

A NATIONAL MUSEUM WANTED.

MR. B. T. A. BELL.—Those of the members of the Society who participated in the proceedings of the Mining Convention at Montreal will remember that one of the resolutions unanimously adopted there related to the necessity of larger and more adequate accommodation for the magnificent collection of the Geological Survey at Ottawa. The building was not only too small for the wants and uses of this most important branch of the public service, but its surroundings endangered its destruction by fire. Only during the past few days the building had been found to give indications of falling in and a force of men were at work putting in additional support. The time had arrived when the Dominion Government should provide a building more suited to the requirements of this valuable public collection. The Boards of Trade in Upper Canada were pressing the matter on the attention of the authorities, and he thought the Society might contribute its influence to the same end. He would move a resolution to that effect and that a copy of it be forwarded by the Secretary to the Hon. the Minister of the Interior and also to the various members of Parliament in the Province.

MR. JOHN HARDMAM seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.