

be one of arrears of subscriptions, and our only liabilities were a few accounts which happened to be outstanding at the end of the year. He had to thank the Finance Committee for attending eighteen or twenty meetings during the year. An effort had been made to have all accounts sent in and paid monthly. If a more elaborate system of accounts was undertaken, it would be necessary to procure additional clerical help. He had himself attended the rooms of the Society on some eighty evenings during the year, and was really not able to give more time to the work.

Mr. E. P. Hannaford thought that the Council should give the Mr. E. P. Hannaford. Treasurer some assistance.

The Chairman suggested that in future the financial statement The Chairman. might contain two columns, one for the year just closed, and the other for the preceding year.

The Chairman said that our position was really better than had been shown by the Treasurer, that last year there were outstanding accounts estimated at \$1,267, which had been paid during the current year.

Col. Anderson, Mr. Chipman, and others, who had taken part in the discussion, expressed their entire satisfaction with the explanations.

Mr. J. H. Armstrong asked for an explanation in regard to the Mr. J. H. Armstrong. effect of the Quebec Act upon the original members of the Society and those now joining.

The Secretary in explanation stated that all members of the The Secretary. Society at the time of the passing of the Act have full rights in regard to practice in the Province of Quebec, but that with regard to future members, the Council had pointed out in their report that those who wished to qualify for practice in the Province of Quebec should pass the prescribed examinations, and otherwise conform to the requirements of the Act.

In answer to Mr. D. MacPherson, the Secretary further stated that no new member of the Society, unless he joins under the conditions of the Quebec Act, will be qualified to practice within the Province.

The Chairman then called up Mr. W. Chipman, Chairman of the Ontario Committee on Legislation, to read the report of the Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

To the President and Members

of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

Gentlemen:—Your special committee appointed to prepare a "Bill concerning Civil Engineers," and promote its passage through the