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Annual General Meeting, December 11th, 1852.

The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Institute was held in the old Government House on Saturday, December 11th. The spacious and commodious apartments in that building which have been placed at the disposal of the Institute by the Government, are more convenient and accessible than the Hall of Assembly and the adjoining rooms, which were alluded to in the November number of the *Journal*. The discussion of the Report of the Council, and the election of officers and members constituted the business of the evening. In the absence of the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, George Duggan, Esq., junr., was called to the chair, and the Report being read, it was adopted after the introduction of a few unimportant amendments. The Report speaks for itself, and we give it at length, in order that absent members may have an opportunity of satisfying themselves with respect to the progress of the Institute. The list of candidates for membership proposed at the last meeting was then read and the gentlemen elected members of the Institute. In addition to the names which we inserted in the October number of the *Journal*, we have now to announce the names of several other gentlemen who were proposed on Saturday, and the formality of whose election will be completed at the next meeting of the Institute. *Life Members*—John Hutchinson, George Herrick, M. D., James Cotton; *Ordinary Members*—H. S. Fripp, T. Hirschfelder. The Election of Officers was then proceeded with, which terminated as follows:—

President :

Capt. J. H. LEFROY, R.A., F.R.S.

First Vice President—Professor CHERRIMAN.

Second Vice President—FRED. CUMBERLAND, Esq.

Treasurer—DALRYMPLE CRAWFORD, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—Professor CROFT.

Secretary—ALFRED BRUNEL, Esq.

Curator and Librarian—EDWARD CULL, Esq.

Council :

PROFESSOR HIND,
WALTER SHANLEY, Esq.,
SANDFORD FLEMING, Esq.,

PROFESSOR BUCKLAND,
REV. PROFESSOR IRVING,
DR. BOYELL.

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Annual Report of the Council of the Canadian Institute for the year 1852.

The present Council having taken office shortly before the close of the last session of the Institute, have little more to report than their own proceedings in carrying out the objects of the Society during the recess.

In the short period which intervened between their appointment and the close of the session only four papers were read, viz.:

1. On Concrete, by Mr. Cumberland,
2. On Limestones, by Mr. Thomas.
3. On Auroras, by Capt. Lefroy.
4. On the Probable Numbers of the Indian Races Inhabiting British America, by Capt. Lefroy.

Each of the above papers, however, led to such discussion as it is the wish and the object of the Institute to elicit.

During the above mentioned short period a considerable number of new members joined the Institute, and the Council have the further pleasure of submitting a list of sixty-three candidates, the formalities of whose election could not be completed during the recess, but whose names will be brought before the meeting this evening in accordance with the by-laws of the Institute. The number of members previously on the books was one hundred and twenty-six, making in all one hundred and eighty-nine.

Among the first objects to which the attention of the Council was directed, was the provision of some means for the regular and speedy publication of the papers read before the Society subject to such regulations as might be necessary to sustain the character of its transactions. Experience appears to show that it is only by offering facilities of this nature that literary and scientific societies can for any length of time either engage the interest of the community, succeed in calling forth exertions from their members, or secure to themselves the advantage of hearing papers of permanent value read before their meetings.

As it was impossible in the infancy of the Society to sustain a regular publication by its own funds, the method was adopted after much consideration of originating a monthly periodical, which, while claiming public support upon independent grounds, should also be under the control of the Council to a sufficient extent to secure the attainment of their objects. Such is the *Canadian Journal*, which, under the editorship of Professor H. Y. Hind, to whose able and gratuitous services the Institute is most deeply indebted, has now reached its fourth number, and has been recognized in flattering terms by most of the organs of public opinion throughout the Province.

In order, still further, to extend the usefulness and increase the interest of the *Journal*, proposals have been made to the Natural History Society of Montreal, and to the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec with the view of rendering the *Canadian Journal* the organ for the publication of their proceedings. It