

We have not come to Ottawa to teach your engineers; we have come to be instructed, and I see no reason why we should not be. Your chief industry, the lumber trade, is entirely new to many of us from the large cities; and when we look around and see the many great mills in this vicinity, using as they do thousands of horse power, we are forced to the conclusion that the sawmill engineer is somebody after all, notwithstanding the views of some writers to the contrary. Some of us who have come from distant parts will find a certain pride in saying, "I have been to the capital of the Dominion," and when we read the conflicting stories in our daily papers of the doings in the Big House over yonder, it will be with perhaps keener interest that we shall try and solve some of the problems of the day for our own satisfaction, for we all know that this is the place where white is called black, and black is called white, according to the end in view. We are pleased to see the beautiful city—beautiful because of your trees, your parks, your streets, your many private gardens, your luxurious dwellings, your grand public buildings, etc.

We have come here, I must say, not for pleasure, but for the advancement of the science of steam engineering, and it may not be long ere you see us again, as we intend shortly to ask for an Act of incorporation, giving us the right to hold property and establish schools of engineering throughout the whole Dominion. Our only aim is mutual education, and I can assure you, sir, that the country, province or city possessing the most highly educated engineers will certainly be the most prosperous. I shall not further detain you, but will again thank you a thousand times on behalf of the C.A.S.E.

Bro Thomas Wensley, on behalf of Ottawa Branch No. 7, then presented the following address of welcome:

*Mr. President and Brethren:*

In the name of Ottawa No. 7, I extend to you a most cordial welcome on this the occasion of the first convention of the Executive of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers held in the capital city of Canada, and it gives us great pleasure to extend fraternal greetings to the representatives of the association who have come from all parts of the Dominion, and we trust that a spirit of wisdom will bless your deliberations.

It is our heartfelt wish that your labors will be carried on in harmony and good-fellowship, and that whatever subjects are brought forward for discussion will be discussed with calmness and with a view to the advancement of the principles of our association, which are purely educational in their aims, and to my mind there can be nothing grander or more noble than the giving of our time and talents for the improvement and elevation of our fellow-workmen. May the exchange of thought which takes place in the several meetings of this convention, both in theoretical and practical subjects, be of such a nature that all who may have the pleasure of attending the same will go away with the knowledge that they have obtained some useful information, which, if carried into practice in their daily rounds of duty, will be of lasting benefit to them.

There are many engineers who think that theory is valueless; that may be true to a certain extent, but the engineer who possesses a good theoretical knowledge of his profession, and combines it with a good practical knowledge of the same, has a great advantage over his fellow craftsman who is satisfied to do everything by the rule of thumb, and he is the man that in time will get to the topmost round of the ladder in his chosen calling.

In these days of high pressure steam, with our compound, triple and quadruple expansion engines, the engineer must be a well informed and progressive man, not merely a starter and stopper. he cannot exist on a reputation gained years ago, but must keep himself abreast of the age, by the acquiring of greater knowledge, although it may be acquired with difficulty, and principally through his own exertions. The object of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers, as I understand it, is to mutually assist each other in the acquirement of this knowledge by the interchange of thought on the different matters that come within their calling, and it is our wish that its efforts in this direction may be crowned with success which it certainly will be if its members are true to themselves and true to the association and its principles as laid down in our constitution.

Mr. President and brethren, I will again extend to you a hearty welcome and it is our earnest wish that your sojourn among us will be pleasant to you, and of great advantage to the Order, and that when the convention breaks up, and you depart to your several homes, you will carry with you pleasant memories of your visit to Ottawa, the capital city of this great Dominion.

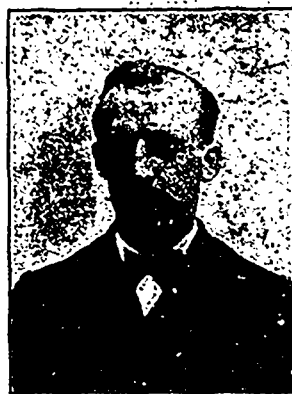
President York, in reply, expressed his pleasure at receiving such a welcome. As far as he could see the association made no mistake when they decided to hold their convention in this city. It

had been the rule to hold the convention in a different city each year, and he was glad the choice fell now upon Ottawa. They wished to inspire enthusiasm in the Ottawa branch, for they had always looked upon Ottawa No. 7 as among the most loyal branches of the association. (Cheers.)

Ald. Stewart, being asked to speak a few words, said he was glad to have such a body of men visiting the city, and his only regret was that the visit was not at a time when more attention could have been paid, as the exhibition interfered with the council's opportunities of entertaining visitors. Ottawa was proud of its street railway, and he regretted that its directors were prevented by the crush of exhibition visitors from showing what it was like. Ottawa was making rapid progress—as rapid, perhaps, as any city in the Dominion. He hoped the deliberations of the convention would be profitable and their visit pleasant.

Ald. Campbell, of W. J. Campbell & Co., was then called upon and added his regret that exhibition work prevented him and other members of the council from showing the attention to the association which they would like. He felt much satisfaction in saying that he himself was a member of the association, and had great pleasure in meeting its members here. He would do all in his power to render their visit a pleasant one.

The mayor then invited the members of the association to visit the Ottawa fair in the afternoon, and said that cabs would be waiting at the city hall to convey all who wished to go. The mayor and aldermen then withdrew amidst the cheers of the members.



W. G. BLACKGROVE, PRESIDENT CANADIAN ASSOCIATION STATIONARY ENGINEERS.

The president appointed Bros. Granberg and Philip to be a committee on credentials, and the committee shortly after reported the names of the duly accredited delegates.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President York then read his address as follows:—

It is with much gratification that we meet for the sixth time to discuss matters for the advancement of our beloved order. It is pleasant to see so many old friends among the representatives from the branches. When we see you sent back to the convention year after year, it goes to show that you have done your duty towards them with zeal and integrity. It is also a great advantage to me that you are here, for with your experienced assistance I shall feel better able to preside over the deliberations of this convention. To those of you who are here for the first time, I can assure you that you will go home firmly convinced that this association is doing more good for the engineers of Canada than most people are aware of.

Gentlemen, there will be placed before you a very large amount of work, I think more than last year. There is some talk of meeting only once in two years. There are several changes in the by-laws to be laid before you. There is the idea of granting a certificate of membership, so that all who see it may know that you belong to the best educational society in the country. There is the question of finances, which must be thoroughly gone into. You will bear in mind the fact that the increase in revenue is not in proportion to the increased cost of maintaining this council. I am proud to tell you there have been some new branches added to our numbers during the past year, and from what I hear, they are valuable additions to our order. Your district deputies' reports will give you more details than I can at present. On the other hand, we have lost one branch in Quebec. This has not been a matter of very serious regret to this council, although we would like them to remain. Full details of this will also be laid before you. There will be read before you several papers, the subjects of some of which are very old, but I assure you they have been treated in an entirely new manner, and will surely evoke considerable discussion, which will result in much profit to those who are fortunate enough to be present. There is another matter which will occupy your attention for a portion of the time, and one which I trust every member of