

the members, the Club will undoubtedly be successful, and it behooves every member, not only to put in his membership fee, but also his appearance at each meeting. We have not as large an attendance as we had the previous meeting, but in all probability the Christmas holiday had something to do with this, and I know there are a great many present who are deeply interested in this Club, and I request that all those present to-night will not only be present at the next meeting, but bring as many as possible with them.

I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Canadian Railway Club at Montreal. They had a very large attendance, to listen to a paper given by Mr. Bell, General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Grand Trunk Railway. No doubt a number of you who are members of the Club have received a copy of the paper. It was a very interesting one and one that brought forth discussion that was also very interesting. At the meeting I chanced to be the only member of the Central Railway and Engineering Club present and they called upon me for a few remarks. I explained to them the progress we had made in organizing this Club and everyone seemed pleased to hear that such a Club was organized, and the President expressed himself pleased to help us in any way with our Club, and by an unanimous vote of the members present an invitation was extended to all members of the Central Railway and Engineering Club of Canada to attend their meetings at any time when in Montreal. I may say for those present who have not attended any meetings in Montreal that their Club is flourishing. A great number of the prominent Railway officials and others of Mercantile lines were present, and it was a pleasure to see the number that were present that were not connected with Railways. We want outside membership and from time to time we will appreciate it very much if the other lines of business outside of Railway affairs will give papers that will be of interest to us. I have been connected with Railway work since boyhood, and one thing that struck me very forcibly, when listening to Mr. Bell, was how little we knew of other work. I realize that we, as Railway men, will have the advantage of learning a great deal of what the other fellow is doing and be able to teach him a little about what we are doing, and this being the object of the Club I hope each and every one will take an interest, as I said before in enlarging the membership and the attendance.

Mr. W. R. McRae,—

I do not know that there is anything very much I have to say, but tender my sincere thanks for placing me in the position of First Vice-President, and I want to say that I am very pleased to be able to serve under such an efficient chief