

it was resolved that the local secretaries be instructed to enforce the by-law regarding members in arrears.

A question arose as to the numbering of the recently formed Toronto association, and Secretary Robertson said it was entered as "Toronto No. 2," at the request of the association itself. It was pointed out by some members that another branch being already known as No. 2, this would lead to confusion.

Bro. Geo. Mackie moved, seconded by Bro. McNaughton, that when the present stationery ran out, the name of Toronto No. 2 be changed to No. 18. Carried.

Bro. Dixon thought that locally the new Toronto branch could still be known as No. 2, and the No. 18 could be used in convention matters.

The convention then adjourned till afternoon, when Bros. Dixon, Asselstine, and Grundy were appointed scrutineers for the election of officers. The election resulted as follows, the first three being returned by acclamation:

President, W. F. Chapman, Brockville.

Vice-president, R. C. Pettigrew, Hamilton.

Secretary, J. G. Robertson, Montreal.

Treasurer, G. C. Mooring, Toronto.

Conductor, Wm. Bear, Dresden.

Doorkeeper, John L. Wendell, Waterloo.

Bro. Robertson moved, seconded by Bro. Dixon, that the next annual convention be held at Berlin.

Bro. Fox moved, seconded by Bro. Bain, that the next convention be held at Toronto.

Upon a show of hands the question was decided in favor of Berlin.

The installation of the new officers then took place, Bro. Ryan being appointed installing officer.

In the absence of the Mayor, Judge Snider performed the ceremony of pinning the past president's jewel on the breast of the past president, remarking as he did so, that he had heard of past president Philip's intelligence and uprightness in the discharge of his high office, and it gave him, therefore, especial pleasure in being the medium of presenting the jewel. Bro. Philip replied in suitable terms. The work of the officers was carried on under difficulties, and the only way to make it a success was for each one to do what lay in his power.

Bro. Ryan was then asked to present himself before Judge Snider, and was evidently surprised at the request. He was still more surprised when a past president's jewel was taken out of a case and pinned on his breast. Judge Snider assured Bro. Ryan that this token expressed the feeling of reverence and esteem in which the association held him for his past efficient services.

Bro. Ryan said he could hardly tell how surprised he was at this manifestation of good-will, and he could only say just now that he would persevere in his efforts to promote the good of the association.

On motion of Bro. Dixon, seconded by Bro. Mackie, a vote of thanks was passed to Judge Snider for his kindness in attending at this function; and a similar vote to Bro. Ryan for the way in which he had fulfilled his duties as installing officer.

On motion of Bro. Mooring, seconded by Bro. Mackie, a gratuity of \$25 was presented to Bro. Robertson for his efficient services as secretary.

The price of the new handbook was fixed at 25 cents to members, and 50 cents to outsiders.

On motion of Bro. Dixon, seconded by Bro. Philip, a vote of thanks was passed to THE CANADIAN ENGINEER for its report of the convention, and the interest it had taken in the progress of the association.

Bro. Wickens, who now arrived, being asked as to the license bill, said a circular had been sent to all members explaining the proposed Bill and soliciting their support. About 50 promises were received, but when the deputation went before the Minister of Justice, he held that under the B.N.A. Act, the Dominion Parliament had no jurisdiction. The Marine Engineers were brought under license from the Federal Government, because they were a part of the machinery of the trade and commerce of the country, over which it had jurisdiction, but it was not so with Stationary Engineers. Hence the Minister argued that the Provincial Government only had the right to pass such a law. The Ontario Association of

Stationary Engineers had put up the expenses of the deputation, to the extent of \$200, and they had appropriated \$150 more for prosecuting the measure in the Ontario House.

After some discussion it was decided that the committee of this association should co-operate with the committee of the Ontario Association of Stationary Engineers, with a view to obtaining the necessary legislation.

On motion of Bro. Philip, seconded by Bro. Fox, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Hamilton No. 2, for its hospitality and the pains it had taken to make the convention a success. Bro. Ironside said that it would afford him pleasure to convey the resolution to his association.

On motion of Bro. Ryan, seconded by Bro. Fox, it was decided that the expenses of the hall be paid for out of the funds of the Executive.

After a vote of thanks to the city press, the convention closed, and the delegates went on a trip of observation around the city, visiting the new sewage disposal works (described in THE CANADIAN ENGINEER of Jan., 1897), where they were shown the various processes by Bro. Robt. Mackie, the engineer in charge; and visiting also the Victoria Yacht Club's establishment, the House of Refuge and the Street Railway power house. The delegates were presented at the City Hall with a copy of the handsomely printed "Souvenir of Hamilton," and in the evening they were the guests of the Hamilton Street Railway Co., in a ride about the city on a special car.

#### THE BANQUET.

The proceedings of the convention were brought to a close by a very successful banquet, given in the large dining-room of the Waldorf. This was the maiden dinner in the new hotel, and the impression made by the management was certainly very favorable. Over 100 guests sat down to the dinner, which was presided over by Robt. Mackie, president of the Hamilton branch, who made an excellent chairman. He was assisted by the following members of the Hamilton branch, who acted as dinner committee: J. Ironside, secretary; W. R. Cornish, W. Stevens, R. E. Chifman, Thos. Chubb, and Geo. Mackie.

After reading letters of regret from Mayor Colquhoun and others, who were prevented from attending, the toast list was taken up. The "Queen" was followed by "Canada our Home," to which Stuart Livingstone responded, referring to the romantic and stirring incidents that abounded in the three and a half centuries of Canadian history. He gave a glowing eulogy of the U. E. Loyalists, those heroes and heroines who left all to maintain their allegiance to the empire, who, having no houses, no villages, no post offices, no railways or telegraphs, and no newspapers to record the story of their wrongs, followed the northern star, and worked out their destiny in pain and trial, but with a never faltering loyalty. It was the thought of what these loyalists had done for Canada that nerved us to the struggle of 1812, and had inspired us to every high national endeavor since; and there was no man here who could not be thrilled with the story of brave Laura Secord, who threaded her way 20 miles through the dense woods to warn Lieut. Fitzgibbon, and enable him to capture a force of Americans of ten times his own. The speaker referred to the many Canadians who had achieved fame abroad—in India, Egypt, and other remote lands—and to the vast opportunities there were for great achievements in our own wide domains, which our fathers won by right of purchase, but which we have by right of birth. "The Mayor and Corporation" was replied to by Ald. Nelligan, and ex-Mayor Blaicher. The former regretted the absence of the Mayor, who was in Toronto attending his duties as member of the legislature. His statement that a copy of the "Souvenir of Hamilton" was being presented to each delegate was received with cheers. He concluded by hoping that in the near future the convention would come back to Hamilton. Ex-Mayor Blaicher was pleased that the convention had received a hearty welcome, and he commended them for their principle of non-interference in strikes, which had done a great deal of harm to Hamilton in days gone by. He was proud of the scenic beauties of Hamilton, and its neighboring country, so famed for its orchards and vineyards, and was equally proud of the fact that the manufactures of Hamilton now commanded the confidence of the whole Dominion, while some of its products were known and esteemed in foreign countries. "The Manufacturers" was responded to by ex-Ald. A. H. McKeown and J. H. Clappison.