

**Mr. Tracy LeMay** has been appointed city surveyor for the city of Toronto in place of Mr. Unwin, who has resigned.

**Mr. Charles McDonald**, of Gananoque, formerly one of the leading bridge engineers in the United States, has been appointed a member of the Quebec Bridge Commission in succession to Mr. Fitzmaurice, of England, who has resigned from the Commission, owing to ill-health.

**Dr. Chas. J. O. Hastings**, appointed **M.H.O.**—Doctor Chas. J. O. Hastings, after considerable discussion and some opposition, has been chosen Medical Health Officer by the city council. Attempts to make the vote unanimous, however, were not successful and it stood 16 for and 7 against. A young man of 24, he graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy, and started a drug store in, at that time, the east end of Toronto. He decided, however, that he wished to enter the field of the medical profession, graduated in medicine in 1885 at Toronto University and, after subsequent post-graduate work in London, Dublin and Edinburgh, he returned to Toronto in 1886. He took degrees as licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in Dublin College. He has practised here ever since starting his medical career. Dr. Hastings is connected with many medical organizations and is in touch with the modern methods in medicine and surgery. He belongs to the British, Canadian and Ontario medical associations, and was on the executive committee at the time the British Association held its convention here. He is on the staff of the Convalescent Home, and the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives. Dr. Hastings is also on the senate of Toronto University, and is senior physician at Grace Hospital. He, it is reported, has said that he intended to resign all other positions and give his whole time to his new duties. Inasmuch as the position is now vacant, Dr. Hastings will assume his office at once. It is expected that he will actively attack some of the unsanitary conditions now existing in certain parts of the city. Citizens will be glad that a definite arrangement has been made and that the position left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Sheard has been so ably filled after such a long period of uncertainty.

#### SOCIETY NOTES.

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Railway & Engineering Club of Canada, will be held in the Assembly Room, Prince George Hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday, October 18th, at 8.00 p.m., when a paper will be read on "Railway Signalling," by Mr. C. L. Hackett, Rep. General Railway Signal Company, of Rochester. A social evening will be tendered to members and prospective members by the Club in the dining room of the St. Charles hotel, corner of Yonge and Melinda Streets, at 8.00 p.m. sharp, Friday, October 28.

A meeting of the General Section of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, will be held this evening, at 8 p.m., in the society's rooms, 413 Dorchester Street West, Montreal. A paper by Mr. S. Blumenthal, A.M. Can. Soc. C.E., on "Traction Stresses," will be read by the author. There will be a special discussion on the paper by several bridge engineers.

At the annual meeting of the Ottawa branch of Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, held on the 5th inst., the following officers were elected: A. A. Dion, chairman; S. J. Chapleau, J. E. N. Cauchon, Gordon Grant, John B. McRae, James White, for Executive Committee; H. Victor Brayley, secretary-treasurer. At the meeting general business was discussed and the following motions were passed:—

Moved by N. J. Ker and seconded by Morley Donaldson, that a petition be forwarded to the members of the council in Montreal, requesting that whenever a member of a branch pays his fees to the parent society the branch be allotted their proportion at any time that said fees are paid. Carried.

It was resolved that the secretary send to all secretaries of branches the Resolution made by Mr. N. J. Ker and seconded by Mr. Morley Donaldson and ask it to be read before their annual meeting and ask their influence in council.

Moved by Geo. A. Mountain and seconded by Mr. C. R. Coutlee, that the treasurer's report be adopted and that the incoming managing committee tax members of the branch to cover the deficit.

The branch holds weekly meetings every Wednesday at the rooms of the branch, 177 Sparks Street, except the summer months.

The secretary's address is N.T. Ry., Cory Building.

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