

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and confirmed, and the Secretary read the report of council, printed as an appendix hereto, which was received and adopted.

The Treasurer then read his report showing a balance on hand of \$165.17, to which was to be added \$19, received since the closing of his accounts; this report was received. His report is also printed as an appendix hereto.

Letters were then read from His Excellency the Governor-General and the Premier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, regretting their inability to attend the Association's meetings on account of other engagements.

A Committee was then elected to nominate officers and committees, with instructions to report at a subsequent meeting.

The following resolutions were then carried :—

Resolved: That this Association records its profound regret on account of the death of D'Alton McCarthy, Q. C., M. P., a member of the Executive of the Association, which deprives the profession throughout Canada of one of its most distinguished ornaments, and cuts short a most brilliant public career in the Parliament of our country. That this Association desires the Council to convey to the bereaved family the assurance of the deep sympathy felt by all the members of the Association.

Resolved: That this Association expresses its deep sorrow for the death of Harry Abbott, Q. C., of the Quebec Bar, a member of our Association, who has been taken away in the prime of life.

Several members spoke to both resolutions.

The second session met at 3 p.m. in the Railway Committee Room, House of Commons. Mr. Howland in the chair.

Owing to the fact that several members were necessarily detained by business before the Supreme Court and in the House, the meeting adjourned to 8 p.m.

At 8 p.m. the third session was held at the Railway Committee Rooms. Mr. Howland in the chair.

The meeting was opened by the chairman's calling on Mr. Russell to read a paper written by him on "The Provisions of the British North America Act for uniformity of Provincial Laws." On its conclusion there was a discussion participated in by several members.

Mr. Aulay Morrison, Vice-President for British Columbia, then took the chair and called upon Mr. Howland, who read his paper entitled "Constitutional and International Aspects of the Spanish-American War." As the hour was late discussion of this paper was postponed to next morning's session.

THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 1898.

The fourth session was held in the Board of Trade Building, at 10 a.m. Mr. Howland in the chair.

Mr. J. E. Farewell, Q. C., of Whitby, was called on and read his paper entitled "Concerning Coroners and Coroners' Inquests." On its conclusion a discussion took place on Mr. Howland's paper of the previous evening, and Mr. Farewell's just read.

Discussion then took place with regard to the printing of the papers.