

The following is the text of number 6 :

As the early history of the Canadian Institute may not be uninteresting in after years when the Society has assumed that position which we have hopes will be found for it, a brief outline of its origin and infantile existence ought now to be recorded before such be completely veiled in obscurity.

The Canadian Institute, like many other Societies of a similar character, dates its origin from small beginnings. One or two individuals whose inclination led them to seek for that intercourse between persons of a more practical and scientific turn of mind than is generally found in ordinary debating societies, and being themselves connected with the surveying and engineering professions, they were induced to believe that the formation of a Society consisting of gentlemen in those professions would draw together many kindred minds, and offer an opportunity to persons engaged in those pursuits of accumulating such knowledge as is necessary for the diversified practice of their professions, and of mutually benefitting each other by the interchange of individual observation and experience.

With the view of considering the establishment of such a Society, a few surveyors, engineers, architects, residing in and near Toronto, met on June 20th, and on July 20th, 1849 ; at the second meeting a prospectus of the proposed Society was agreed on and ordered to be forwarded to members of their profession generally throughout the Province with a view to their advice and co-operation. The following is a copy of the prospectus in accordance with the principles of which the Society was first organized on September 22nd, 1849.

PROSPECTUS OF THE PROPOSED CANADIAN INSTITUTE.

To be composed—

First—Of Provincial Land Surveyors, Civil Engineers and Architects, practising in the Province, as members.

Second—Of Members of the same profession not practising in the Province as corresponding members.

Third—Of men distinguished in Science and the Arts residing in the Province but not belonging to either of the above professions, as honorary members.

Fourth—Of Students under articles as Graduates.

The officers of the Institute to consist of a President, and Vice-President, Council, Secretary and two Auditors, to be elected annually.

The Treasurer to be a Chartered Bank in the City of Toronto.

The rooms of the Institute to be situate in the City of Toronto.

Libraries to be formed and collections made of Maps, Drawings, Models, etc.

A Museum to be established for the collection of Geological, Mineralogical and other specimens.

Professional discussions to be held and papers read.

Transactions to be published.

Standard instruments to be kept for reference.

Philosophical observations to be made and registered.