

setting forth these views was prepared by the Section, approved by the Institute, and forwarded to the Dominion Government in May of last year. In answer to this memorial the Government replied on the 28th September, that an Order in Council was passed creating a division of the Geological Survey to attend to these matters. Furthermore, in reply to an interview had with the Deputy-Minister of the Interior by an authorized sub-committee of the Section, consisting of the chairman and secretary, the Minister stated: (1) That the officers of the division referred to have been appointed; (2) That the publication of statistics and information by this division will hereafter be much more prompt after the close of each year than hitherto; (3) That the Dominion Government has co-operated and will co-operate with the Provincial Governments in the direction of acquiring mining and metallurgical information; and (4) That the Government is considering the publication of all reports of the Geological Survey relating to mining and metallurgy in Canada since 1863 in connection with the work of the forthcoming census.

A select committee of the Section has also prepared an exhaustive report, with tables of exports and imports, on the minerals and raw metallurgical products of the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and the other Colonies of the Empire, more especially in regard to the trade of the several countries with each other.

In addition to the foregoing work accomplished by the Section, papers were read at the several meetings as follows:

1. "On the Mineral Production of Canada in 1886-7," by Wm. Hamilton Merritt.
2. "On Iron and other Ores of Ontario," by James T. B. Ives.
3. "On certain Lacustrine Deposits and their Economic Values," by Arthur Harvey.
4. "On the Physical Aspects of Iron Smelting," by Samuel D. Mills, of St. Ignace, Michigan.
5. "Notes on Thunder Bay Silver Ores," by Robert B. Headley, of Port Arthur.
6. "Notes on New Jersey Iron Ores," by Wm. Hamilton Merritt.

Two officers elected at the organization of the Section, viz.: Alexander McNabb, Vice-Chairman; and J. T. B. Ives, Curator, having resigned in consequence of leaving the country, their places were filled by the appointment thereto of Arthur Harvey and David Boyle, respectively.

The following officers of the Section have been elected for the Institute year, beginning May 1st, 1888.

Chairman, William Hamilton Merritt; Vice-Chairman, Arthur Harvey; Secretary, A. Blue; Executive Committee, John Notman, A. Elvins, R. W. Phipps, Dr. P. H. Bryce and A. F. Chamberlain.

A. BLUE,
Secretary.

Resolution adopted unanimously by the Geological and Mining Section of the Canadian Institute, at Toronto, on the 26th April, 1888:

Whereas, the late Hon. Thomas White, Minister of the Interior, for years recognized the importance of the mineral and metallurgical interests of the Dominion of Canada, and previous to taking office in the Government ably advocated through the press the desirability of more attention being paid to their development; and whereas, since taking office he has reorganized the Geological Survey so that a division of it may accomplish a practical utility in keeping a record of mining and metallurgical development in Canada, and has also made important and beneficial changes in our mining laws; Be it resolved, that, while expressing the most profound sorrow at his death, the Geological and Mining Section of the Canadian Institute desires to bear record to the great benefits accomplished by the deceased during his short term of office for the mineral interests of the Dominion of Canada; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his son, Mr. Robert White.

TORONTO, April 26th, 1888.