

ELIHU STEWART, of Collingwood, then made the following remarks:—

The fact of our meeting here to-day is evidence that we are favourable to the idea of forming an Association for Ontario. There are many ways in which an organization such as proposed would be useful to the profession. Every surveyor knows that there are several sections of the Surveyors' Act which need amending, and, without going into detail, he would strongly urge that candidates for final examination should be examined in certain branches of engineering, especially levelling. Also in the Act are several other sections which should receive the attention of the Legislature; but before going that far they should be examined, and proposed amendments advised by those best acquainted with the subject, viz., the surveyors themselves, and this can only be done by a committee appointed by an Association embracing a fair representation of the profession throughout the Province.

He thought we need not further discuss the subject as to the advisability of forming a Provincial Association, and would make the following motion, as there was nothing else before the Chair:—

Moved by Elihu Stewart, seconded by Lewis Bolton, "That we proceed at once to organize."

The motion was then read from the Chair.

G. B. KIRKPATRICK, in speaking to the motion, was very glad to see the movement started for the formation of an Association of Provincial Land Surveyors for Ontario. At present the surveyors were strangers to each other, but meeting together as was proposed, yearly or oftener, for the discussion of matters of interest to the profession, and for the reading of papers of practical utility to them in their work, they would improve themselves, and an interest would be stirred among them to advance the best interests of the profession as was hardly possible in any other way.

He hoped some of the older members would give the younger men the benefit of their experience in some of the disputed cases that have come up before our courts from time to time. He would always be happy to do what he could to help the Association in every way.

From a social point of view he thought that if arrangements could be made so that they could dine together on the evening of their annual meeting, as was usual in similar associations, the interchange of thought and the feeling of union that would be evoked could not fail to have a most happy effect.

H. W. CAMPBELL, of St. Thomas, expressed himself highly in favour of forming an Association, or of co-operating in any measure which would tend to the improving of ourselves and the furthering and elevating of our profession. The legal, medical, and dental professions have each their Association, and in no particular are they considered other than beneficial to their members. He did not see why we in this Province should not organize a similar institution, whereby we might meet and discuss questions of interest and importance. At meetings of such an Association we could propose and advocate changes in the Surveyors' Act, and consider amendments offered thereto which are being constantly introduced by inexperienced men. And as the Ditches and Watercourses Act of 1883 has opened