



WE PRESENT for the consideration of the reader the initial issue of "Construction."

There is need for such a paper in Canada, and this number represents our conception of the general character of publication best calculated to serve the various branches of the building and engineering industries of the country.

The established success of England and American publications of like character demonstrates the value of this class of trade journalism.

Canada is on the threshold of a great construction era, and as there is nothing that reflects the characteristics, tastes and attainments of a people more than the architecture and construction of their buildings, the laying of the foundations of the Canada of one hundred years hence, rests upon the designers and builders of the Canada of to-day.

It is a realization of these facts that has prompted the publishers to undertake the issuing of a high-class twentieth century journal devoted to the interests of Canadian Architects, Engineers, Contractors and Manufacturers of building materials and appliances.

At a time when many of the larger contracts for construction work in Canada are being executed by foreign Engineers and Contractors, it must be obvious to every Canadian that one of two conditions prevail: namely, that Canada is either without Architects, Engineers or Contractors, who have sufficient ability to plan or execute work of any magnitude, or, that the members of the Building Fraternity of Canada have been handicapped through lack of an adequate medium to reflect their accomplishments and capabilities. We maintain that the latter is the real reason for this extraordinary state of affairs, and we believe that these conditions now prevalent in Canada are largely attributable to the fact that heretofore there has been no Canadian journal that has adequately espoused the cause of our Architects and Engineers.

Publications of this character in England and the United States, when intelligently and conscientiously conducted, are considered by the building craft essential to the advancement of their interests.

The purpose of the publishers of "Construction" is to produce a journal that will fill these requirements, and one that will serve the interests of every branch of the building and structural trades. It is necessary in a country such as Canada that a journal of this nature should not be hampered by being confined to too narrow a field. We believe that all the industries directly or indirectly interested in "Construction" (the title we have chosen for our journal) are so closely allied one to the other that what is of interest to one cannot fail to be of interest to the other. Through the patronage possible in a journal covering this broad field, we shall be enabled to secure special articles and comment from the leading members of the Building and Engineering professions in America, thus rendering it invaluable to members of every branch of the building craft.

It is not our intention that the readers of "Construction" shall be confined solely to those connected directly with the Building Industry, but it is our purpose to present without unnecessary technicalities in a bright readable style, a view of the construction movement with accompanying comments, criticism and suggestions, that will be invaluable to the Prospective Builder.

The existing reputation of other journals the Publishers have already produced is a guarantee that no effort or expense will be spared in making "Construction" one of the best, if not the finest of all journals of this nature on the continent.

Directly connected with staff are men who have had sufficient experience in conducting Trade Journals of this particular class to warrant an ably edited production and, while we invite criticism and comment on this our first number, we beg to remind the reader of the many difficulties that are to be overcome in organizing and establishing a new enterprise. We, however, have no apologies to offer, and we believe that we have demonstrated in this number our expressed intention to produce the finest Trade Journals in Canada.

We can give assurance that each succeeding issue will show in its make-up, its printing, and the articles of interest it contains, an improvement over the preceding number.