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NO. 12. AMENDMENTS.

An amendment or an addition to these By-laws may be passed at any meeting of the Council, by a two-thirds vote of the whole Council, due notice embodying a copy of the proposed motion having been given at a previous meeting of the Council. Any such amendment or addition shall be published in the next issue of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST.

DONATIONS TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

The Victoria Memorial Museum has received a gift from the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway of the skeleton of a youth found in September, 1911, tightly wedged in a crevice about 50 feet from the centre line of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway's construction at Kamloops Lake. This skeleton was secured by Mr. W. H. Melanson, the Resident Engineer of the Railway at Savona, and in compliance with orders issued by Mr. T. G. Holt, Attorney for the road at Vancouver, at the instance of Hon. William MacKenzie, was forwarded to Vancouver, from where it was sent as a gift of the Canadian Northern to the people of Canada. This single shipment, of course, is of minor importance compared with *the precedent which it established for the deposition in the national museum of all information and specimens obtained in railroad construction throughout Canada*. The Dominion Archæologist made request to several of the leading railroads of the country to instruct their engineers to carefully preserve all specimens found, and of *still more importance to send in information regarding all antiquities and objects of handiwork as well as human remains as a gift to the nation*. It seems only right that these objects of scientific value *should be preserved for the benefit of all the people rather than allowed to become scattered and destroyed as is so often the case when they are uncovered by the activities connected with development and industries throughout the country*. Accession 12.

An ancient human skull has also recently been received at the Victoria Memorial Museum as a gift from MacKenzie, Mann & Co., Limited. This was sent in by Mr. G. T. Holt, the Attorney for the road at Vancouver in compliance with orders issued by Hon. William MacKenzie to the authorities of the road to present