

that we may know each other, and mature plans, and lay down lines along which we may co-operate as units of one vast organization in the interests of the public service.

I am probably voicing the sentiments of a considerable proportion of our membership in expressing regret that more of our old and experienced members do not take a more active and aggressive interest in the affairs of the Association. It is from these battle-scarred veterans of the profession that the younger and less experienced members hope to learn, and we are probably not asking too much when we urge them to give us, through the medium of these Conventions, the benefit of their experiences and ripe judgment in Police matters which we so much need in order that we may the better serve the community in which our respective lots are cast.

The lack of interest in the affairs of the Association by too many of the Police governing bodies of the Dominion is to be deplored. Usually those who exact the highest standard of Police efficiency are the ones who are content that their municipality should enjoy all the benefits resulting from these meetings at the personal expense of their already underpaid official, and in some instances, we have reason to believe, in addition to permitting their Chief or High Constable to pay out of his own pocket the expenses incident to membership and attendance, insist on taking from their already meagre holidays the time spent at the Convention.

As every Municipality in Canada is interested in the efficient and honest administration of the law, Police Boards, Police Committees, and County Councils everywhere should make such financial arrangements as would not only secure to their Chief or High Constable membership in the Association, but also insure his attendance at our Conventions where he would have the opportunity of meeting the leading Police Officers of the Dominion and taking part with them in the discussion of matters pertaining to the administration of the Criminal law, and the general improvement of the Police Service in Canada.

These meetings are intended to be educational in their character, and as the municipalities derive the benefit, it is reasonable and fair that the municipality rather than the individual officer should bear the expense incident to membership and attendance.

The success of the Association is likely to be in proportion to the interest manifested in its work by Police governing bodies throughout the Dominion. An earnest appeal is therefore made for their sympathy and co-operation, without which all efforts at best, no matter how wisely directed, can be only partially successful.

I commend to your best consideration the work before us. Our time is short and many important matters demand our attention. The temptations to indulge in pleasure and amusement will be strong and the opportunities numerous, but we must be careful to do nothing that would afford ground for a suspicion that these meetings are merely pleasure jaunts. Many of us travel long distances at the expense of our governing bodies and we owe it to them, as we owe it to ourselves, that we give every possible moment to the consideration of those questions that will prove of practical value to the municipalities which we have the honour to represent.

Inspector McClellan said the Committee on new members reported the following applicants eligible for membership in the Association. — I would therefore move, seconded by Chief Trudel, that the report be adopted and those named in it admitted to membership, viz:—

Chief Marchessault, Maisonneuve, Que.
 “ Langley, J. M., Victoria, B. C.
 “ Thompson, Woodstock, Ont.
 “ Lancey, A. C., Edmonton, Alta.
 “ Boyd, Brandon, Man.
 “ Greene, St. Catharines, Ont.
 “ Johnston, Moose Jaw, Sask.
 “ Gunyou, Sudbury, Ont.
 “ Reid, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
 “ Jones, Welland, Ont.
 “ Moffatt, Westmount, Que.

Inspector Parkinson, Jas., Dominion Police, Ottawa, Ont.

High Constable Hobson, Oxford County, Ont.

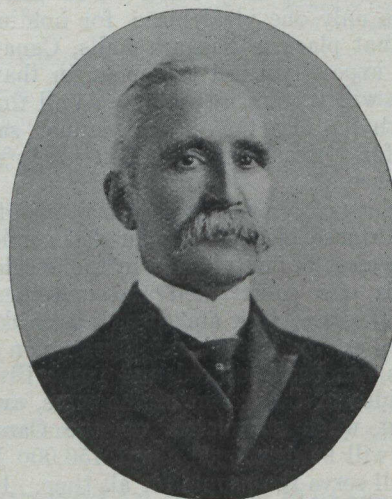
“ “ Hopkins, Elgin County, Ont.

“ “ Hamilton, Carleton, Ont.

—Carried.

The Secretary: As the Minutes of the last meeting appeared in our Official Organ *The Canadian Municipal Journal*, and in that way reached the Members, I would move they be taken as read; seconded by Inspector Parkinson. — Carried.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer



Hon. Sec.-Treas. Wm. Stark

To the Officers and Members of the Chief Constables' Association of Canada.

Gentlemen:—

In submitting my fourth Annual Report I have pleasure in noting that the Association is already enjoying the fruits of its labour.

You will be gratified to know that the representatives of your special Committee on legislation, which have always received respectful and attentive consideration at the hands of the Minister of Justice and his staff, have materially assisted in bringing about some very important amendments to the Criminal Code, a synopsis of which may prove instructive.

Carrying Offensive Weapons.

At the Convention, two years ago, we took advanced ground in the matter of carrying offensive weapons, and your Committee subsequently submitted the views of the Association to the Minister of Justice in person and urged very strongly that the penalty for such offence be very materially increased, and that in serious cases imprisonment without the option of a fine or in addition thereto, should be imposed. As a result Sections 123 and 124 have been amended by giving the convicting Magistrate or Judge power to impose imprisonment in addition to, or without, a money penalty. The money penalty as previously, is not less than \$10. and not more