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## THE CANADIAN MINING INSTITUTE

This week there will be held in Montreal the annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute. Members are urged to be present, and they should take advantage of the privilege of bringing friends who are interested in mining. Invitations may be secured on application to the Secretary. The meeting is to be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, where special rates for members have been arranged for.

The council reports for 1913 another very successful year. At the meeting in Ottawa last March there was a large attendance. Branch meetings were held at Montreal, Toronto, Cobalt, Lethbridge, Frank, Rossland and Nanaimo. In addition to the annual volume an Index to Transactions was published. The Index cost, according to the Treasurer's report, \$1,606.02. Fewer papers were published in advance form than in previous years, the council having decided that economy demanded this.

The Index was prepared by the Secretary, Mr. Mortimer-Lamb. It is a useful source of reference to the papers published in Volumes 1 to 10. In addition to the general index there are summaries of the papers.

The annual volume comprises 660 pages, is well illustrated and is printed on good paper. It is, as Dr. Barlow points out, a much more costly volume than was published a few years ago.

The membership on Dec. 31, 1913, was 1,029, as compared with 1,035 on Dec. 31, 1912. The decrease was in the number of affiliated students. The number of ordinary members increased.

A notable feature of the Institute's activities during the year was the International Geological Congress. As Mr. Lamb points out, the Institute was not officially responsible for the conduct of the meeting; but much of the work was done by members of the Institute. The Council recognized that the Congress meant much to the mining industry in Canada and acted accordingly.

In the students' competition eight papers were submitted. The President's gold medal and the first prize of \$25 were awarded to Mr. C. W. Greenland of the School of Mining, Kingston. Mr. P. P. Baily of McGill University was awarded second prize. Messrs. C. S. Parsons of the School of Mining and Mr. E. E. Billington of McGill were awarded honorable mention.

The Canadian Mining Institute has a good name for what it has accomplished, and it is gradually growing in usefulness. It represents the mining industry in Canada and can claim to have as a rule represented it well.

There are, however, occasions when it becomes apparent that some members are of the opinion that a