

their conviction of its importance, and their hope that the matter will not be allowed to drop, but that further consideration will be given to it during the course of the ensuing Session.

In conclusion, the Council would remind the Members of the Institute, that even should it hereafter be deemed expedient to seek for a change of NAME, it must still rest with the Members of the Institute themselves, by their active co-operation and diligent exertions, to stamp the Association with such an unmistakable character of vitality and usefulness,—to render it so truly a representation of the science and intellect of the Province,—as in a great measure to prevent the danger of its being confounded, (except by those who will not take the trouble to inform themselves,) with associations of less extended or inferior aims.

G. W. ALLAN, *President*.

THIRD ORDINARY MEETING—7th January, 1860.

Hon. G. W. ALLAN, M. L. C. *President, in the Chair.*

I. *The following Gentlemen were elected Members :*

Hon. W. CAYLEY, M. P. P., Toronto.

HENRY CAWTHRA, Esq., Toronto.

II. *The following donations to the Library were announced, and the thanks of the Institute voted to the donors :*

*From the Publishers, B. DAWSON & SON.*

Archæia, or Studies of the Cosmogony and Natural History of the Hebrew Scriptures : by J. W. Dawson, LL.D., F.G.S. One Vol.

*From THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION for Upper Canada.*

Annual Report of the Normal, Model, Grammar and Common Schools in Upper Canada for the year 1858, with Appendix. By the Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada. Two Vols. Unbound.

*From DR. HAYDEN OF ALBANY (through PROF. CHAPMAN.)*

Two Maps of Nebraska Territory.

III. An address presented by the Council to Alex. M. Ross and James Hodges, Civil Engineers, congratulating them upon the opening of the Victoria Bridge, and the reply of those Gentlemen to that address, was read by the Secretary.

Toronto, 19th Dec. 1859.

To Alexander Mackenzie Ross and James Hodges, Esqrs., the Engineer and the Builder of the Victoria Bridge :

Gentlemen,—At a special meeting of the Council of the Canadian Institute, convened this day, the following resolution, congratulating you on the completion of the magnificent work with which your names are so intimately connected, was adopted unanimously.

*Resolved*.—That the Victoria Bridge at Montreal having this day been opened for public traffic, the Council of the Canadian Institute deem it a fitting opportunity to congratulate Messrs Alexander Mackenzie Ross and James Hodges, Civil Engineers, on the completion of that great and noble work.