

man, be tendered \$25 for his services during the past year. This was seconded by J. Robertson, and carried.

The meeting was then adjourned till the following morning.

Friday.—The delegates gathered soon after nine o'clock. They had done good work the previous day, and this morning it was difficult to settle down. The first business was the appointment by President Devlin of the scrutineers, who were J. Fox, F. Robert, A. McCallum.

J. J. York then proposed that one ballot be cast for the office of president. This was seconded by J. Murphy, and E. J. Philip, of Toronto, was elected. By the same process F. W. Chapman, of Brockville, was elected vice-president, F. W. Robertson, of Montreal, secretary, and R. C. Pettigrew, treasurer. President Devlin nominated J. C. Mooring as conductor. J. Robertson nominated G. B. Risler. The ballot cast resulted in the election of G. B. Risler. J. J. York nominated and J. Robertson seconded J. C. Mooring as door-keeper. He was elected without ballot.

The next place of meeting was then to be chosen. R. C. Pettigrew announced an invitation from Hamilton. J. Murphy proposed, and G. B. Risler seconded, that the invitation be accepted. W. G. Blackgrove announced the invitation of Berlin, and J. Robertson proposed London. The ballot resulted in the choice of Hamilton.

Conductor Murphy was then instructed to fetch in the caretaker, Michael Sullivan. On his appearance the president presented him with a \$5 bill as a consolation for the trouble the convention had given him. The next business was the installation of the newly-appointed officers. A. M. Wickens was asked to act as grand conductor, and the most recent past-president, W. G. Blackgrove, initiated the officers, and presented each with the insignia of his office. On taking his seat President E. J. Philip, of Toronto, appointed J. Robertson, of Montreal, and W. G. Blackgrove, of Toronto, to act as district deputies.

Mayor Downey was then introduced, and after one of the little speeches, which ensured his popularity with the engineers, presented Past-President Devlin with a jewel of the customary design and value. Past-President Devlin returned thanks, and promised to devote himself to the interests of the association in the future, as he had done in the past.

J. Robertson then moved, and W. G. Blackgrove seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor, Council and citizens of Brockville. The Mayor, in reply, said that he would be indeed a cold-hearted man who did not appreciate such treatment as he and the citizens had received. C. Selby proposed, and J. Murphy seconded, a vote of thanks to Ald. McCrady and O'Brien and other city officials.

P. P. Devlin proposed a vote of thanks to the local press of Brockville. A. M. Wickens, in seconding, said that at no convention had they received better reports.

Mr. Laidlaw, of the *Recorder*, thanked them, and said that if they ever returned to Brockville he for his part would be ready to repeat the operation.

J. Robertson proposed, and J. Murphy seconded a vote of thanks to THE CANADIAN ENGINEER.

J. Robertson moved, and J. J. York seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

The convention then adjourned to display itself before the photographer.

Afternoon.—At two o'clock the "Albani," Mr. Comstock's yacht, steamed out of Tunnel Bay with the engineers and their friends, accompanied by Mayor Downey and Councillors W. J. Wright and McCrady. The "Albani" ran up to Alexander Bay, where a stay of about half an hour was made. A plentiful lunch was provided on the return trip, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to W. H. Comstock, on the motion of A. M. Wickens and P. P. Devlin.

The party reached home about 7.15 p.m., and left the dock cheering the captain and engineer of the "Albani." The engineers then repaired to the Council chamber, where J. J. York proposed, and A. M. Wickens seconded, an expression of sympathy for A. E. Edkins, of Toronto, who was prevented by illness from being present.

A. M. Wickens proposed, and J. J. York seconded, a vote of thanks to the Brockville Association, coupling with it the name of R. A. Bush. Ald. McCrady briefly replied, and the convention proper came to an end. The delegates were then escorted by the Island City band and flambeaux back to the

St. Lawrence Hall, where at 9 o'clock a dinner was tendered to the delegates by the Brockville branch.

Shortly after nine the delegates and their friends filed into the banquetting hall, and in all about 70 sat down. The Rev. J. C. Sycamore said grace. After the eating interval the toast list was entered upon.

The first toast was, of course, "The Queen," which was accorded the usual honors. The others were as follows: "Canada, Our Home," responded to by the Rev. J. C. Sycamore, ex-Mayor Derbyshire, and Town Clerk McMullen.

"Brockville, the Island City," responded to by Mayor Downey, Ald. McCrady and O'Brien.

"The Manufacturers," coupled with the names of Mr. Geo. Nicholson, of the James Smart Mfg. Co., and Bro. F. G. Johnson, of F. G. Johnson & Co., Ottawa.

"Kindred Societies," responded to by F. Lawrence, D. Reeves, W. J. Jento, and A. M. Wickens.

"The Executive" was replied to by P. P. Devlin, President Philip, Treasurer Pettigrew, Conductor Risler, and Door-keeper Mooring.

"The C.A.S.E." was responded to by J. J. York, W. G. Blackgrove, F. Simmons, F. P. Andrews, and Jno. Fox.

"The Press" was responded to by Mr. Spurrier, of THE CANADIAN ENGINEER; Mr. Healy, of the *Times*; and Mr. Laidlaw, of the *Recorder*.

"The Local Association" was responded to by W. F. Chapman.

"The Ladies" was responded to by J. Robertson, and "Our Host" by Horace Robinson.

Songs were contributed by W. G. Blackgrove, whose admirable voice would be sorely missed, and Frank Roberts, and Tom Daly's recitations won very hearty applause. The National Anthem was sung, followed by the joining of hands and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

This convention, although short, consisting of only four sessions, will probably be remembered as a business one. This was largely owing to the exertions of J. J. York and two or three of the older members. Legislation when effected will greatly strengthen the hands of the association, and benefit the users of steam. The motion for a paid secretary, and the earnest desire that the Executive should be in continual correspondence with the subordinate associations, will no doubt have the effect of increasing the enthusiasm of individual members and holding their interests; and the desire to get the manufacturers to prove the objects of the association by personal attendance at their meetings, is a sufficient answer to the false impression that the C.A.S.E. is a labor organization.



G. B. RISLER.

G. B. Risler was born in Switzerland in 1858, and in his early days had a great liking for machinery, but going out in the world when but 14 years old to find his own living, he had not the desired opportunity to learn his trade as a mechanic. He soon began the firing of steam boilers, and became now and then assistant in the engine room. In 1884 he emigrated to Canada, and was employed for a number of years as sawmill engineer, and in a woolen mill in the same capacity. In 1891 Mr. Risler was engaged by the London, Ont., *Advertiser*, and is yet their engineer. He has been president of the London branch of the C.A.S.E., and has been very active in promoting the interests of the society. Among other evidences of the sincerity of his words is the