

CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

THE Annual Meeting of the Canadian Press Association will be held on Thursday and Friday, February 9th and 10th, in Toronto, in the Board of Trade building. The programme promises one of the most interesting and profitable meetings ever held by the Association, and all are requested to make a special effort to be present. The attendance of Joseph Howard, Jr., of New York, will greatly add to the interest of the business sessions, and his wide and practical experience will be of undoubted value to those who attend. The aim has been to make this a working meeting, and the success of the committee is shown by the programme. There will be three business sessions: the opening one at half-past one o'clock Thursday afternoon; the second, Friday morning; and the third, Friday afternoon. On Thursday evening the Annual Dinner will be held.

At the session on Thursday afternoon, besides the President's and other interesting addresses, a proposed change of the Constitution of the Association will come up for discussion. This will be one of the most important questions with which the Association has dealt for several years, and members are urged to be present to take part in its decision. It will come up upon the following motion, of which Mr. J. S. Brierley has given notice:

"That the Constitution be amended to entitle to membership reporters who have been professionally and habitually engaged as such for not less than three years."

In connection with this question, it may be said that the following resolution has been adopted by the Executive Committee:

"That it is the sense of the Executive Committee that the term 'editor' in the Constitution of the Association, as applied to qualification for membership, be interpreted as including not only editorial proprietors, but managing editors, news editors, city editors, editorial contributors (when exclusively engaged as such on the staff of any paper), and duly accredited editorial correspondents at Dominion or Provincial capitals."

The following recommendation from the Executive Committee also bears upon the same subject:

"To expunge section 4 of the By-laws, and, at the same time, widen the requirements of the Constitution so as to admit to active membership reporters of three years' standing, habitually and professionally engaged as such."

Section 4 provides that members of the Association may procure for bona fide reporters engaged on their newspapers, certificates entitling them to such railway and other travelling privileges as are enjoyed by

members upon the payment of the same fee of two dollars per annum.

As the question of membership is one about which difference of opinion has existed, and as it is one of importance to the Association, a great deal of interest will centre around it.

The arrangements for the usual social feature of the annual gathering have not been neglected, and the banquet at Webb's on the evening of the 9th, at which His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has promised to be present; Mr. Howard will be present; and Sir Oliver Mowat and other prominent public men are expected, will likely be the pleasantest affair of the kind in the Association's history. The tickets for the banquet will be \$1.50 each, and a limited number will be issued to friends of the Association at the same rate. You are requested to state, at your earliest possible convenience, how many tickets you will agree to take, as it is necessary to complete arrangements with the caterer some time ahead.

The Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways will issue return tickets at single fare to all members of the Association presenting certificates for 1893, within three days of the meeting, and good to return within three days of its conclusion. The same privilege will be extended to ladies travelling with members.

Every member who intends going is reminded that he should send his name--and that of the lady accompanying him, if any--without fail to the Secretary, J. E. Atkinson, *The Globe*, as early as possible. This is important, and, it is hoped, will not be overlooked by any one. If you have not yet sent in your fee for 1893,—two dollars,—please do so at once, as there is frequently such a rush just before the meeting that the Secretary cannot get the certificates out in time. Publishers and editors desirous of joining should send in applications without delay, enclosing \$5.00, so that they may be considered at the next meeting of the Executive.

We can confidently refer you to the published record of the previous meetings to emphasize the importance to you of the discussion of practical and general subjects connected with the newspaper business.

The following special hotel rates have been secured: Queen's Hotel, per day, \$2.50; Rossin House, per day, \$2.00 to \$3.00; The Arlington, per day, \$2.00; Walker House, per day, \$1.50; Palmer House, per day, \$1.50.

The following is the programme:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1.30 p.m.—President's Address.

1.45 p.m.—General Business.

2.00 p.m.—Report of the Executive Committee,