

was graciously pleased to lay the foundation stone, in the presence of the Council and a large body of the members.

On the evening of the same day, the members of the Institute assembled, by invitation, to a *Conversazione* at Moss Park, the residence of G. W. Allan, Esq., Vice-President, when His Excellency the Governor General again honoured them with his presence. An interesting collection of objects of natural history and works of art was provided for inspection. Professors Bovell, Croft, Cherriman and Hincks, and Mr. Glen, exhibited a variety of preparations by means of microscopes they had contributed for the use of the members; and papers were read: by Professor Wilson "On Some Associations of the Canadian and English Maple," and by Paul Kane, Esq., "Notes of a Trip to Lord Selkirk's Settlement on Red River, Hudson Bay Company's Territory." The *Conversazione* proved a highly agreeable reunion, attracting an unusually numerous attendance of members, and placing the Institute under additional obligations to the Vice-President for bringing them together, in circumstances calculated to give a fresh stimulus to the proceedings of the ensuing session, and to have a permanently beneficial effect on the Society.

The Council have much pleasure in congratulating the members on so auspicious a commencement of operations for providing permanent accommodation for the Library and Museum, and a suitable Hall for their meetings, in a building exclusively devoted to the use of the Institute. They recommend to their successors to carry out the object with as little delay as possible; while at the same time it is their duty to remind the members that further liberality on their part will be requisite to enable the Council to execute the plans furnished by the architect, even in a modified form.

The rapid increase in the number of the members of the Institute has forced on the notice of the Council the impossibility of meeting future applications for the early numbers of the *Journal*, or of obtaining complete sets to present to corresponding Societies; and as the only alternative open to them was the reprinting the earlier numbers at a considerable cost, or commencing a new series: after mature consideration they have determined on the latter course as in all respects most conducive to the best interests of the Society. The necessity of such a change has led to a reconsideration of the whole plan of the *Journal*, with a view to the more effectual accomplishment of the objects for which it was instituted, and the Council have accordingly, after much deliberation, prepared a scheme for conducting the new series of the *Journal*, to be submitted to the consideration of the members, at the Annual General Meeting. In laying this plan before the Institute, the Council feel bound to refer to the continued success of the *Journal*, under its present management, and to record their sense of the zeal with which Professor Hind has fulfilled his duties as editor of the series which it is now proposed to bring to a close.

The Canadian Journal—New Series.

1. The *Journal* to be published in octavo form, each alternate month, beginning with January, 1856.
2. All "Original Communications" to be inserted first, under this or some similar general heading, and whether long or short, to have invariably the name or initials of the author.
3. Original Reviews to form the Second Division in each number, and Reports of the Meetings of the Institute and other Societies, the Third Division.
4. All matter derived from published sources, to be printed in small type, and to form a distinct division, or appendix, under the title of "Scientific and Literary Excerpts," or some other similar heading.
5. The conduct of the *Journal* to be entrusted to an Editing Committee, to be annually nominated by the Council from the general body of the Members of the Institution, at their first meeting in November.

6. The Council to elect one of their Editing Committee as Convener, who shall perform the duties of General Editor in the conduct of the *Journal*, receiving and transmitting communications and works for review, to the members of the Committee to whom their subjects pertain; and exercising the general oversight requisite for the successful issue of a periodical publication.

7. The Convener to summon the Committee, once at least in the interval between the publication of each number, to deliberate on the contents of the succeeding number.

8. To be incumbent on each Member of the Editing Committee to endeavour to obtain original communications of interest and value in his own department, in addition to his own personal contributions.

9. The duties of the Editing Committee, to be classified and divided among its members, according to the following subdivisions, subject to alteration or addition by the Council:—I. Geology and Mineralogy. II. Physiology and Natural History III. Ethnology and Archeology. IV. Agricultural Science. V. Chemistry. VI. Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. VII. Engineering and Architecture.

The Council have much pleasure in congratulating the members on the highly satisfactory results shown by their financial statement for the present year, notwithstanding the extraordinary expenditure unavoidably incurred, in consequence of the removal from the rooms hitherto occupied, free of cost, in Government House, and the increase in the items of salary and rent, which the Treasurer's accounts show, in comparison with last year. The following statement, it will be seen, includes a sum of £150, received from the Athenæum, being the balance of two annual grants of £100 each, made by the Legislature to the Athenæum, for the purpose of carrying out the special objects which the Canadian Institute has now undertaken to accomplish. Of this sum, the Council recommend that £75 be added to the Building Fund, as an object in which the Library department is specially interested, and that the remainder be expended on books. The subjoined statement exhibits a balance in favour of the Institute of £1438 18s. 4d. This, however, it must be borne in remembrance, not only includes the special Government Grant of £1000 to the Building Fund, but also the sum of £187. 2s. of arrears and money due on account of *Journal*, no portion of which has yet been received by the Treasurer. The balance from 1854 also embraced, in like manner, the arrears of the year. In addition to this, there remain several outstanding accounts, including one of Messrs. Jacques and Hay, for fitting up the rooms now occupied by the Institute, in York Buildings, and for providing the requisite shelving for the large additions to the Library, consequent on the acquisition of the valuable collection of Books hitherto pertaining to the Toronto Athenæum, as well as the considerable additions acquired by donation and purchase. After all accounts are discharged, there will still remain a balance in hand, some portion of which the new Council will probably deem it advisable to transfer to the Building Fund.

ESTIMATE OF THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE.

	£	s.	d.
Cash Balance from last year	85	16	3
" for Sale of <i>Journal</i>	£134	1	1½
" " Subscriptions received	804	11	5
" Waste Paper sold.....	2	6	10
" Due by Subscribers on account of <i>Journal</i>	£ 49	8	9
" Arrears due by Members	137	13	3
" Government Grant for 1854.....	250	0	0
" " " for 1855.....	250	0	0
" " " in aid of Building	1000	0	0
" due on union of the Athenæum with the Institute...	150	0	0
	£2363	17	7