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A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

Will meet in Ottawa

January 25th, 26th and 27th, 1910.

Many important committee reports will be considered.

Several excursions to works of great interest to engineers will be possible.

The dinner on Wednesday evening will be the most brilliant and entertaining and social yet held.

Ottawa is central, the home of many engineers, the headquarters for large engineering interests, and has a strong branch of the Canadian Society, whose members will be glad to greet you.

A SOCIAL CLUB FOR ENGINEERS.

As a city of homes Toronto has been growing until her population is over three hundred and fifty thousand; as a commercial metropolis Toronto has now greater postal revenue and customs returns than any Canadian city, and as an engineering centre Toronto has increased in importance, but has not come to her own because of two great lacks—a comprehensive library and a social club, controlled by architects, chemists, contractors, surveyors and engineers.

Toronto is the only city of such size and importance which lacks such institutions, either separate or combined, which are necessary in centres where technically trained men work.

The daily press of Toronto has had some reference to the formation of a social club for engineers. We are not informed as to the details of the scheme, but feel certain it will be pushed forward to successful completion.

A social club composed of engineers, architects, contractors and business men with like interests would at first be a great convenience, and afterward a necessity. It would become a centre around which the technical societies of the city would group, and might become the home of a well-equipped and extensive technical library.

The doctors, the lawyers, the dentists, and even the clergy, have their organizations, with permanent secretaries, housed in well-equipped offices and surrounded by a staff equal to the work of protecting and safeguarding the profession and the individual in the profession.

The technical men of Toronto and vicinity would greatly benefit if they had such an organization looking after their interests. A society with a secretary and librarian, who would devote his whole time to carrying out the direction, performing the routine work and