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## Association Work in Canada

Architectural Association work in Canada for several years has been more passive than active. The question is, will it remain so, or will it throw its collective energy and strength in the scale for the benefit of the profession? Along with this it might be asked, do architects mean what they say; are they sincere in the reforms they advocate, and will they support them in the final issue?

For many years both individual practitioners and the provincial associations have protested against the unfair outside competition to which architects in this country have been subjected. At the R.A.I.C. meeting at Montreal it was again an issue, presented by Mr. J. P. Hynes, both from the architect's standpoint and as a question of political importance. It was an issue which changed what promised to be merely a routine session into a period of lively discussion, involving the economic principle that the opportunities for technical practice in Canada should be conserved by the provincial enactment for the manhood of the country, somewhat along the lines of the Illinois Act governing education and registration.

Considering the importance of the question and the extended period in which it has been before the profession, the time has arrived when it must be definitely dealt with. The sentiment of the meeting was fully in accord with Mr. Hynes' views and the matter has been left to the Council to take up with the provincial associations. The extent to which it is given consideration and the measure of action taken will, therefore, indicate to a large extent the real usefulness and effectiveness of existing architectural organizations. If architects are really sincere that they want this condition improved and if they desire to enjoy the opportunities for practice to which they are entitled, then it is strictly up to them to take collective action instead of leaving all the work to a few men in each province. The spirit of the Montreal meeting can profitably be extended to association work in the various provinces, and more discussions and more addresses such as characterized that gathering, would be both of benefit and result in much being accomplished.

## Annual Meeting of Toronto Exchange

A resume of the activities of the Toronto Builders during the past years was given in the address of W. E. Dillon, retiring President at the Annual Meeting held on January 20th. Reference was made to the Ottawa Conference which resulted in the formation of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries with which the Exchange has since become affiliated; and also to the interviews with the Government in reference to housing and technical education. During the past year thirty members had been admitted to the Exchange, and the formation of a sewer and paving section and a roofing section were ready to be announced. Mr. Dillon spoke of the benefits to be derived from membership in the Exchange, basing his statement upon the personal experience of his firm. He referred to the keen interest taken in such questions as the Workmen's Compensation Act and Mechanic's Lien Law; and stated that it was the policy of the Exchange to do everything possible to improve labor conditions.

The following officers were elected for 1919: President, A. D. Grant, first vice-president, Walter Davidson; second vice-president, A. H. Dancy; treasurer, Jno. Aldridge; board of directors, M. John V. Gray, C. B. Jackson, J. R. Page, Geo. Stocker, and G. R. Douglas.

## Moves to New Offices

Architects Wickson & Gregg, Toronto, have moved their office and draughting rooms from the Kent Building to suite 1112 Temple Building, corner of Bay and Richmond Streets.