

Mr. BAIN suggested that at future elections the different sections should have representatives, so as to spread the interests more directly over a large extent.

Moved by Mr. J. MORGAN, seconded by Mr. DOYLE, that Messrs. Atwater and R. W. Shepherd, jr., be the auditors for the coming year. Carried. Meeting then adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. Cheney was elected President, Mr. N. S. Whitney, Vice-President, and Mr. H. S. Evans, Secretary-Treasurer, re-elected.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The following is the yearly account and report submitted :—

It is gratifying at the outset to be able to say that in spite of the continued depression in all branches of industry, the affairs of the Society are in a highly satisfactory condition. Favorable as have been the reports presented at the close of the year for the past four or five years, I think that the one presented this year is even more full of promise. This fortunate state of affairs has, however, only been attained by a great deal of exertion, and a very earnest desire on the part of those entrusted with the management of the Society's affairs, to do everything in their power to make it creditable to the Province and worthy of the position it occupies. Through the kindness of the newspaper press of this city, the Report read at the last annual meeting was published next day. It attracted the attention of the then Premier of this Province, the Hon. C. B. DeBoucherville, and a correspondence ensued which ultimately resulted in an interview with the Premier in Montreal, at which a delegation of the society was present. The result was most encouraging, and the Hon. Mr. DeBoucherville expressed a very warm interest in the work of the Society. The delegation pointed out to him some of the disabilities under which they labored, and he agreed to give every attention to any suggestions for the better working of the Society that might be laid before him. A number of suggestions were made, but feeling how important it was that the work should be well and thoroughly done, and partly at Mr.