

III. On the nomination severally, of the President and the Members, Messrs Spreull and Cockburn were appointed Auditors.

IV. *The following Papers were read:*

1. By J. F. Smith, Jr., Esq.

"Notes on some of the more Characteristic Fossils of the Hudson River Group of Western Canada."

2. By Professor D. Wilson, LL.D.

"Notes on the Development of new Varieties among the Intrusive Populations of America."

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SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING—SESSION 1858-59.

9th April, 1859.

Hon. G. W. ALLAN, President, in the Chair.

I. *The following donations for Library and Museum were announced and the thanks of the Institute voted to the donors:*

FOR LIBRARY.

1. FROM SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge. Vol. X.

2. FROM T. D. HARRINGTON, ESQ.

Teneriffe, by Professor C. Piazzi Smith.

FOR MUSEUM.

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A Collection of specimens of Mineralogy and Indian Pottery; one ancient Greek Coin found on the Eastern Coast of Sicily.

II. The following Report from the Council, prepared by the Committee to whom had been referred a proposed change of Name of the Institute, was read, and the President announced that the question would stand over for discussion till the general Meeting to be held on Saturday next:

REPORT.

*"To the Council of the Canadian Institute.*

"Your Committee having had under consideration the reference to them relative to the injuries already resulting, or likely to result to the Canadian Institute from its correspondence in name to the Mechanics' Institutes, 'The Institut Canadien,' and other bodies of a purely local nature, or formed for purposes altogether different from those aimed at by this Society, beg to report that: owing to the peculiar circumstances in which the Canadian Institute originated, the special objects most prominently set forth in its Charter of Incorporation pertain to the profession of the Land Surveyor, Civil Engineer, and Architect, although the Institute has long since abandoned this exclusively professional character, and become a strictly scientific society.

"Your Committee would therefore recommend that application be made for a New Charter, with extended privileges; and whereas the present charter was granted by His Excellency the Earl of Elgin, Governor General of the Province, Your Committee suggest that application be made for a *Royal Charter, under Her Majesty's own hand and seal*; and that in consideration of this, and to prevent any future confusion with other Canadian Institutions, Local or Provincial, the Institute