

First Annual Convention

Canadian Institute of Sanitary Engineers

Winnipeg was honored as the first meeting place of the Canadian Institute of Sanitary Engineers, an event which has been looked forward to for many months by those interested and engaged in affairs pertaining to plumbing and sanitation in Western Canada.

The meeting was called with a view to forming a society or association and also to standardize material and methods of construction in plumbing, and to this end invitations were early sent out to the different municipalities, provincial governments, master plumbers' associations and journeymen's unions throughout Western Canada to send delegates.

Two days before the Convention opened the delegates commenced to arrive, the first contingent to reach the city being from far-off Edmonton closely followed the succeeding day by the delegates from Calgary, Vancouver, Fort William and Port Arthur. By the time the Convention was opened on the morning of the 16th practically every large City in Western Canada, from Fort William to Vancouver, was represented.

The morning of the first day was occupied by the registration of delegates, the appointing of a chairman and secretary (pro-tem) J. Smith and W. McFarlane, both of Winnipeg, being chosen for the respective positions. A resolution was then introduced setting forth the desirability of forming a society or association, which was unanimously adopted and a committee was appointed to consider and report on the constitution and by-laws. Chairman Jas. Smith, Chief Plumbing Inspector of Winnipeg then addressed the convention, and in an inspiring talk set forth the objects of the society. A recess was then voted to partake of luncheon given by the City of Winnipeg.

When full justice had been done to the excellent luncheon, His Worship Mayor Deacon in a short address, welcomed the delegates and commented very favorably on the objects of the meeting and the benefits to be derived from the standardization of plumbing laws. Alderman J. J. Wallace, Chairman of the Reception and Entertainment Committee of the City Council, also spoke, and Mr. Watson, Provincial Inspector for Saskatchewan, in reply thanked the City Council and the Citizens of Winnipeg for the generous and hearty welcome.