

the cardinal principles of our order. I need not ask for your hearty support, as this has always been given to the occupant of the chair. We have not increased the membership during the past year, only one new association organized, and very few new members added to replace those who withdrew and those taken by death. But brethren, I have the pleasure of saying that we have received into the C.A.S.E., out in Calgary, a lot of energetic members, that in the near future will have their subordinate lodge second to none in our fair Dominion. I have also in my possession a letter from Bro. Wm. Cross, also one from a Mr. Cook, chairman of a committee appointed by the engineers out at Rossland, asking information as to the starting of an association in that place. So you see if we have lost in the east we have gained in the far west, where everything grows in abundance, and to an enormous size. You will be asked to look over a bill drafted by a committee appointed by the Ontario Association, also to give your opinions and co-operations, that a greater effort may be put forth to have the bill become law, at the next meeting of the Local House. In this connection I should say that in this movement, not only are the members of the two associations a unit in favor of such a law, but I might add, almost all the qualified engineers of this country are with us, as well as most of the steam users. It may be necessary at the present convention to again take up the matter of bi-annual conventions, with a view to the curtailment of the expense necessary for an annual meeting. Steps should also be taken to arouse the engineers of the Dominion to the loss they sustain in not being of our membership. I regret very much the steps taken by our secretary, also by Montreal No. 1. I presume most of you have seen the item in The Canadian Engineer, that Montreal had moved to withdraw from the executive. For what reasons? Because they did not get from the executive the results desired in accordance to what they pay in, also that the cost of attending the convention was too great. Now, brethren, do you think that is the object? They have had for the past two years the executive secretary, a man possessed of good ability, and I consider it the most important office in the executive. So if they have not obtained what they want in the way of information it is their own fault. I think it would be wise to appoint some good past president to the secretaryship, and keep him for a term of years, and have him devise some scheme whereby the subordinate associations will be drawn in closer touch with the executive head. For instance, he might send out problems to the different lodges, for them to work out and return, and any errors they might make could be rectified by him, whereby keeping up a correspondence, and making the executive head a medium of instruction. These are a few points I have brought out for your consideration, and I feel satisfied that your best judgments will be used in dealing with them. The finances will be dealt with by the executive treasurer, therefore I will not touch on them. Brethren, in conclusion, I desire to express to you my deep sense of gratitude for the great honor you conferred on me a year ago, when you elected me to the high and honorable position of president of this association, and for the loyal manner you have stood by me. In closing I will only add it is my heartfelt wish that your deliberations at this convention may be so conducted towards each other that everything we shall do will redound to the benefit and honor of our good association.

Moved by Bro. Wickens and seconded by Bro. Pettigrew, that the president's address be handed to the Committee on the Good of the Order for discussion.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read by Treasurer and Acting Secretary Bro. G. C. Mooring, who was handicapped badly, owing to the poor notes of last meeting, and press of business coming on him in his dual capacity; he regretted that they had not been put into proper shape. They were adopted on a motion by Bro. Dixon, seconded by Bro. Edkins. The president informed the married men accompanied by their wives that carriages would be ready for the ladies at 2.30, for the purpose of giving them a drive round the twin cities. On a motion by Bro. Marr, seconded by Bro. Ironsides, and carried unanimously, it was decided to adjourn until 3 p.m.

At the afternoon session Bro. Oelschlager introduced Mayor Eden, and several of the councillors, and the delegates and visiting engineers listened with great pleasure to the following speech, in which the mayor gave them welcome:

Address of Welcome by Mayor Eden, of Berlin.

It affords me very much pleasure to meet the delegates of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers, and especially is it a pleasure to greet you in our town of Berlin. I am glad to see that a number of the delegates have brought their wives with them, for I feel satisfied that they will retire much earlier in consequence. The stationary engineer fills a most important position in connection with the welfare of the country. In the first place, they virtually hold the key to our manufacturing industries, whereby the trade and commerce of the land is very much increased. They also control to a great extent the labor employed in cities and towns, and without this employment, the cities and towns of our country would be very much reduced in prosperity and population. This must show to the engineers the necessity of each of you being intelligent and ingenious. A man to-day to be of any use in any profession must be more than a machine. You are showing your wisdom in forming yourselves into an association and meeting regularly to discuss new requirements in your particular lines. No doubt many of you are clever individually, but all can learn from one another. It should be your object to try and benefit your employer by giving him as much power as possible with the least expense. Now as mayor of this town, I extend to you all a hearty welcome to our town of Berlin—a town which we boast of as being the best in this fair Dominion—a town which employs to-day more stationary engineers than any other town its size in Canada. I understand that only a few of our engineers have as yet joined the association, but I trust your meeting here will act as a stimulus and result in having all our engineers identify themselves with the organization. Our town is known as a most hospitable one, and I can assure you the freedom of the city, wherever you go. No doubt you will be most interested in our manufacturing establishments, and I can assure you from what I know of our manufacturers, it will be a pleasure for them to show you through their factories. I trust you will enjoy your visit here in such a way that you will see fit to meet here again in the near future, at which time we will have all our streets fixed up in keeping with the rest of the town. I again extend to you, friends, the freedom of our town.

Reply to Address of Welcome from Mayor Eden, of Berlin, by President Chapman.

Mr. Mayor and Aldermen:—

On behalf of the delegates here present, attending our tenth annual convention, I thank you for the honor you have done us in welcoming us in such a handsome manner to your beautiful town, noted not only for the proverbial hospitality of its citizens, but also for their well known go-aheadativeness and public spirit. We join with you, Mr. Mayor, in pride of the beautiful cities, towns and waters of this Canada of ours, and not only those are we proud of, but we are proud of our fair Dominion at large, believing that it is bound to become one of the greatest and grandest countries on this earth. And, Sir, appreciating this truth, it becomes us as engineers, to sow the seed of theory and practice combined, which are the fundamental principles of our order. I am sure the delegates, one and all, appreciate as highly as I do your presence amongst us. We have come together to combine business with pleasure. The object of our association is to help one another, not only in a social and brotherly way, but chiefly to educate ourselves in our calling, thus benefiting our employers as well as ourselves; and I am sure we are more than pleased to hear from the eloquent welcome you have tendered us, that you thoroughly understand our aims and objects. I feel sure that our sojourn in your town will be most agreeable and pleasant for us all, and that we shall return home carrying with us happy recollections of our stay in the beautiful town of Berlin. Our branch here is composed of energetic citizens, as is evidenced by the programme of enjoyment provided for the entertainment of their visitors. When we add to this the hearty co-operation with them of the Chief Magistrate, and citizens generally, we have indeed reasons to approve of the decision of last year's convention, in deciding to come to Berlin. I need hardly say, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, that during the proceedings of this convention, we shall at all times be pleased to have you attend our sessions when you feel disposed to do so. We have met with cordial receptions wherever the conventions of the association have been held, but