

Mr. Casgrain—I don't see there was any right taken away from them. Those who don't want to pay the contribution have simply to notify the Secretary or President of their intention not to practise as land surveyors, and their names are immediately taken off the roll.

Mr. Gibson—If any of these men are unwilling to come into this Association is their standing affected in any way by your incorporation?

Mr. Casgrain—Certainly, for they cannot practice. At first there were some who said they did not see any use in the Act of Incorporation, but it has been decided that no surveyor can get out of paying his dues, and they have all come in. Another thing that helps us is, that the Commissioner of Crown Lands gives no work to a surveyor who has not paid his dues. The law says that those who are entitled to practise in the Province of Quebec are those only whose names appear on the roll published yearly by the Association, and who are in good standing. Supposing you give notice to-day that you do not intend to practise, and some years after you give notice that you want to join again, nothing would be charged against you for the time you have not practised.

Mr. Gibson—Supposing you made a survey during that time would it be legal?

Mr. Casgrain—No; not according to the Act. It is exactly on the same principle as if a lawyer appeared before a judge and he had not paid his dues; no judge will hear his case.

Mr. Gibson—And if I afterwards paid my fees, then would it be legal?

Mr. Casgrain—No; you must pay them before.

Mr. Dickson—Then you are not licensed by the Government but by a board appointed by yourselves?

Mr. Casgrain—Yes.

Mr. Dickson—I think it would be very unfair if a man has a license from the Government to practise and that Act says, in the face of his diploma, unless you pay \$4 a year you cannot practise as a land surveyor.

Mr. Foster—As I understand it the Government delegates its power to appoint surveyors to the incorporated Society.

Mr. Chipman—I can't agree with Mr. Dickson in thinking it is a hardship for a member of the profession to have to pay \$4 a year into the Association when by so doing he is putting \$10 or \$20 into the other pocket. Our Association is putting from \$5 to \$100 a year into every surveyor's pocket that is practising in Ontario; and the fifty or sixty of them who have not seen fit to join our Association I think can now afford to join our incorporation. They may think we are interfering with vested rights, etc., but I am surprised to find those who have spoken in that strain speaking in that way. I think we are doing them a kindness—putting money into their pockets.

Mr. Gibson—This Association would have the privilege of fixing the fees?