

Now, touching some of the business we have transacted as a Council, a few remarks are necessary. We have visited each city, according to law, and at each meeting something was done to strengthen the Association. Our meetings were pleasant ones, the several cities vying with one another to make our stay as enjoyable as possible.

Prominent among the first transactions of the Council is the appointment of Messrs. Yates & Jay as solicitors for the Association. I believe the appointment to have been a good one, for on more than one occasion their advice has been of considerable value to us, and we have always found them willing to give us all the assistance that lay in their power. Expenses have as a consequence been kept down and no action taken that was not considered to be a perfectly lawful one.

The certificate of this Association deserves more than passing notice. I have heard some very high encomiums passed upon it, and I felt that it merited them. It may be necessary to make some slight changes in it in the near future, though, I trust such will not be the case. The passage of the Act regulating the use of the Provincial Seal of course affects our certificate as it stands, but, seeing that it is a legal document, and of unusual character, I think it is more than likely a concession will be made this Association by Parliament at its next sitting. In the meantime, I believe, we may continue to use the certificates as they are.

One suit only has been instituted against this Association, and it may be regarded as a test case. I regret that it should have occurred, for the law with reference to the matter is very clear and explicit. The Association in this case was supported in its decision by the Court. I know that now no unkindly feelings are abroad and that the best of harmony prevails with us.