

PREFATORY NOTE.

The Canadian Institute was incorporated by Royal charter in 1851, and immediately began the publication of a record of its transactions under the name of "The Canadian Journal." The first series was in quarto form and terminated in 1855. It comprised three volumes. The second series was in octavo form, began in 1856 and terminated in 1878. It comprised fifteen volumes. In 1879 the name was changed to "Proceedings of the Canadian Institute," and of this third series seven volumes were issued, terminating in 1890, making in all twenty-five volumes.

The Government of Ontario having three years ago commenced the making of an annual grant to the Institute in aid of archæological research, the annual archæological reports have been published as appendices to the Report of the Minister of Education in the same form as other government reports, and therefore could not be bound up with the "Proceedings." As it was desirable that these Reports should be incorporated with the other publications of the Institute, with the view of attaining this object it has been decided to enlarge the page and issue a new series under the name of "Transactions of the Canadian Institute." The archæological Reports which have already been issued may be bound up with the first volume of the "Transactions," and subsequent ones with the succeeding volumes as they appear.