiries on Beams and on the Properties of Materials used in construction, by Edwin Clark, resident Engineer. Published with the sanction, and under the supervision, of Robert Stephenson."

A magnificent folio volume of plates, illustrating the Britannia and Conway Tubular Bridges.

#### The Quebec Meteorological Table.

The Meteorological Table for Quebec, which has been kindly furnished to this Journal for several months past by Lieutenant A. Noble, R.A., will no longer appear in its usual place. It is with great regret that we make this announcement, as we conceive that the absence of so important a link in the chain of Meteorological observation, which has hitherto been so well sustained, will be seriously felt by all interested in this department of Science. The occasion of the suspension of the Quebec observations is the removal of Lieutenant Noble to Montreal. The Council of the Institute have expressed their sense of Lieutenant Noble's active exertions in the cause of Canadian Meteorology, by transmitting to him their thanks for his monthly contribution to this journal. A copy of this resolution, as well as of one transmitted to Dr. Smallwood, of St. Martin, Isle Jesus, and Professor Cherriman, Toronto, will be found in the Extracts of the Minutes of Council.