

hands of the executive, and that J. Stevenson Brown, Hon. Sen. Murphy and J. S. Shearer be requested to arrange for the secretary's work until a new secretary was elected. Carried.

It was moved by J. Stevenson Brown and seconded by Hon. Sen. Murphy, that this Society desires to tender its thanks to the retiring secretary Leslie J. Skelton, for the prompt and efficient manner in which he had performed his duties, as well as for the valuable services rendered to the Society during his tenure of office. In presenting the motion, the President expressed his regret that Mr. Skelton could not continue to act as secretary and took this occasion to thank him for the kind and courteous manner in which he had aided him in the administration of the affairs of the Society. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Girdwood now gave his paper on the "Use of the Microscope in the Identification of Burnt Documents." He exhibited specimens of burnt bank bills and showed how they could be identified by counting the edges, examining the different parts and by the process of photo-micrography. The lecture was illustrated by photographs taken from a series of bills of the Bank of Montreal taken from a burnt postal car. In this case the use of the microscope had prevented a law suit between the bank and the insurer.

The question of the detection of forgery by the use of the microscope and camera was also carefully explained and a most interesting series of photographs taken from actual forgery cases were passed about for examination.

A vote of thanks was moved by Hon. Sen. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Lovejoy, to Dr. Girdwood for his very interesting paper. Carried unanimously.

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MONTREAL, 10th October, 1892.

The annual meeting of this Society was held this evening in the Library of the Natural History Society at 8 o'clock. Present: J. Stevenson Brown, President, in the chair; Hon.