

He suggested that the committee be discontinued, and, as previously stated by Mr. White, this was the view of some of the committee's own members though not his own view necessarily.

J. B. Challies urged that the committee devote its attention to straightening out "kinks" and overlapping between existing bodies, commissions, government departments, etc., such as in the correlation of reports, the division of territories to be covered and duties to be performed, etc.

Mr. White said that the Commission of Conservation is poorly named. It should be the Commission for the Economic Development of Canada, as that is its real work.

The meeting decided to continue the committee, with Mr. White as chairman, but to reduce the number of its members in order to get a more efficient working body, twenty-three being considered too many.

The session then adjourned till 3 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Session.—The presidential address, an abstract of which is presented on page 95 of this issue, was read by Mr. Duggan.

Prof. H. E. T. Haultain read the progress report of the Committee on Society Affairs, both he and Mr. Oliver, the secretary of the committee, outlining the organization of the committee, the letters sent out by them to the membership, and the consensus of opinions shown by such replies as were received.

Some discussion arose as to whether adoption of the committee's progress report would bind the Society to the definite carrying out of all the committee's recommendations, and whether such adoption would be tantamount to instructing the council to put the machinery in motion to carry out those recommendations.

The general opinion was against giving definite and final instructions on so many matters of grave import to the Society upon such short notice and with such short time for thorough discussion, and even Prof. Haultain and Mr. Oliver urged that this be not done, as there were many different ways in which some of the recommendations could be made effective, and the committee wanted further time to investigate so as to be able to make a more complete report at the next annual meeting. All

the committee members desired to know was whether they are working along the right lines and whether the meeting approved of the directions in which they are turning their efforts. If so, the details could be worked out and submitted later.

The meeting expressed approval of all the tentative recommendations excepting one which suggested a change in the Society's name.

The committee had recommended "Canadian Institution of Civil Engineers" instead of "Canadian Society of Civil Engineers." It was thought that the word "Institution" would help in getting government grants, and also would follow the British style of name.

Prof. Haultain said that the committee had not been unanimous in making this recommendation. He, himself, for instance, preferred a more radical change and advocated dropping the word "civil" so as to get more mining, mechanical, chemical, electrical and other engineers into the Society.

A. A. Dion said that the word "civil" is being used by the Society in its antiquated sense of "non-military," and that the Society embraces now and wants to embrace all classes of engineers in Canada. But not all dictionaries give that definition to "civil engineers," said Mr. Dion. Colleges and universities to-day have courses in civil, electrical, mechanical engineering, etc., and the word "civil" there has a much narrower meaning than that in which the Society is now using it. And most people take the narrower meaning of the word. In other countries there are societies of civil engineers, societies of mechanical engineers, societies

of electrical engineers, etc., and to the people of those countries "civil" means civil in its narrower sense.

So, said Mr. Dion, many engineers in Canada who are not interested in steel and concrete, sewers and roads, dams and bridges, and such work, are holding aloof from the Society. The question is whether to encourage the formation of other societies or to merge all in one. He was in favor of the latter.

Prof. Haultain said his interest in the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers is in the usefulness it can show to the mining engineers. There is now a Canadian Min-

"For Valor"

Following is a list of the decorations that have been conferred upon Canadian Society of Civil Engineers members so far as information has reached the secretary. Members will confer a favor by reporting any omissions:—

| Name. | Rank. | Decoration. |
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| Members | | |
| Hesketh, J. A. | Lt.-Col. | D.S.O. |
| Macphail, J. A. | Lt.-Col. | D.S.O. |
| Meurling, H. F. M. | Captain | Military Cross |
| Mitchell, C. H. | First Staff Officer 2nd Brit. Army | Officer's Cross of Legion of Honor |
| Ramsay, C. W. P. | Lt.-Col. | C.M.G. |
| Wilkin, F. A. | Major | D.S.O. |
| Associate Members | | |
| Bodwell, H. L. | Major | D.S.O. |
| Cosgrove, John R. | Lieut. | Military Cross |
| DeLancey, J. A. | Captain | Military Cross |
| Hertzberg, C. S. L. | Lieut. | Military Cross |
| Hertzberg, H. F. H. | Captain | Military Cross |
| Irving, T. C., Jr. | Major | D.S.O. |
| Klinger, L. W. | Lieut. | Military Cross |
| Leckie, R. G. E. | Brig.-Gen. | C.M.G. |
| LeCointe, P.-L. P. | Corp. | Croix de Guerre |
| MacLeod, Geo. W. | Major | D.S.O. |
| Mulock, R. H. | Flight Sub.-Lt. | D.S.O. |
| Perry, K. M. | Major | D.S.O. |
| Juniors | | |
| Anderson, G. F. | Lieut. | Military Cross |
| Ferris, C. B. | Sergt. | Croix de Guerre |
| Junkin, R. L. | Lieut. | Military Cross |
| Powell, R. W. | Lieut. | Military C. & Bar |
| Spencer, R. A. | Captain | Military Cross |
| Turner, G. R. | Lieut. | Military Cross |
| Students | | |
| Creasor, J. A. | Lieut. | Military Cross |
| Johnson, G. A. | Lieut. | Military Cross |
| Merston, W. C. | Lieut. | D.C.M. & M.C. |
| Urie, H. R. | Lieut. | Military Cross |