

have been amended, and the bill will be re-introduced into the next session of the British Parliament, *with the support* of the above mentioned association, and I learn that there, is every prospect of progress for the bill this year.

I have a copy of this bill, which I could lend you for *four days only*, and on the very strict condition that it will be turned to me in the same order and condition I have sent it to you.

The English Architects' Registration Bill calls for the incorporation of the whole profession, and qualifies the members of the nineteen existing societies of Architects in England.

Personally, I would be in favor of the Institute of Architects of Canada, omitting from their bill, now before Parliament, the clauses calling for *close corporation*, and after incorporation is thus granted there should be a joint meeting of representatives of all the architectural bodies in Canada, to discuss the advisability of asking the Federal Government to pass a bill to provide for the registration of Architects, on the same lines as the laws of Illinois or the British bill.

The Council of the Institute of Architects of Canada have been accused of forcing the "close corporation" bill through the House for incorporation. They are only following the instructions of the first Congress of Architects, held in Montreal last summer. I know that among the twenty members of the Council of the I. A. C. there are six or seven who are in favor of "registration" by a Dominion law, on the lines suggested in the recent resolution of the Toronto Architectural Club, and I have not consulted all the members of our Council. There are, perhaps, more.

Yours very truly,

ALCIDE CHAUSSE.

1051 St. Hubert St., Montreal, Feb. 4, '08.

## The O.A.A. and Registration

**A**RCHITECT W. A. LANGTON, of the Ontario Association of Architects, replies to resolution of The Toronto Architectural Club on the question of the form of registration advocated by the Institute of Architects of Canada, and explains the attitude of the Ontario Association on the subject.

Editor Construction:

Dear Sir,—In your January number, in a report of the annual meeting of the Architectural Club, you print a resolution of the Club on the question of the registration of architects, in which it is said that the club "is opposed to the form or forms of registration put forth by the Institute of Architects of Canada and the Ontario Association of Architects, which would mean giving the control of the profession over into the hands of certain privileged bodies of the profession."

The Institute of Architects of Canada was started in Montreal, and is, I believe, aiming at a constitution of the same kind as that of the Province of Quebec Association of Architects, to which the architects of Montreal are accustomed. If they are in error, I do not wish to defend them; I write only to remove a misapprehension as to the attitude of the Ontario Association towards this question.

It is true that, when this Association first started, its constitution was modeled, on the suggestion, I believe, of the then Minister of Education, on that of the Law Society. Members of the Association were to have an exclusive title, the right to which was to be obtained by passing examinations conducted by the Association.

The purpose of this Act was to oblige young men to train themselves properly for the profession. It failed in this respect, inasmuch as the title of members of the Association was made not "Architect" but "Registered Architect."

When it was clear that the Act as it stood would have

no effect upon the educational question, the Association (with whom also the title "Registered Architect" was not popular), represented the state of affairs to the Government and requested that the title be made "Architect."

A bill for this purpose was accordingly put into the hands of a member on the Government side to test the feeling of the House. The feeling of a majority of the House appeared to be in favor of the results aimed at by the bill; but it became clear in committee that there was opposition in the country; not of a statesmanlike character, but an opposition which the committee would not go against.

In its practical bearing upon our question the opposition amounted to a suspicion that if the Association had the power to conduct the examinations by which young men were admitted to practise architecture, it would use that power to refuse them admittance and keep them out of practice. Accordingly, when we brought the question up again in the House, we expressed our readiness to hand over the duty of examination to agents appointed by the Government.

In this form the opposition to the bill, as class legislation, was withdrawn. It did not, however, pass, because of opposition from two architects on the ground that an annual fee should not be made a condition of practice.

This was in 1897, and since that date examination by government agency may be defined as the attitude of the Association to the question of an educational test for persons intending to practice architecture.

At the convention held in January, 1907, it was proposed to bring the matter up again, and the question of how to conduct examinations apart from the Association is now, at the request of the Association, being considered by the Ontario Government.

This position, unless I am very much mistaken, is the very position in favor of which the Toronto Architectural Club "wishes to put itself on record" in proposing the above motion. This is a "form of registration of architects, based on education and under direct Government control" which the resolution calls "a proper form."

We may therefore, I suppose, count on the support of the Toronto Architectural Club, if a measure to that effect is introduced this session.

Yours truly,

W. A. LANGTON,

43 Victoria st., Toronto, Jan. 11.

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Yours truly,

ALEX COWAN.

Crieff, Ont., Dec. 24, 1907.

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W. B. ALLAN.

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