

It is known that efforts are being made in South Wales and several other districts to bring together three or four large concerns which have in the past competed keenly with each other. It is quite possible that this combination may be effected. A far greater scheme than any of those mentioned has been broached to a number of gentlemen engaged in the iron and steel trade of Great Britain. The proposal is nothing less than to consolidate the leading companies of the United Kingdom into one corporation on the American principle, with the avowed object of meeting, not merely the competition of the American Steel Trust, but of similar combinations which are stated to be forming in Germany, Belgium, and other Continental industrial centres. The reason for proposing this huge amalgamation of iron and steel interests is that unless an organization is established, the British iron and steel trade, now alleged to be conducted on defective and out-of-date methods, with so many different managements and divided interests, must be crushed under the rivalry of such confederations as that of the American Steel Trust, which intimates its intention to place steel upon the British markets at several dollars less per ton than can pay to produce it under present conditions in England.

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At the recent annual convention of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers, held at Brantford, Ont., the following officers of the various branches of the association were chosen for the ensuing year:—

Toronto, No. 1.—President, W. J. Webb; Vice-President, R. H. Johnston; Financial Secretary, N. V. Kuhlman; Recording Secretary, W. H. Johnston; Treasurer, S. Thompson. Delegates to Convention—W. J. Webb, N. V. Kuhlman, Jas. Huggett, W. Outhwaite, and A. E. Edkins.

Hamilton, No. 2.—President, F. Sculthorpe; Vice-President, Jas. Ferguson; Financial Secretary, G. W. Dawson; Recording Secretary, Joseph Ironside; Treasurer, W. R. Cornish. Delegates to Convention—Thomas Chubb, Joseph Ironside.

Brantford, No. 4.—President, T. Pilgrim; Vice-President, J. Walker; Secretary, Joseph Ogle; Treasurer, Fred. Lane. Delegate to Convention—S. McKinnon.

Dresden, No. 8.—President, S. M. Sager; Vice-President, Wm. Jamieson; Secretary, Willis Burnett; Treasurer, T. M. Steeper. Delegate to Convention—Willis Burnett.

Berlin, No. 9.—President, J. H. Walker; Vice-President, John Schneider; Secretary, Jacob Heyd; Treasurer, W. Giedt. Delegates to Convention—J. Heyd, A. McKersie.

Brockville, No. 15.—President, Wm. Robinson; Vice-President, John Grundy; Secretary, James Aikens; Treasurer, Wm. F. Chapman. Delegate to Convention—Matthew Turkington.

Waterloo, No. 17.—President, G. Beam; Vice-President, N. Beam; Secretary, F. A. Pflug. Delegate to Convention—John R. Uttley.

Toronto, No. 18.—President, Thomas Graham; 1st Vice-President, John J. Richardson; 2nd Vice-President, James Coulter; Financial Secretary, W. Inglis; Recording Secretary, John M. Dixon; Treasurer, P. Trowern. Delegates to Convention—J. M. Dixon, P. Trowern.

Vancouver, No. 19.—President, W. H. Paddon; Vice-President and Financial Secretary, Arthur Hortin; Recording Secretary, J. R. Badger; Treasurer, G. M. Taylor.

Sarnia, No. 20.—President, Richard Bell; Vice-President, Thomas Montgomery; Secretary, Walter D. Hall. Delegate to Convention—Richard Bell.

Montreal (not now working under the executive).—President, J. T. Murphy; 1st Vice-President, H. Wadey; 2nd Vice-President, H. Weaver; 3rd Vice-President, Thos. Ryan; Recording Secretary, W. Smythe; Financial Secretary, H. Nuttall.

In the September 6 issue of this journal we gave the names of the officers of this association, as above recorded, and a synopsis of the proceedings of the Brantford convention, since which time frequent enquiries have been made of us regarding it.

The men who compose this association are the ones who stand at the throttle in the engine-room of hundreds of the largest manufacturing and industrial concerns in Canada; and in that capacity are, and should be, in close relationship with our manufacturers. It has always been a contention of this journal that every man who is put in charge of a stationary steam engine should undergo an examination by experts as to his fitness for the position, and hold a certificate from proper authority to that effect. That, too, is the contention of this association; and whatever efforts they may make in this direction should receive the most hearty support of our manufacturers. It is safe to say that competent first-class engineers, as a class, favor this idea, and it is a natural and proper object of the association to bring into its membership all such competent men; for, as with all other organizations, the larger the membership and the more earnest the work done by the organization, the greater the probability of achieving its objects. We know that this association have striven for a number of years to secure the passage of suitable laws requiring examination by experts before an engineer is permitted to take charge of an engine, and that any engineer who is placed in such charge should always have on view in his engine-room a certificate showing his authority to act. Such is the case with marine engineers, for no vessel propelled by steam is allowed to move from the dock unless the engineer's certificate is in full view. If such requirement must be complied with with regard to a small steam tug boat, how much more essential is it that a similar requirement should be observed in factories and other places where large numbers of hands are employed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Lally Bernard, in *The Globe*, writing of the necessity for a sanitarium for consumptives in Toronto, says: "It struck one as a curious travesty that while a 'temporary arch' costing \$10,000 was erected in a few weeks at the entrance of the Queen's Park, a citizen in the last stages of consumption spent hours driving from end to end of this magnificent city unable to find an institution in which he could spend his last dying hours."

Mr. Lewis S. Ware, editor of *The Sugar Beet*, writes us from Paris that he was just then back to that city from an extended tour through the beet sugar centres of Continental Europe, inspecting the conditions of the industry there. It will be remembered that some twenty years ago Mr. Ware took very active interest in promoting the establishment of the beet sugar factories at Berthier and Farnham, Que.

In another page will be found the advertisement of the *Anglo-Russian Trade Messenger*, published at Moscow, Russia, to which the attention of manufacturers and exporters to that country is directed. The publishers inform us that the business announcements of any who wish to reach the Russian trade through their journal will be properly and accurately translated into that language.

Elsewhere will be found an illustrated sketch of the Hospital for Sick Children in this city. This journal has frequently made reference to this most worthy institution, and we sincerely trust that our readers, all of them, when they read the article, will forthwith feel down in their pockets and fish up one or more dollars and send it to Mr. J. Ross Robertson, chairman of the Hospital Trust. This is the time to do it.