

now, and the Scandinavian Committee composed of engineers and cement manufacturers, are now conducting a long-term test on this same subject, and also a great deal of work is being done in the United States. We must rely a good deal on that and get the result of all their tests, as far as possible, which we have been doing, and I think I have got all the data on that subject to date. By next year we will be able to do something definite.

MR. MACKENZIE: I beg to say that there is data scattered over this country which has not been collected; there is data scattered over this country which can be seen and the results noted. So far as I know, it has not been as yet.

MR. LEOFRED: I move that Mr. Mackenzie be added to the committee of the study and effect of sea water on cement work.

MR. JAMIESON: The committee already has power to add to its numbers, but we would be very glad to add Mr. Mackenzie to that committee.

THE PRESIDENT: The next order of business is the reception of reports of scrutineers on by-laws.

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THE SECRETARY: I want to call the attention of the meeting to a little informality in regard to this. Mr. McAllister, who acted as the chairman of this committee, was not elected as the chairman. The gentleman who was elected did not report, and perhaps the society was out of session before it was noted that the chairman was not attending to business. A substitute had to be got for him, and Mr. McAllister acted as substitute. Perhaps the meeting would confirm the appointment of Mr. McAllister.

Carried.

THE PRESIDENT: I have much pleasure in declaring these gentlemen elected for the coming year, and I would ask the new president, Mr. Tye, to take the chair.

(The new president, Mr. Tye, here took the chair, amidst applause.)

MR. TYE: Gentlemen, I wish to thank you very much for your kind reception. I can only hope that you will be as well pleased when the year is over. (Applause.)

THE SECRETARY: Mr. President, the matter of the election of a Nominating Committee is one that is always dealt with under the by-laws by this meeting, and the mode of procedure under the by-laws is suggested by council. The mode of procedure which the council has adopted for the last two years is to request the branches to suggest two names at least for each office, and the annual meeting selects that one which commends itself. That provides for districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The recommendation with regard to district No. 1, which is the headquarters, has been made during the last two years by the local members of the council. Recommendation has also been made by the same local members of the council for district No. 2, which is the lower provinces and in which there is no branch. I have recommendations under that method for all the districts except the Quebec Branch No. 3, I understand that representatives of the Quebec Branch are prepared to make a nomination.

For District No. 1 I have one name only, that of J. L. Allan. For District No. 2 I have the nomination of Mr. R. S. Lee. For District No. 4, Mr. James White. The Ottawa branch sent only one name. For District No. 5 I think Mr. Haultain is prepared to make a nomination. He verbally gave me the name of Mr. T. C. Irving, Jr. For District No. 6 Mr. Frank Lea and Mr. E. P. Fetherstonhaugh. For District No. 7 Mr. J. C. Kennedy, Mr. E. C. Cartwright and Mr. H. L. Deutcher.

THE PRESIDENT: Is it your pleasure that you make any additional nomination to District No. 1?

MR. JAMIESON: Is it in order now to discuss this question? This does not seem a satisfactory way of proceeding, and it does not seem to give satisfactory results inasmuch as there has not been the full number nominated. Why not adopt the procedure of the American Society, which is to send out a paper for suggestions from all the members in each of the districts, and whoever has the greatest number of votes is usually appointed?

THE SECRETARY: That is done, Mr. Jamieson.

MR. JAMIESON: Well, over on the other side these papers are sent out and they prove very satisfactory. It gives every member of the society an opportunity to suggest for the Nominating Committee, and we must not lose sight of the fact that the Nominating Committee should be very carefully selected and every member of the society ought to be given a voice in the selection. It is essentially a point where they ought to have a say, because from that time on they do not have any say.

I would move, if it is in order to make a motion now, that this society adopt the same procedure as the American Society in regard to the Nominating Committee.

MR. SHANLY: I would like to say a word on the subject. If I remember rightly there was a time in this society when we used to send out circulars to all the members at the same time that the ballots went out, asking them for nominations for the Nominating Committee. The result, as I remember it, was if a man got half a dozen votes he might be elected. I remember I was proposed as a member of the Nominating Committee for one of the outlying districts, and there were, I suppose, a dozen other names submitted, each of them having one vote. I myself and one other member had two votes, and the tie was left to the decision of the annual meeting, and I was elected, I suppose, because I happened to be present. Therefore, I actually represented only two members of the society on that Nominating Committee. Now, if we send out ballots, as Mr. Jamieson suggests, it seems to me we will have the same trouble over again. We will have any number of names suggested and none of them will have an important majority.

MR. JAMIESON: Well, while that is true in the past, that is not necessarily true to-day. Conditions have very materially changed. It is, of course, up to the members themselves. Of course, if the members do not feel disposed to have a voice in the matter, very well and good, but this system is working well in the United States and they do get in larger returns. They get in a very large vote, and now the members are taking a great deal of interest in it, because it was satisfactory in the past. It was not the same procedure as I am proposing now, and the old, unsatisfactory system does not mean that the present one will be unsatisfactory.

THE PRESIDENT: Is it not more satisfactory to leave it to the branches and let them decide on whom they want?

MR. SHANLY: The trouble is we get a scattered vote. Each man votes independently.

MR. JAMIESON: Well, it will be representative, anyway.

MR. SHANLY: Under the present system the selection of the members nominated is left, as largely as possible, to the local branches. They are supposed to be in touch with their own members, and they can discuss the matter among themselves and send in a ballot which will represent the majority of their members. On the other hand, when each member votes independently you cannot get a majority.

MR. JAMIESON: That is exactly what I propose now.

THE PRESIDENT: And each district attends to their own part of the business themselves. Why should the council do that? Why not leave it to the branches? Then