

issued in pamphlet form as well as printed in the Transactions of the Society and the Records of their Annual Meeting. "Progress Report of the Special Committee on Uniform Tests of Cement, presented at the Annual Meeting, January 21st, 1903." They give the names of the committee and they say, "This report is re-printed for the purpose of receiving comment and discussion, which may be useful to the committee in formulating its final report." This was a Progress Report, and in fact their committee is a standing committee. It is not final. From year to year they keep adding to it.

THE PRESIDENT: It is more than that. It is exactly in the line of the suggestions I have just made; that instead of this committee adopting your report that it print it and distribute it among the members of the Society for suggestions. It is printed for the purpose of making it the basis of new suggestions for the specification, for which the Society will be responsible.

MR. JAMESON: One fact remains, that their specifications and their methods of testing have been almost universally adopted by their members, and largely by others in the United States. Without giving it any more sanction than that. If we are going to do anything as a Society, if we are going to have our members say, "In accordance with the specification of the American Society of Civil Engineers," or enable them to say, "In accordance with the specification of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers," that is the question for you to deal with.

MR. COSTE: I rise to a point of order, Mr. Chairman. I am going to make myself a nuisance to the last, but this discussion is entirely out of order. We are not discussing a question of that kind. Mr. Jameson is presenting his report. The remarks of Mr. Jameson are not in point at all. We are not discussing what the Americans are doing or what we are going to do with Mr. Jameson's report. There is nothing personal in my objection. It is merely a question of procedure. Our meeting is, I contend, becoming an absolute farce. We have over 400 members of the Society, and there are twenty-four of us here in the room to discuss a question of this kind.

THE PRESIDENT: Perhaps it would be well to bring it to a close by putting a motion, Mr. Jameson.

MR. ARMSTRONG: I have a motion to offer. I move that the first part of the report which Mr. Jameson has read be divided into three heads; the first part, then the recommendation and then the question as to the weight be accepted. And that the other part of the report be referred to the Council with power to put it before the members of the Society and discuss it. They might, if they thought fit, issue it as a provisional specification for testing and use of cement.

THE PRESIDENT: Will you shorten it by saying that you move that the report of the Cement Committee be received.

MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, and that it be considered in sections. Each part must be considered by itself. You must divide it into sections so that we will discuss one point at a time. Mr. Coutlee seconds my motion.

MR. COSTE: I move that the report just read of the cement testing be referred to the incoming Council of the Society of Civil Engineers for their consideration and for any action they may take in regard to it.

MR. MORRIS: I second that. That is practically the resolution I wished to make.

MR. J. H. HUNTER: I move in amendment that the report be received and issued to all members, and that after a reasonable time a letter ballot should be taken on adoption of the specification of the committee as a provisional specification, and that the present committee be continued as a standing committee to keep it up-to-date.

MR. COSTE: The last speaker's motion is out of order. It is not in continuation of what we have done before. It was decided by the former resolution moved by Mr. Kerry that the Council is to appoint these committees and ask them to report to the Council instead of at the Annual Meeting.

THE PRESIDENT: Not that the council is to appoint the committee. The Annual Meeting may appoint any committees it pleases, but they must report to the next Annual Meeting through the Council.

MR. COSTE: My motion was made with that in view, that this report should be treated as any future report will be treated; that this report be referred to Council for any action it sees fit to take.

If Council wants to have it printed and distributed, then we will get it.

THE PRESIDENT: The adoption of our procedure is so new that I had almost forgotten it. We adopted a resolution this morning to the effect that the reports of all committees appointed by the Annual Meeting shall be made to the next Annual Meeting through the Council, with such modifications and directions as the Council may be pleased to attach. Here is the first report coming up after that procedure has been adopted by the Annual Meeting. I think I must rule in view of that, that any other procedure is out of order.

MR. HUNTER: Then I will withdraw my amendment, Mr. President.

MR. LEGRAND: Mr. President, do I understand by what you have said last that the Society cannot do anything this year? Then where are we with that specification?

THE SECRETARY: The Council would be quite in order under the general instruction of the action as proposed by Mr. Coste, to deal with this report as I think Mr. Jameson really wishes it dealt with as a progress report and to send it out, if the Council so acts, to the membership and get their criticism and opinion, so that the progress report may be of value to the membership. Mr. Coste's motion will permit that action and will also, I think, be in harmony with the resolution adopted earlier in the day.

THE PRESIDENT: It does not interfere in any way with the power of this meeting to continue this committee.

MR. LEGRAND: By the resolution we ask the committee to report to the next Annual Meeting. So we cannot do anything this year.

MR. JAMESON: Any motion that will bring this properly before the Society either through the Council or through the Annual Meeting itself is satisfactory to me. We want to make use of it and any way that we consider that we can best get it in that form so that it will be available in the near future will be satisfactory. I am perfectly agreeable to have it brought before the incoming Council and dealt with by them. We have not asked in the report to be continued. I did suggest a standing committee on such subjects as this. It is for the meeting to deal with that. It would be advantageous in the way of getting continuity.

MR. ARMSTRONG: My motion has been put in writing and is "resolved that the report of the committee be received and that the first part of the report as read be taken up in three sections and considered, and that the second part of the report as printed be referred to the Council to have it printed and distributed to the members for discussion and that the Council be authorized to publish it generally as the provisional standard specification of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers on cement and cement testing."

MR. COSTE: My motion is a very simple one. I move, seconded by Mr. Morris, that the report on Cement be printed, distributed to the members and referred to the incoming Council for action.

THE PRESIDENT: I shall put Mr. Coste's amendment first. You have just heard it. Is it your pleasure that the amendment be adopted?—Carried. That disposes of the main motion, I think. Another question arises, what shall the Annual Meeting do with respect to this Committee on Cement? Shall that committee be continued or shall we adopt the suggestion of the report that a standing committee be formed?

MR. LEGRAND: I move, seconded by Mr. Hunter, that the present Committee on Cement be appointed a standing committee.

MR. COSTE: With the proviso, of course, that the committee does not report to the Annual Meeting.

THE PRESIDENT: That would be understood. I declare the motion carried.

(At one o'clock adjourned to 2.30.)

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Saturday, 30th January, 3 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT: I have to announce the result of the vote re the sections. That is simply a sort of plebiscite giving the general opinion of the Society on the question of abolishing the four sections and returning to the old system. The vote stood 50 in favour of abolishing the sections and 60 against. A total vote of 110, which is an extremely small vote from the Society on such an important subject. I should interpret the meaning of that to be absolutely nothing. So few have voted and the numbers are so nearly even. It is of no force. It was for the purpose of giving