

erican Foundrymen's Association, who has charge of the entertainment to be furnished at Toronto, together with several members of the Manufacturers' Association and others interested in the success of the Convention and Exhibit, were also present to assist in the planning for that event.

The fine large exhibit buildings were inspected and all of the members were much pleased with the facilities furnished.

Two new applications for membership were received during the meeting, making a total of six new members within a week. A considerable number of applications have also been received thus early for exhibit space, both in the power section and in the Process Building.

One interesting feature was the fact that Mr. DeClercy, of Montreal, presented his application for membership, and offered to exhibit one of his French cupolas in operation, so as to furnish molding machine exhibitors with iron for pouring molds. This is the first time that the Association has had melted iron available at the Convention.

The space rates this year were fixed as follows:—25c. per square foot for the first 100 feet, 20c. per square foot for the second 100 square feet, and 15c. per square foot for all additional space. This charge includes light and power from shafting where this is necessary.

Special arrangements will be made where firms desire extra illumination in the way of electric signs or electric display. Intending exhibitors will kindly note the fact that the building now contains a large number of booths, so that most, if not all, of the exhibitors can be provided at least with railings; also that the floors are of such a nature that they require no extra floors upon them, as was the case at Philadelphia. This makes it possible to exhibit much more cheaply than heretofore.

Among the rules passed by the committee for the guidance of the secretary for this year are the following:—

No exhibits can be received for installation in the buildings until freight and other charges have been paid.

A payment of 25 per cent. of the space charge is to be made within ten days of the time of allotment, and the balance paid not later than ten days previous to the Convention.

No space shall be allotted to a given firm or person until all dues and other accounts due the Association from such firm or person shall have been paid in full.

Non-members of the Association shall be charged an admission fee of 25c. to the Exhibit, Association members being admitted by badge.

The matter of co-operation with the local Toronto Entertainment Committee was discussed, and it was voted to make a definite subscription of \$500 to their entertainment fund, and in addition to give the Toronto Entertainment Committee \$40 from the initiation fee and dues of each new member joining the Association from Canada and taking part in this year's Convention and Exhibit.

## CANADIAN MINING INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute held last week in Ottawa was a most successful one. The attendance was large, debates and elections decidedly entertaining, and some thirty papers were presented for consideration.

Dr. W. G. Miller was elected president by acclamation, and the following officers were elected by ballot:—Vice-presidents, G. E. Drummond, Montreal; Dr. Barlow, Ottawa, and W. Flett Robertson, Victoria, B.C.; secretary, H. Mortimer-Lamb, Montreal; treasurer, J. Stevenson Brown, Montreal; council, W. M. Brewer, Victoria, B.C.; Arthur Cole, Cobalt; R. H. Drury, Montreal; Charles Fergie, Glace Bay, N.S.; J. E. Hardman, Montreal; R. T. Hopper, Montreal; J. McNab, Trail, B.C.; W. F. C. Parsons, Londonderry, N.S.; R. W. Robb, Amherst, N.S.; O. B. Smith, Phoenix, B.C.; R. H. Stewart, Rossland, B.C.; J. B. Tyrell, Toronto.

The retiring president, Mr. F. Keffer, in his annual address, referred to the visit to Canada of the London Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, next autumn on the invitation of the Canadian Institute. The London institute delegates, if possible, will visit all the mining centres, including British

Columbia. Mr. Keffer expressed gratification at the increase in membership from five hundred to seven hundred during the year, but deprecated the dissension which seemed developing between the members in Ontario and Quebec. Such dissension, he said, endangered the life of the Institute and some of the members in British Columbia favored forming an independent institute of western mining men. Personally he strongly favored the preservation of the national character and scope of the Institute, as independent provincial institutes would be suicidal. He also referred in appreciative terms to the move of the Institute to have branch libraries in various mining centres.

The treasurer's report, presented by Mr. J. Stevenson Brown, of Montreal, showed the gross receipts for the year, including a balance of \$1,354 from 1906, of \$11,396. The disbursements amounted to \$7,923, leaving a balance on hand of \$3,472. The receipts included a Dominion Government grant of \$3,000, a provincial grant of \$1,500, and membership fees, \$4,362.

The report of the secretary, Mr. H. Mortimer-Lamb, referred to the establishment of three branches of the Institute; Western men at Nelson, with A. B. W. Hodges, Grand Forks, as president, and E. Jacobs, Victoria, secretary; Cobalt Institute, A. A. Cole, president; and G. R. Harty, secretary, and the Eastern branch, at Montreal, with Geo. E. Drummond as president, and J. W. Bell as secretary. Appreciation was expressed at the formation of the federal department of mines and in the increase of the Federal Government grant to the Institute from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Mr. Lamb reported that Mr. Frank E. Lathe, of McGill University, had been awarded the president's gold medal for the best paper by a student member.

A resolution was adopted to memorialize the Dominion and Provincial Governments in favor of securing some more uniform system of mining legislation throughout the Dominion. Much fault was found with the present mining laws, many criticisms being levelled at the Ontario Government's policy of continuous change in laws through the passing of Orders-in-Council. Mining engineers present complained that the changeable policy of the Provincial Government prevented the development of mining property and drove away capital. It was also urged that the prospector was not adequately protected.

## DOMINION LAND SURVEYORS.

The results of the final examination for Dominion Land surveyors have been announced. Eighteen presented themselves for examination, and twelve were successful.

The successful men were:—H. G. Barber, Ottawa, Ont.; W. B. Bucknill, Winnipeg, Man.; A. Findlay, Winnipeg, Man.; F. H. Kitto, Edmonton, Alta.; B. F. Mitchell, Toronto, Ont.; T. H. Plunkett, Toronto, Ont.; C. Rinfret, St. Stanislas, P.Q.; E. W. Robinson, Victoria, B.C.; H. T. Routley, Haileybury, Ont.; H. M. R. Soars, Edmonton, Alta.; F. J. Steele, Ottawa, Ont.; A. S. Stewart, Edmonton, Alta.

## FINANCIAL HISTORY OF THE QUEBEC BRIDGE AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

In 1887 the company was given its charter, and at that time was capitalized at \$1,000,000, a very low capitalization for company undertaking a task, the probable cost of which was placed at \$12,000,000.

The stock payments of the company on the authority of the certificate of the secretary of the company shows, thus:—

968 shares, 25 per cent. paid up .....	\$48,200
125 shares, 4 per cent. paid up .....	500
150 shares, 100 per cent. paid up .....	15,000
1,243 shares, paid up .....	\$63,700

Of this it has been said, \$15,000 was paid in notes, not in cash, thus leaving the real capital at \$48,700.