

MEETINGS.

Since our last Annual Meeting nine meetings of the Executive Committee have been held.

STANDARD MEASURES.

The Association and profession generally will be pleased to learn, that a standard measure testing apparatus has been set up in the city, specially for the purpose of testing our standard sixty-six feet tapes.

So far no complete tests have been made, but it is understood operations will be resumed at an early date, and a complete and final test made of a large number of tapes. It is a source of regret to the profession generally, that the control of this test is outside of the survey service. It appears rather circumlocutory, when we want a standard tape tested and stamped, to have to notify the Department of Inland Revenue to that effect, and they in turn notify some one to make the test for them.

With all due deference to the Department of Inland Revenue, I maintain that this could be just as well done by men in our own profession attached to the public service, who are more practically conversant with the needs of such tests, than any other man who has not that practical knowledge; even admitting (which we do not) that their theoretical knowledge is greater.

I think this Association should strengthen the hands of its Executive Committee by urging upon the Government the necessity of having the control of those tests placed under the direction of the Surveyor-General.

GEOGRAPHICAL NOMENCLATURE.

This question has finally been disposed of by the appointment of an officer, whose duty is to compile a Geographical Dictionary. Let us hope that when his labors are completed, he will have deepened all the Shoal Lakes but one, deodorized Stinking Lake, cleaned out Cow Dung Lake, located the Beaver Hills, and ejected all the uncanonized Saints.

RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY SURVEYS.

The President, in his address last Annual Meeting, briefly referred to this question, but unfortunately had to tell you that we had been unable to obtain our legal rights. Since then such representations have been made in the proper quarters, as have caused the issue of a circular from the Department of the Interior, setting forth the fact that the Department will accept no plan or notes of survey unless certified by a duly authorized surveyor, which practically gives us what we have claimed.

TRIGONOMETRICAL SURVEY OF THE DOMINION.

There is nothing further to say on the question than was said last meeting.

GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY REPORTS.

The Committee communicated with Dr. Selwyn, Director of the Geological and Natural History Survey, with a view to getting a copy of the reports of that service