

In October, a special vote of thanks was passed to W. H. Doel, J. P., (one of our members) for his earnest efforts, made during the summer, for the protection of insectivorous birds, by fining all violators of the law that were brought before him.

During the same month an offer of the Section to provide the interest for two years on a loan of \$1,000, led the Council of the Institute to decide on at once fitting up the attic of the building as a museum, instead of leasing it to the Art School. Since the completion of the new rooms the members of the Section have assisted in moving the objects and cases from the various places in which they lay to the top of the building.

Signed.

J. B. WILLIAMS,

Secretary of the Biological Section.

(2) *Report of the Architectural Section.*

In compliance with the constitution of the Canadian Institute, I submit a summary of the work of the Architectural Section.

This Section, consisting of five regular and nineteen associate members of the Canadian Institute, has held eleven meetings since its formation, of which the following is a list:—January 10th, 1887.—Discussion on what style of Architecture is best adapted to this country. January 17th, 1887.—Discussion on the use and abuse of the Romanesque style of Architecture. January 24th, 1887.—Paper on Foundations, by Henry Steele. January 31st, 1887.—Lecture on Wood Floors, by S. G. Curry. February 7th, 1887.—Paper on Style, by J. C. Horwood. February 14th, 1887.—Lecture on Columns, by Alan Macdougall. February 28th, 1887.—Paper on Hints to Young Architects, by Henry Langley. March 7th, 1887.—Lecture on Arches, by W. L. Symons. March 14th, 1887.—Paper on the Doric Temple in its Religious and Artistic aspects, by J. W. Gray. March 21st, 1887.—Receiving the Judges' report on, and discussing the competitive drawings. March 28, 1887.—Paper on Masonry, by A. F. Wickson.

TORONTO, March 30th, 1887.

Signed.

J. P. HYNES,

Secretary.

(3) *Report of the Photographic Section.*

Report of the working of the Photographic Section of the Institute during the past three months.

The first meeting of the Section for the purpose of organization, election of officers, etc., took place on the evening of February 23rd, 1887, when the following were elected:—Chairman, Mr. H. Neilson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Ewing; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. Gaunt; Executive Committee, Mr. E. R. Parkhurst, Mr. C. F. Wagner, Mr. W. W. Fox, Mr. W. A. Forbes, Mr. F. D. Manchee.

The number of members now on the rolls is 28; associates, 5; total, 33.

Meetings for the transaction of business, etc., have taken place on the first Tuesday in each month, but so far no papers have been read.

The first exhibition of the Section took place in the Library of the Institute on April 12th, and 13th, and was very successful, considering the short time given for the preparation of pictures.

TORONTO, May 4th, 1887.

Signed.

ARTHUR GAUNT,

Secretary.