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Editor CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER.

DEAR SIR,—The officers of the Builders' Exchange here are elected the third Tuesday in January of each year. I cannot give you much information until the annual meeting takes place, but I think it very probable that our present organization will disband and reorganize. Last year it was decided to work the Exchange as a Federation of Trade Associations, but owing to some of the trades refusing to form an Association and elect representatives, it hasn't given entire satisfaction, and I expect there will be a change. I think in Ontario we want a central organization to devise and adopt a constitution and a principle of formation that must be uniform throughout the province. I would favor a meeting being called in some central place and delegates invited to attend from all cities or towns already having or desirous of forming an Association. It might be done now before the busy season commences.

As you have doubtless seen by the papers, our long vexed question with the Architects here, concerning the form of contract to be used here, has been amicably settled, and we have now the best agreement in force in this country. Will forward you copies, and you will see that there are only one or two variations from our original one that I sent you last spring. After all differences had been settled and the agreement signed by every architect in the city, the builders got up a big supper in the Grigg House. All the architects were present, besides a goodly number of representative men (about 200 sat down to table) and a very enjoyable evening was spent, toasts, speeches and songs being in order till about 1 a.m. The architects especially required that such a meeting might recur on every succeeding anniversary. The management committee, owing to limited time, omitted to send invitations to kindred associations, also to the management of your valuable journal, for which we tender you our sincere regrets, and assure you that such omissions shall not occur on any future gathering of the kind. I remain,

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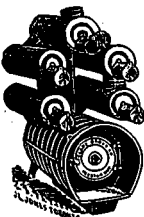
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