

With reference to Sarnia Tunnel being electrified, I happened to be at Point Edward at the time the Tunnel was being built, holding a position of second in charge of the iron work on the car boats which carried the cars across the river, and I could continually see my finish, as, as soon as the Tunnel was opened, they would lay me off and they did.

We have with us, Mr. Chairman, the Chief Engineer of the Canada Foundry Co., Mr. W. Bird, possibly he would like to say a few words on this subject. He is, I know, a little bashful but if you call on him I am sure he will be able to interest us.

Chairman,—

We shall be glad to hear from Mr. Bird.

Mr. Bird,—

I do not know that I can say very much. I was an interested listener.

I think one of the chief reasons why electric locomotives are not coming to the front more, is largely due, as Mr. Bly said, to the fact that they cannot satisfy themselves how much current they use. Then again there is the question of snow in the winter time. They get into a snow bank and snow gets under wheels and stops contact with the rail and there they stay until some steam locomotive comes along and pulls them out. Then again they cannot get the weight in the electric locomotive to haul a load like the steam locomotive. Their loads are always of a light character and when they come to haul tonnage they cannot do it.

I have nothing to say further.

Chairman,—

You have heard the resolution that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Bly. What is your pleasure in the matter? Carried. Mr. Bly, I have very much pleasure in tendering you the thanks of this meeting for your excellent paper. We have all listened with a great deal of interest.

Mr. Bly,—

I can assure you it is a pleasure for me to do what I can for my fellowmen. We are only men among men. If there is anything I can do to help a man along or give him any information which will benefit him, I am glad to do so. I find I get benefited myself in helping others. It is not the man who hides himself under a bushel in this world that gets along.

Mr. MacNicol,—

There is one thing which I would like to correct, which I think is an error. It is in reference to the remark that the electric locomotive cannot get the weight to pull as much as the steam locomotive. At Sarnia tunnel the electric locomotive pulls 1,000 tons; and steam locomotives only brought