

between Montreal and Quebec for the detection of treasonable practices. At this period he married Madlle. Adelaide Chaboillez, younger sister of the Lady of Simon McTavish, Esquire, head of the North West Company. In 1804 he received the King's Commission as Surveyor General of the Province.

“ Lieut. Col. Bouchette was of an active and enthusiastic frame of mind : as a public officer he was always efficient and zealous : he was thirty-seven years at the head of the Surveyor General's department in Lower Canada, and was one of the few public officers who stood unimpeached alike by the Executive or by the Assembly. He twice proceeded to England for the publication of his Topographical works, and was graciously received by the Prince Regent and by the Duke of Kent. His heart was kind and sympathizing, hence he had few, if any, personal enemies. Few men have lived more generally beloved, or have died more regretted.”

Although happily not cut off by the stroke of death ; yet we have equal cause to regret the loss by absence of some of our most active members and efficient officers. Captain Bayfield, R. N., Dr. Kelly, R. N., and Dr. Henry, D. I. G. H., the latter two, Vice-Presidents, and all, frequent contributors of excellent scientific Papers, have during the last summer, been called away from this Province on official duties. In bearing testimony to the zeal of your absent members, the Council feels confident of having the concurrence of the Society ; at the same time it is hoped that their example will serve as an excitement among us generally, in the endeavour to supply the want with effect.

Early in the year the Society having been officially notified by the Executive Government, that in consequence of giving up the lease of the building heretofore occupied by the public