

THOMAS FAWCETT, of Gravenhurst, President of the Dominion Land Surveyors' Association, spoke as follows :—

Although he has not been engaged for a number of years in making surveys in the Province to any extent, yet any movement which had for its object the elevation of the standard of the profession met with his entire approval. All classes, professional and otherwise, have found it advantageous to form themselves into societies for the means of self-protection, and for the purpose of better securing their rights. There is no reason, so far as he could discern, why the Provincial Land Surveyors of this Province should be an exception to that rule. He could easily see how meetings of the Association, if properly conducted, may be a great means of education. In a profession covering so wide a field as that of land surveying, it is next to impossible for any one person to become an expert in all its branches ; but through the medium of papers prepared by different persons on the branches to which they had devoted the most study, and through experience acquired knowledge, facilities would be offered for gaining information which do not now exist, and all members of the profession would be benefited by attending the meetings. For those reasons he was ready to support the movement.

LEWIS BOLTON, of Listowel, thought an organization of the kind proposed would be beneficial to the profession. At our meetings we could discuss the Survey Act and matters connected with our practice. He thought it would result in a great amount of good for Surveyors to meet and see each other. He would assist as far as possible in forming an Association.

ALEXANDER NIVEN, of Haliburton, said he was very glad indeed to see such a good representation of the Surveyors of Ontario as was here to-day, and he thought it looked well for the future.

He thought it very desirable to form an Association ; it would bring the Members of the profession together once a year, and an interchange of views and discussion of matters in which they were all interested would certainly be beneficial.

The Surveyors' Act required amendments, as there were often cases turning up in the practice of surveying to which the Act did not apply.

He would recommend the organization of a society at once, and although they could not now tell exactly what was required, they would after a few meetings know better what was wanted.

WILLIAM SPRY, of Toronto, was not very sanguine as to the success of an Association unless it was a very inexpensive one. Unlike the legal and medical professions, which were constantly increasing and becoming more lucrative, our profession was dying out. In surveying there were no prizes to be looked forward to, as in law or medicine. He considered that there were more surveyors than there was necessity for. He thought he could attend to all the local surveying in one or two counties himself if he had a horse. He approved of the sentiments expressed in the letter read by Mr. Klotz. He also stated that he had not practised as a Provincial Land Surveyor for twenty years, having been engaged on railroad work.