

Chairman,—

We have with us to-night Mr. G. M. Wilson, Machinist Expert of the Grand Trunk Railway at Fort Gratiot, who has kindly consented to give us a paper on Leather Belting. Mr. Wilson has had a long and varied experience at this work, and I think by what I have already seen of the paper, which he is going to present to you to-night, that Mr. Wilson has given this question a lot of attention and care, and no doubt the paper will be very interesting to you all.

Mr. Wilson has some drawings and sketches on the way down here and we expect them any minute. I think perhaps we had better wait until they arrive and thereby prevent any interruption in the lecture.

It might be of interest to the members to know that we will only have one more meeting before the month of December in which we have the election of officers. I wish you would bear this in mind and hope to see good turn-out of the members at the next meeting. Where we get a number of officers interested in the Club, and at the same time satisfactory to all members, we may expect the club to flourish.

(The President explained here how the election of officers took place).

I simply say this in order that you may know the order of procedure.

Chairman,—

While we are waiting for the illustrations of Mr. Wilson's which we expect to locate in a few minutes, we shall be pleased to know whether any member of the Club has anything to bring up.

Mr. McRae,—

I do not know whether this will be of particular interest to the Club, but I understood that three or four meetings ago—prior to the close of the season—that we would inaugurate "The Question Box System" in our Club. We have had some nine papers given at our meetings, but so far the question box system has not been started. This question box system has met with great success in all clubs where it has been inaugurated. There is not one of us who, at some time during the month, does not meet with some particular object in his work which he would like to get the opinion of others on. I know, myself, quite frequently I get up against a proposition of this kind. At the present time, for instance, there is considerable controversy regarding cast gray iron brake shoes and inserted brake shoes. As this is partly a Railway Club, I think this is the best place to have such matters settled. I would like to see at the next meeting a number of questions