

away from the Annual Meeting under the belief that a paper had been unjustly refused a place in the Transactions of the Society. He was a Member of the Council at the time, and it was his settled conviction that the paper contained extracts from the United States Departments and other sources without credit being given therefor. If this was wrong, he would be glad to correct his statement. He would suggest that a committee be appointed to enquire into the whole matter.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. W. J. Sproule, seconded by Mr. G. A. Mountain,

"That a committee be appointed to enquire into the action taken by the Society in regard to Mr. H. A. Gray's paper on the Great Lakes, their Commerce and Physical Features, and report to Council at the earliest possible date."

The following committee was appointed to carry out the terms of the resolution:

Messrs. W. J. Sproule, R. Surtees, W. B. Mackenzie, W. Chipman, Col. Anderson.

Mr. C. deB. Leprohon called for a report of the attendance of the Mr. C. deB. Leprohon.  
Members of Council at the meetings of Council.

The Secretary replied that, in accordance with a standing order, The Secretary.  
such a statement was now on the table and might be consulted.

After some discussion as to the desirability of publishing such a statement, it was moved by Mr. C. deB. Leprohon, seconded by Mr. W. J. Sproule, and carried,

"That in future the Nominating Committee be furnished a list of the attendance of the different members of the Council, together with any explanations that may be forthcoming as to their non-attendance."

The President stated that it was usual to have the address of the The President.  
retiring President read at the Annual Meeting, and to have the same published in the Proceedings.

On motion it was resolved that the President's address be taken as read.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:—In retiring from the presidency of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, I desire to thank you most sincerely for the honour which your selection a year ago conferred on me, and I regret exceedingly that circumstances altogether beyond my control prevented my taking a more active part in the affairs of our Society, and sharing to a greater degree the pleasures and advantages of the Society's meetings.

Your consideration and forbearance under these circumstances has been more than I deserved.