

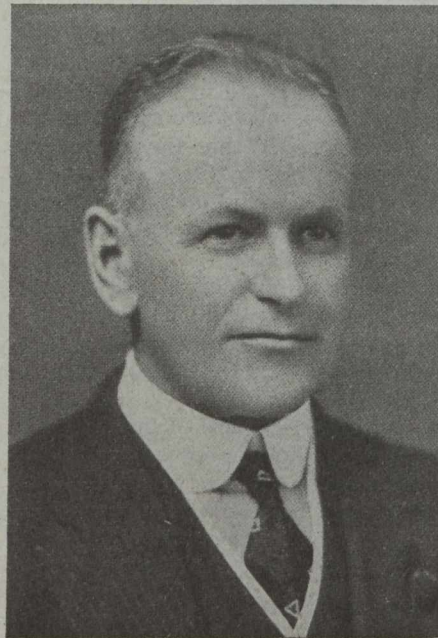
# Building Industries Conference at Ottawa

Nearly Two Hundred General Contractors, Sub-Contractors and Representatives of Supply Firms Form Active New National Organization to be Known as the "Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries"—National Reconstruction Problems Discussed and Large Amount of Ground Covered in Busy Three-Day Conference

**R**ECONSTRUCTION was the key note of the Building Industries Conference held last week at Ottawa. The desire to assist the Government in the solution of problems now facing the country was more in evidence throughout the three days' sessions than was the attempt to right any wrongs which may exist to-day in the Canadian contracting world. Nevertheless, there was full discussion on scores of purely business and technical problems of vital interest to the engineers, contractors, architects and supply men of the country, and work

did not prove to be exactly a vacation trip for many of the members who attended, but as a result a really large amount of work was accomplished.

The committee on Conference arrangements had met on Monday and arranged the points to be covered in the preliminary work of the Conference, together with a list of necessary motions and suggested movers and seconders, so that this work was put through on Tuesday morning with great celerity and would have been completed before luncheon had the session started on time.



**First Officers of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries**

J. P. ANGLIN, *President*

FRED ARMSTRONG, *Vice-Chairman*

H. DANCY, *Honorary Secretary*

was done which will result in lasting improvement to the status of all of these groups.

The first session of the Conference was scheduled to have been called at 10.30 a.m., Tuesday, November 26th, according to the preliminary program, but as the special Pullman car carrying the Toronto delegation arrived late, the meeting was not called to order until after 11 o'clock.

That was the only delay or lost time in the whole three days. The work of the Conference proceeded morning, afternoon and evening until nearly midnight Thursday. Even the luncheon hours every day were utilized, addresses being delivered by prominent members of the Dominion Government.

The Conference was divided at the start into three sections; namely, general contractors, sub-contractors, and supply men. Each of these sections formed its own permanent organization, held meetings and made separate reports to the sessions of the general Conference.

In turn, there were numerous committees composed of representatives of the three sections and these committees had frequent meetings, some of them lasting into the small hours of the morning, so that the Conference

J. P. Anglin, of Montreal, who was the originator of the idea of holding the Conference, was elected temporary chairman; Fred Armstrong, of Toronto, temporary vice-chairman; H. Dancy, of Toronto, temporary secretary; G. A. Crain, of Ottawa, temporary treasurer.

The organization of the following committees was perfected. Points of Order; Finance; Publicity; Permanent Organization; Resolutions and Order of Business; Attendance, Membership and Members' Welfare; Building Situation; and Business Relations. The members of each committee were requested to chose their own chairman.

It was decided that the executive committee to be in general charge of the Conference should consist of the above-mentioned temporary officers and the temporary chairmen of the three sections. W. E. Ramsay, of Montreal, was chosen as temporary chairman of the supply section; Norman McLean, of Vancouver, temporary chairman of the general contractors' section; W. A. Mattice, of Ottawa, temporary chairman of the sub-contractors' section. H. Elgie, of Toronto, presented a resolution signed by a number of representatives of builders' exchanges, stating that after a full discussion of the situa-