

Mr. Chipman—Yes; subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor, I suppose. There is nothing unreasonable in that; that is what every profession does. I don't mean to say that the Quebec Act will suit our case exactly; I think it might be improved on, but I think we are now in a position to go on with incorporation. Other professions are encroaching on this profession; the legal profession is encroaching on every profession; and if we don't become incorporated I think our Association will have a very struggling existence.

Mr. Aylsworth—I supposed that the object of the organization of this Association was, when the proper time came, to get incorporation, and I believe it would not only be to the interest of the profession but to the interest of the province as well.

Mr. Kirkpatrick—As far as I am personally concerned I think it would be the very best thing the surveyors could do. Of course I don't know what the Government's idea would be in the matter, but you all know that the Government give \$400 towards the expenses of the Board of Examiners every year; that of course they would be freed from, and that might be something from a Government point of view.

Mr. Gibson—I look upon it as something of an experiment. There are no surveyors in the world who have the standing of the Provincial Land Surveyors of Ontario; and there are many holding good positions in the States who got them simply from the fact that they had a P.L.S. certificate from Ontario; and what would our standing be after having lost our position as Government surveyors? You speak of medical men and lawyers, but you must remember that they are a great body of men with immense influence compared with what we have; but whatever the Association says, I say. If we do get incorporation let us not lose our status as Government surveyors.

Mr. Kirkpatrick—At present we are licensed by a Board of Examiners appointed by the Government. If the Association is incorporated they will have power to appoint their own Board of Examiners, and we would just simply be changing from one board to another. I quite agree with Mr. Gibson in saying, make haste slowly. I don't think it would be possible to do anything this session, but it might be possible to do something next year. In the interval let all the surveyors be sent a copy of this Act, and let all the members of this Association use their influence, so that in that way the opposition would be minimized which would come next year, and I think there would be no difficulty if getting it carried out.

Mr. Chipman—As to the point raised by Mr. Gibson about P.L.S., I don't see anything in the Act of Incorporation to prevent their adding P.L.S. to their names; all they have to do is to pay their fees and practise. A man can be a P.L.S. and not practise; he is in a state of static equilibrium, as it were.

Mr. Ross—I don't think it would be at all creditable to hold back in this matter. Incorporation is the order of the day among other bodies. In Manitoba, where there only a few surveyors, they are incorporated, and this chief province of the Dominion should not wait till all the other provinces are ahead of us.