

A by-law is to be submitted to the ratepayers of Renfrew to provide \$88,390 for the purchase of the power and electric lighting plants.

The Prince Albert, (N.W.T.), Electric Light & Power Co. is to have its name struck off the register of the N.W.T. and be dissolved.

The Stratford Gas & Electric Light Co. has been re-organized, with Dr. S. A. King, of Windsor, as president. Extensions will be made.

The telephone cable connection between Brier Island and the Nova Scotia coast is to be renewed. The wire, 3,000 ft. long, has been shipped.

The town of Windsor Mills, Que., has engaged the services of an expert electrician, to report on the best way to obtain power and electric light for the town.

Mackenzie & Mann propose to install a system of wireless telegraphy, with stations between Toronto and Port Arthur, for the benefit of the steamers.

The Yukon telegraph line is being thoroughly overhauled. Much difficulty has been experienced from leakage. J. B. Charleson, who superintended the construction of the line, will look after the repairs.

A recent premature explosion in the Canadian Niagara Power Company's wheelpit seriously injured a number of men. It is said to have been caused by one of the men packing a charge of dynamite with a crowbar.

Owing to an expensive break in the machinery, the Madoc electric light plant has been closed down permanently. This plant is owned by private parties, and there is now an agitation to instal a municipal plant.

A company is being formed to develop the water power at the McPherson Falls on the Vermillion River, a few miles from Sudbury. A large electrical plant will be installed from which energy will be transmitted to the mines in that vicinity. Specifications for the electrical machinery have been prepared.

### CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers was held at Berlin, Ont. on the 25th and 26th of August. By the courtesy of the Mayor and Town Council, the Council Chamber was placed at their disposal. The following officers and delegates were present: President, W. Oelschlager; vice-president, H. Terry; treasurer, J. Ironsides; secretary, W. Inglis; door-keeper, N. Beam; conductor, J. Struthers.

Delegates present: Toronto, No. 1—G. C. Mooring, N. V. Kuhlman, A. M. Wickens, J. Huggett; Toronto, No. 18—J. M. Dixon; Brantford, No. 4—J. Ogle; Dresden, No. 8—T. King; Waterloo, No. 17—J. R. Uttley; Berlin, No. 9—J. Walker; Brockville, No. 15—A. M. Turkington; Hamilton, No. 2—W. F. Crockett, F. Sculthorpe.

After roll call, the president, W. Oelschlager, read his annual address, as follows:

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Brethren,—In welcoming you to this, the fourteenth annual convention of our Association, I would impress you with the fact that this will be the most important session held since its inception. It will also devolve upon you to decide whether the Association shall be carried on. I sincerely hope that it will be kept alive, and to this end that some means may be suggested that may broaden the way of organization and bring the bulk of stationary engineers into the order. I suggest the following: The continuation of the lesson papers and to make them progressive, that is, lead them up gradually from the primary to the mathematical problems required to be answered by certificate examination. While this is not intended as a criticism of past lesson papers, I must remind you that the several attempts referred to generally ended with the primary. Let the engineers in their respective localities go direct to their employers and ask them to contribute to your individual lodges, and you will get it. As an example, within the last two days I was asked

by several of our largest manufacturers if we needed financial aid towards our convention expenses, to which I replied in the negative, but told them that we wanted a more central place for the meetings of our local lodge and was assured of their support to that end. I confidently believe that if you decide to keep the executive of the C.A.S.E. afloat, that public interest will revive, and that it will flourish to a greater extent than ever before. I regret the surrender by the Sarnia Association of their charter. In conclusion, I would respectfully suggest the following:

1st—That our preamble be reinserted in Charter and Constitution.

2nd—That a sum of money be voted towards the expenses of visiting defunct lodges with the object of reorganizing same.

3rd—That the educational leaflets be pushed more vigorously, and a charge covering printing expenses of same be made.

4th—That our employers be informed that we are hereby asking a cash contribution of them.

Thanking you for your kind attention, let me once more remind you of the important bearing this convention has on the future of our order, W. OELSCHLAGER.

The address was referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order.

The following standing committees were appointed and the convention adjourned until 2 p.m.

Good of the Order—J. M. Dixon, J. Ogle, J. Walker, J. Ironside, H. E. Terry, A. M. Turkington.

Ways and Means—N. V. Kuhlman, W. F. Crockett, G. C. Mooring, T. King, A. M. Wickens, W. Inglis.

Mileage—N. Beam, F. Sculthorpe.

Audit—N. V. Kuhlman, F. Sculthorpe.

Credentials—T. King, A. M. Turkington.

Afternoon Session.—The convention reassembled at 2 p.m. President J. Walker, of Berlin, No. 9, invited the delegates and friends to the banquet on Wednesday night, the 26th. The minutes of the last convention were read by Secretary W. Inglis. Moved by T. King, seconded by J. Ogle, that the minutes be adopted. Carried.

Notices of motion were handed in by G. C. Mooring and W. A. Crockett, and referred to Committee on the Good of the Order.

Report of the treasurer was read and referred to Audit Committee.

Report of the secretary was read and sent on to the Audit Committee.

Some questions were asked regarding the Legislation Committee, appointed at the last convention, and several pertinent remarks were made, re the C.A.S.E., and the part the International Union of Steam Users had taken in the matter, and also as to where the Trades and Labor Council had come in, participated in by Messrs. Crockett, Mooring, Terry, Wickens and others, with considerable vigor. Adjourned till 8 p.m.

Convention resumed at 8.30 p.m.

Report of Committee on Ways and Means—Moved by J. M. Dixon, seconded by J. Walker, that report be received and discussed clause by clause.

Report of Committee on Good of the Order—Moved by W. Inglis, seconded by W. Sculthorpe, that it be left over till the following day.

Report of Mileage Committee was received and adopted on motion of A. M. Wickens and J. M. Dixon.

#### REPORT—WAYS AND MEANS.

Clause 1.—That we view with alarm the general tendency towards withdrawing from this Association during the previous year. We beg to recommend that twenty-five questions be formulated, and that the executive give a cash prize for the best solution to them.

Clause 2.—We also recommend that every secretary of a subordinate Association be instructed to write to every sister Association the progress that has been made in this regard, and give a synopsis of the work done in this respect.

Clause 3.—We also recommend that wherever possible,