

and Ross, had several interviews with the Hon. Mr. Sifton and Mr. Shaughnessy, of the C.P.R. The committee, with the aid of Mr. Sifton, persuaded the C.P.R. to give us a special rate for an excursion to the Pacific Coast, afterwards, the Grand Trunk came into the arrangement and offered to extend us the courtesies of its line so far as these were required.

The result of this was that about 100 persons left Toronto on August 8 and traveled over the G.T.R. and C.P.R. to Vancouver and back, having the best trip the association ever enjoyed. Both railways were very generous. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries placed the Government steamship Quadra at our disposal for a trip from Vancouver to Victoria and return, which was much enjoyed. The main body of the party was away from Toronto 23 days, some remaining over in Winnipeg and returning via the C.P.R. steamers from Fort William to Owen Sound. The C.P.R. Telegraph Company extended to the members of the party the free use of its lines for social purposes during the whole of the trip, a privilege which was much appreciated.

Through correspondence with the Canada Atlantic Railway and the Intercolonial Railway, we have secured the consent of these companies to honor Canadian Press Association certificates with the 2c. rates in the same way as the C.P.R. and G.T.R. have done for many years. Our thanks are due these companies for this concession.

We would recommend that no annual excursion be held during 1900, but that an attempt be made to take a newspaper party in 1901 through the Maritime Provinces, in order that Ontario journalists may have an opportunity of seeing the beauties and resources of Eastern Canada, and of becoming better acquainted with our brother journalists in those Provinces.

We would suggest also that the association consider the advisability of holding its next annual meeting in Montreal.

The report was received with approval, and the suggestions regarding the place of meeting and excursion were left to the committee on resolutions. This committee was then appointed by the president as follows: Edward J. B. Pense (chairman), Lieut.-Col. J. B. MacLean, C. W. Young, A. H. U. Colquhoun. The secretary proceeded to read the treasurer's report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS,—From the standpoint of the treasurer of the association, the year 1899 was a banner year. The receipts from fees increased nearly \$100, and the total amount of money handled by the treasurer was over \$400 greater than in any recent year. Although the receipts were increased very materially, the expenses were little more than those of the previous year, and consequently the balance on hand on January 1 was \$174 64, as against \$114 44 a year ago. This is a gain of \$60.20.

The receipts from fees for the last few years are as follows:

1892.....\$451 00	1896.....\$362 00
1893..... 395 00	1897..... 382 00
1894..... 412 00	1898..... 336 00
1895..... 365 00	1899..... 432 00

It will thus be seen that the receipts are nearly what they were in 1892.

The number of certificates issued for the same years are as follows:

1892.....207	1896.....169
1893.....177	1897.....179
1894.....166	1898.....164
1895.....160	1899.....190

On January 1, 1895, the debt of the association was \$260; on January 1, 1900, the surplus was \$174 64.

The detailed statement for 1899 is as follows:

RECEIPTS

On hand from 1898	\$114 44
Banquet receipts	79 50
Advertising in Annual Report—	
E. B. Eddy Co.....	\$10 00
Canada Paper Co.....	10 00
Miller and Richard.....	15 00
Toronto Type Foundry	10 00
Grip Engraving Co.....	8 00
	53 00
Excursion subscriptions.....	180 00
Received from fees.....	432 00
Interest.....	3 30
	<u>\$862 24</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Postage.....	\$ 44 81
Principal Grant.....	7 00
Central Press Agency.....	2 10
Printing—	
Apted Bros.....	\$27 70
Brown Bros.....	4 00
Speers & Co.....	3 00
Stratford Herald.....	5 40
MacLean Pub. Co.....	3 00
	43 10
Banquet expenses	121 35
Rent, Board of Trade (annual meeting)	4 00
Annual Report—	
Stenographer.....	\$10 00
E. B. Eddy Co.....	13 50
MacLean Pub. Co.....	84 40
	107 90
Excursion expenses.....	201 50
Galbraith & Lucas (photos).....	2 50
Copp, Clark Co.....	5 75
Executive expenses	41 00
Secretary's salary (1899).....	100 00
Sundries	6 59
Cash on hand December 31, 1899	174 64
	<u>\$862 24</u>

This satisfactory statement, which had been duly audited, was received with much pleasure, and a short general discussion took place on the report, which was adopted on motion of Lieut.-Col. MacLean.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

On rising to give the annual presidential address, Mr. Dingman was loudly applauded. He said:

GENTLEMEN,—The good attendance with which this 42nd annual meeting opens, combined with the record of the past year, is gratifying evidence of the vitality of our organization. The year just closed has been a record year in point of membership, which has reached the highest figure—204—in the history of the association, and our finances, as a report has just shown, are quite satisfactory.

Encouraged by these facts, we should not rest satisfied, but should promise more sustained effort to make the annual meetings increasingly profitable and inviting alike to daily and weekly and periodical publishers, as well as to members of their staffs.

It is to realize this aim more fully that the effort to hold sectional meetings during an afternoon, urged by Mr. J. S. Brierley during his presidency, is revived on this occasion. It is felt that the interests of various classes of members can be served by such a plan, under which those whose circum-