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The Council of the Canadian Institute has the honor to lay before its members its Fortieth Annual Report.

The Council has much pleasure and gratification in recording an increased interest in the work, and an extension in the influence and prestige of the Institute.

The movement for a universal system of time-reckoning, initiated by Mr. Sandford Fleming, has spread far and wide. A deputation waited on His Excellency Lord Lansdowne in May of last year with regard to this subject, who was kind enough to bring the pamphlet on "Time-Reckoning" before the notice of the Secretary of State, through whom it was sent to all the colonial and foreign governments.

Cosmic or twenty-four hour time is being largely adopted on this continent. Inquiries have lately been received from the government of Hong Kong on this subject. The very enterprising kingdom of Japan has adopted the system as the basis of its time reckoning.

A clock marking cosmic time, the present of an American firm, has been in the reading room of the Institute for over twelve months.

The government of our Province paid the institute the compliment of placing one of its members, Mr. W. Hamilton Merritt, on the Royal Commission to enquire into the Mineral and Mining Resources of the Province. The report is of great value and will largely extend the development of our mineral resources.

The interest in the work of the Institute has not flagged during the past year; there have been 24 ordinary meetings at which 31 papers were read, and 36 meetings of sections at which 39 papers were read, or a total of 70 papers for the session.

The range and character of these communications have been fully equal to the standard of former years; they have been well and fully discussed. The average attendance of the meetings is in advance of last year. The attendance of members in the reading room has also increased.

The Council desires to record its high appreciation of the generosity of the Government in again placing the sum of \$1,000 at the disposal of the Institute for the extension of archaeological research. Through the indefatigable exertions of the curator many valuable additions have been made to the museum from the Province and from the United States. The admirable arrangement of the speci-