

affairs, not only among members of the branch, but among non-members; and—very important—as a result of our activities during the year, there has been a very notable development of esprit-de-corps, and it is felt that the prestige of the engineering profession has been enhanced. One of the most potent influences in this connection has been our luncheon meetings, particularly the occasion of the address by the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier on "The Engineer in Canada."

One of the greatest influences for developing general interest in society affairs has been the efforts of the Ottawa members of the Committee on Society Affairs, who have, by their carefully conscientious efforts to obtain the thought of the members of the branch respecting society affairs undoubtedly developed an intelligent active interest in our society which has not existed in the past, at any rate among the rank and file of the branch.

The branch arranged for a special qualifying course for officers in the Engineers, which was held during the months of February, March, April and May. The classes, which required a part of two afternoons and two evenings a week, were particularly well attended. While they were under way, the managing committee felt that it would not be wise to arrange for other meetings. During this period, however, the branch, at the request of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association of Ottawa, arranged for a Sunday evening patriotic concert in the Dominion Theatre, which proved to be a very great success.

The meetings held during the past twelve months were as follows, all being luncheons excepting the first two mentioned:—

January 17th, Organization of Military Engineering Classes; January 21st, G. R. G. Conway, "The Engineer and Standards of Beauty"; January 13th, Dr. Adam Shortt, "The War and the Engineer"; E. A. Dunlop, M.L.A., "Trip to the Battle Front"; April 13th, Lieut.-Col. Melville, "With an Engineering Battalion at the Front"; October 19th, Prof. B. Bakhmeteff, "The Russian Engineer and the War"; November 23rd, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "The Engineer in Canada."

In the last annual report reference was made to two amendments to the branch by-laws, which have subsequently been formally approved by letter ballot and put into force. The first provided for the enlargement of the managing committee to include the past chairman and past secretary for one year following their term of office, and the sitting members of council within the jurisdiction of the branch during their term of office. The change has provided for easy and direct communication between the executives of the main society at Montreal and of the branch. It has furnished continuity of direction of branch affairs between successive managing committees. Furthermore, it has made available to the branch the benefit of the considered judgment of members best qualified to advise and assist.

The second amendment provided that the fiscal year of the branch should be the same as that of the main society. From its organization in 1909 our branch year has remained from October to October. The change enables us to report to the main society for the same period for which the main society affairs are reported at the annual meeting.

A special effort has been made by our membership committee to induce worthy members of the profession to enter the society. Excellent results have been realized, fourteen new members being added.

The branch membership figures for 1914, 1915 and 1916 are given hereunder:—

	1914.	1915.	1916.
Honorary members	3	1	1
Members	46	51	60
Associate members	113	124	124
Associates	1	1	1
Juniors	28	33	36
Students	16	27	28
Ottawa associates	21	17	23
	228	254	273

Fifty-one of our members have enlisted for overseas.

The library and records of the branch have been placed in one of the most convenient office buildings of the city, and a librarian appointed. During the past year many important additions have been made to the library. Special efforts are now under way for indexing and classifying the lantern slides in the possession of the members and those which are in the possession of government offices but under the direction of members. Efforts are also being made to secure photographs or records of historical interest to the engineering profession.

The annual meeting of the branch was held January 11th, when the following officers were elected: Chairman, Alex. Gray; secretary-treasurer, J. B. Challies; Managing Committee—Gordon Gale, A. T. Phillips, W. F. M. Bryce, S. J. Fortin and J. H. McLaren.

REGINA

THE arrangement entered into with the Regina Engineering Society to hold alternate meetings every first Thursday has been satisfactorily maintained. Ten joint meetings were held, five of which were presided over by the Regina branch, Can.Soc.C.E. There were also a number of executive and business meetings held by the branch itself.

Amongst the papers read were:—

"Reminiscences of an Old Surveyor," by Cyrus Carrol.

"Terminal Elevator Construction," by C. D. Howe.

"From Conception to Completion—the Western Railroad," by J. N. deStein.

Our membership comprises 7 members, 19 associate members, 2 juniors and 2 students. Total, 30—an increase of five over the previous year. Eleven are on active service.

During the year sixty dollars was received in rebates from the parent society, and a balance of twenty-six dollars is on hand.

The Regina branch, supported by all members of our society in this province, propose to extend its scope and form a "Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers." We hope at the next annual meeting to be able to present a very satisfactory statement of this new subdivision of our society.

At the annual meeting, held December 4th, the following officers were elected: Chairman, L. A. Thornton; vice-chairman, W. R. Harris; secretary-treasurer, J. N. deStein; executive, E. G. W. Montgomery, R. J. Lecky and (ex-officio) O. W. Smith; auditors, D. A. R. McConnell and H. R. Mackenzie.