

indefatigable Secretary insists upon a report also, I had hastily prepared the foregoing during the morning, and I hope that Mr. President and the members will bear with what has been written.

I should have said at the outset that I used my best endeavours to induce a few of the principal American instrument manufacturers to send an exhibit to our meeting, and from the correspondence I believe it is useless to expect them to come and face our Customs regulations. This year I did not ask our Toronto makers to repeat their last year's exhibit. I saw some of the stationers and others, and in response Messrs. Hart & Co., the Map and School Supply Company, and some others, have sent in some lines in which we are interested. These will be found somewhat more in detail in another part of this Report.

Respectfully submitted.

G. B. ABREY,
Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYORS OF ONTARIO,—It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our Third Annual Meeting. Let us, in the first place, render our thanks to the great Architect of the universe for His protecting care during the past year, and invoke the Divine blessing on that on which we have entered. We meet to-day with bright prospects for the future. Our membership now stands at one hundred and twenty-two, an increase of forty-seven over that of our last annual meeting. I trust that before long all the live, active men of our profession will have enrolled themselves in our ranks. It rests with yourselves, gentlemen, to make the Association a success; you all know the old proverb, "God helps those who help themselves." I hope that none of you will allow the well-known timidity and bashfulness of our profession to stand in the way of letting "your light shine" for the benefit of your fellows.

I have to announce the removal by death of one of our number since last we met, Mr. H. H. Stephens, of Owen Sound, who died last year after a short illness.

It was only yesterday when it was my mournful privilege to follow to the grave one who has left his mark on the annals of his country; one, too, who was second to none in his endeavours to advance the status of the surveyor, who, if I mistake not, was the "father of our Survey Act," and the "inaugurator of the Board of Examiners," who was the first Assistant-Commissioner of Crown Lands, and afterwards held an important position in the Dominion Lands Branch of the Department of the Interior. I allude to the late Andrew Russell, who passed away in this city, on Friday last, the twenty-fourth of February, in his eighty-fourth year. I have always looked on Mr. Russell as the connecting link with a bygone generation. It is given