

*President's Address.*

Associations of Land Surveyors. With this in view I submitted a scheme for the accomplishment of this end to the Executive Committee. The scheme was as follows :—

"At the present time there are four Associations of Land Surveyors in Canada, viz : the Provincial Associations of the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, and the Association of Dominion Land Surveyors.

Of these, two Associations, those in Quebec and Manitoba, are incorporated Societies, having power to control the examinations for admission to the Profession, and generally to administer matters relating to surveying. The other two Associations are simply Societies governed by a constitution and by-laws, and have in view the advancement of professional knowledge and feeling, by holding annual meetings, and publishing an annual report.

It has suggested itself to the undersigned that the general welfare of all the Associations would be materially advanced by the adoption of a system of affiliation somewhat as follows :—

1. That one joint annual meeting of all the Associations should be held, instead of each Association holding its own meeting as at present, and that this joint meeting be called the Annual Convention of Canadian Land Surveyors.
2. That the Annual Convention be held alternately at points in the different Provinces, most central for the members of the Association of that Province.
3. That each Association maintain its own individuality and issue its own annual report, containing papers contributed by its members, as at present, the report of each Association containing only a short account of the proceedings of the Annual Convention.
4. That the Annual Convention be conducted as follows :—
  - (a) The Meeting to extend over two days, being ended by an annual dinner or some other social gathering.
  - (b) A certain portion of the first day to be allotted to each Association for the transaction of its individual business, appointments of committees, etc., or these sub-meetings might go on at the same time, as is the practice with the different sections of the Royal Society. The first evening and the second day (except the evening which is to be devoted to the social event above mentioned) to be spent in the reading and discussion of such papers, from among all those submitted to the different associations, as may be selected by a committee composed of the Presidents, Secretary-Treasurers and two elected members of each Association.
  - (c) The joint annual convention to be presided over by the Presidents of the different Associations in turn.

If the aforementioned scheme meets with the approval of the different Associations arrangements for carrying it into effect could be made by the appointment of the President and two other members at their next Annual Meeting of the Associations, who would act with a like committee from each of the other Associations in drawing up the necessary and defined scheme of rules, etc. to give effect to the above; this joint committee could meet at some point mutually agreed upon.