

THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF MONTREAL.

ANNUAL MEETING. REPORTS OF SECRETARY AND
TREASURER. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Insurance Institute was held on the evening of the 5th inst., in the handsome room known as, "The Ladies' Ordinary," Windsor Hotel. There was a fair attendance of members. The chair was occupied by the retiring president, Mr. B. Hal Brown, who has devoted considerable time to the duties of the office and spared no pains in promoting the interests of the Institute. He stated that the Council had been most persevering in its efforts to secure suitable, permanent quarters, the acquisition of which is so desirable, indeed essential to the progress of the Institute. This effort had so far been unsuccessful, but hopes were entertained that the incoming Council would be more fortunate. He much regretted that the scheme of classes for the members where technical instruction was arranged to be given on matters relative to insurance, etc., had not met with appreciation. He referred approvingly to the proposal to give ladies the privilege of membership, whose presence at the meetings he thought would be beneficial. He urged the members to take more active interest in the Institute and assured the meeting that those with whom he had been associated on the Governing Council had been most indefatigable in their efforts to promote the interests of the Institute and render it worthy of this great centre of insurance business.

In the absence from the city of the secretary, Mr. T. L. Morrissey, his report was read by the assistant secretary, Mr. C. D. Cornell, who is spoken of as having been most assiduous in attending to his official duties. The following is a synopsis of the secretary's report which was adopted.

The report gives the Syllabus of papers read in past Session. Reference is made to the Federation of Insurance Institutes of Great Britain and Ireland inviting the Montreal Institute to furnish a paper for publication in the journal of "Federated Societies," which task was undertaken by Mr. David Burke, A.I.A., F.S.S., his paper being, "Canada as a Field for Life Assurance." Allusions follow to the Institute Dinner, the effort to secure permanent quarters and the question of admitting ladies to membership. The number of members was stated to be 283 as against 228 at close of last year. The reduced fee of \$1 for associates was stated to have increased the membership.

Mr. H. A. Fromings, the treasurer, then read his report which showed the gross receipts from all sources to have amounted to \$1,495 and disbursements \$1,131 leaving a balance in hand of \$364. The members were solicited to purchase copies of the Record of the Institute which has been published in a neatly bound volume, containing a report of the proceedings of the Institute, lists of members,

and a copy of each of the papers read during the last Session.

Mr. David Burke, A.I.A., moved a resolution to amend Article VII. of the Constitution so as to read:

"The Institute shall be governed by a Council of twenty members, which shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, an honorary-secretary, an honorary-treasurer and fifteen ordinary members of Council. Five of the latter may be selected from the Associate Members, but all the others must be selected from the Executive Members."

This amendment was passed unanimously, after which a ballot was taken for the Officers and Governing Council for 1903-4. The following is a list of those elected.

President, E. P. Heaton.

Vice-presidents, Alf. McDougald, T. L. Morrissey.

Hon.-secretary, Geo. Lyman.

Hon.-treasurer, C. C. Hole.

Governing Council:

Executive, S. P. Stearns (Equitable), A. H. Lavers (Ætna Life), A. R. Howell (Royal Life), J. E. E. Dickson (Law U. & Crown), P. M. Wickham (Alliance), J. Gardner Thompson (L. & L. & G.), H. M. Lambert (National), A. B. Wood (Sun Life), D. M. McGoun (Standard), A. J. Dale (Bond, Dale & Co.).

Associate, P. F. Mathias (Atlas), S. A. A. Watt (Guardian), Allan MacDuff (N. B. & Mercantile), C. J. Alloway (L. & L. Life), M. Burke (Royal Victoria).

A number of new member were elected.

After the business was concluded the following programme was rendered:

Recitations, Mr. J. B. Giles; songs, Mr. E. H. Bisset; songs, Mr. H. A. Whitley; song, Mr. W. H. Jackson; song, Mr. J. C. Barlow, (with Violin obligato by Mr. C. H. Routh). Refreshments were served in the room adjoining the Ladies' Ordinary and some time spent socially. It was announced that the annual dinner will be held during next month.

We congratulate the Institute upon having elected Mr. E. P. Heaton as president for the ensuing year, who will have the support of a progressive and, we trust, an aggressive Governing Council. A vigorous effort requires making, an effort inspired by enterprise, to make the meetings of the Institute more attractive, especially to the younger members. The attendance hitherto has not been satisfactory. Why the members have shown so little interest in the periodic meetings should be thoroughly studied. Is it wise to restrict the entertainments to members? Do not young men dislike to break off from their ordinary companions to attend any meetings, or lectures, or amusements? Could not several popular scientific lectures, with experiments, be arranged to be given,