

for each of our members. That gentleman expressed his willingness to do all in his power to meet our views, but was not in a position to promise us a copy each, as their issue would hardly permit that; but he undertook subject to the approval of the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, to furnish us with thirty copies of each issue, including copies of the Botanical Catalogues and Natural History Reports. The Committee beg to express their thanks to Dr. Selwyn for his agreeable promptness in meeting their views.

Since writing the above, a letter has been received from Dr. Selwyn, informing the Committee that his efforts on our behalf have been successful, and that the Hon. the Minister of the Interior had procured the passage of an Order-in-Council appropriating for the Association thirty copies of the Geological Reports, as well as the Natural History and Botanical Reports, beginning with the issue of the past season, and continuing as they are from time to time issued. A copy of the Order-in-Council accompanied the doctor's letter.

SUB-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

A new feature was introduced into our organization by the Executive Committee since our last Annual Meeting, in the appointment of Sub-Executive Committees in the North-West Territories, and Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia. The duty of those Sub-Committees is to guard the interests of the profession, by reporting to the Executive any infringement of our professional rights by outsiders, or any breach of the law by members of the profession. Let us hope their labors will be light.

TIMBER BERTH SURVEYS.

It having come to the knowledge of your Committee, that some surveyors in the Province of British Columbia interpreted the instructions for such surveys rather loosely, and thought they were justified in using the magnetic needle in the production of the boundaries of such timber berths; to the injury of those surveyors who are more conscientious, and the discredit of the profession generally; they have with a view to the prevention of such work in the future, sent a letter to the Surveyor-General, calling his attention to the fact, and respectfully submitting such amendments to the instructions to surveyors of timber berths, as will in future, if adopted, prevent the further use of the magnetic needle in any essential part of such surveys.

You all, no doubt, recollect the offer made last year in a circular from a committee of the University of Philadelphia of three prizes of \$400, \$200 and \$100 for three papers on "Road Making and Maintenance," and inviting the members of the Association to compete. One of our members, Mr. Irwin, entered the lists, and carried off the first prize. The Executive Committee have sent Mr. Irwin a congratulatory letter on his success, and I am sure their action will be heartily approved by you.

The Association has just cause to be proud of having upon its roll of membership a gentleman who carried away this prize in the face of all America, and I am sure we all individually, as well as collectively, extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. Irwin.