

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS.

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ANNUAL DINNER OF TORONTO NO. 1.

THE annual dinners of Toronto Association No. 1 have become to be looked forward to by the members and their friends with much anticipation and interest, and each year their growing popularity is shown by an increase in attendance. This year it was the tenth annual banquet, and was held on Thanksgiving eve. The scene of the festive gathering was the Palmer House, and the spacious dining-room afforded ample accommodation for the guests, who numbered about 200. The tables permitted of all being comfortably seated at one time, which was a marked improvement over former years. The ten large electric light chandeliers, each decorated with four union jacks, presented an attractive appearance. The arrangements were complete and well carried out.

The duties of Chairman devolved upon Mr. John Fox, President of the Association. To his right were Mr. John Yule, President of the Canadian Electrical Association, Mr. E. H. Keating, City Engineer, Ald. McMurrich, and Prof. Galbraith, Principal of the School of Practical Science. On his left were Dr. Orr and Past-Presidents Wickens and Lewis.

The visitors from outside places were Messrs. R. C. Pettigrew, Treasurer of the Executive Committee, and R. Mackie, Treasurer of the Ontario Association, both of Hamilton; G. M. Hazlett, President of Winnipeg No. 11, and W. L. Oathwaite, President of Peterboro' No. 14.

The Chairman read letters of regret from the following persons: Messrs. R. J. Fleming, Mayor of Toronto; O. P. St. John, President Marine Engineers' Association; A. Ames, President Ontario Association; James Devlin, President Executive Council; John Galt, C. E., Mechanical Engineer; and J. C. Robb, of the Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company.

The supper provided was of excellent quality, and such as would satisfy the appetites of the most ravenous. The menu was as follows:

MENU

OYSTERS.

New York Counts (Raw au Leman).

SOUP.

Cream of Oyster.

FISH.

Boiled Sea Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce, Parsienne, Celery, Hors d'Oeuvres, Pickled Beets, Pomme de Terre, Red Cabbage.

BOILED.

Sugar Cured Ham, with Spinach, Leg Southdown Mutton, Capers Sauce.

ROASTS.

Sirloin Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Spring Duck, Apple Sauce, Young Turkey, Stuffed, Cranberry Sauce, Haunch Venison, Red Currant Jelly.

COLD MEATS.

Tongue, Pigs Feet, Lamb's Tongues, Head Cheese.

VEGETABLES.

Tomatoes, Green Peas, Boiled and Mashed Potatoes.

SALADS.

Chicken, Celery, Heheman.

PUDDINGS.

English Plum, Brandy Sauce, Baked Cocconut, a la Creme.

PASTRY.

Apple, Mince, Lemon.

DESSERT.

Charlotte Russe, Lemon Sponge.

JELLIES.

Champagne, Strawberry, Sherry Wine.

FRUIT.

Florida Oranges, Bananas, Snow Apples, Green Tea, Black Tea, French Coffee, Crackers and Cheese.

Shortly after ten o'clock, after an hour or so had been spent in disposing of the viands, the Chairman addressed a few words of welcome to the guests, and proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem.

After a song by Mr. Grant, Mr. A. M. Wickens was called upon to respond to the toast, "Canada, Our Home." He referred to the large number of men of stability to be found in Canada, who, he said, were proud to call themselves Canadians wherever they went. He hoped that, instead of having five million people in Canada, we would shortly have twenty millions.

Ald. McMurrich, in the absence of the Mayor, acknowledged the toast of the city of Toronto. He came to the city over 52 years ago and had enjoyed every day since. He was interested in the success of the Stationary Engineers, and fully recognized the benefits to be derived from such an association. Their positions were among the most responsible which any person could occupy.

A song by Mr. Blackgrove was followed by the toast, "The Manufacturers," coupled with which were the names of Mr. John Main, of the Polson Company, and Mr. Weeks, of the Weeks-Eldred Company. Each spoke of the kindly feeling which existed between the manufacturers and the engineers. Mr. Main thought the prospects for the coming season were promising, and hoped soon to observe the return of good times.

A song by Ald. McMurrich was well received, after which the toast of the "Educational Interests" was proposed by the Chairman, to which Prof. Galbraith, of the School of Practical Science, and Dr. Orr, of the Technical School, responded.

Prof. Galbraith was pleased with the success of the Engineers' Association. It had begun in a small way, and for a time was not particularly prosperous, but was now assured of success. He stated that of late much attention had been given to the relative merits of low speed and high speed engines, but the problem had as yet never been satisfactorily settled. Electricians were now making engines half way between high speed and low speed. He referred to the recent experiments of Dr. Jakes, of Boston, who had endeavored to produce electricity by means of ordinary combustion, doing away with both the steam engine and the boiler. He stated that the experiments were not considered successful. In his opinion the only hopeful way by which the steam engine could be done away with in operating electrical machinery was by the use of the steam turbine, which was as yet only in its infancy. Late developments along this line strengthened this conviction, and so far had met with a moderate degree of success. By this method the steam from the boilers was blown into a turbine, thereby causing the turbine to revolve. He could not understand how it would be possible to do away with the boilers also. In his closing remarks he stated that we required a little more imagination among our technical teachers. We had always looked up too much to other countries.

Mr. Charles Palmer then voluntarily favored the company with a song of his own composition, entitled, "My Own Irish Love," which received a very hearty encore, as did also his response.

Dr. Orr was called upon, and spoke especially in regard to the Toronto Technical School, which, he said, had been an unprecedented success. In five years the number of pupils in attendance had grown from 246 to