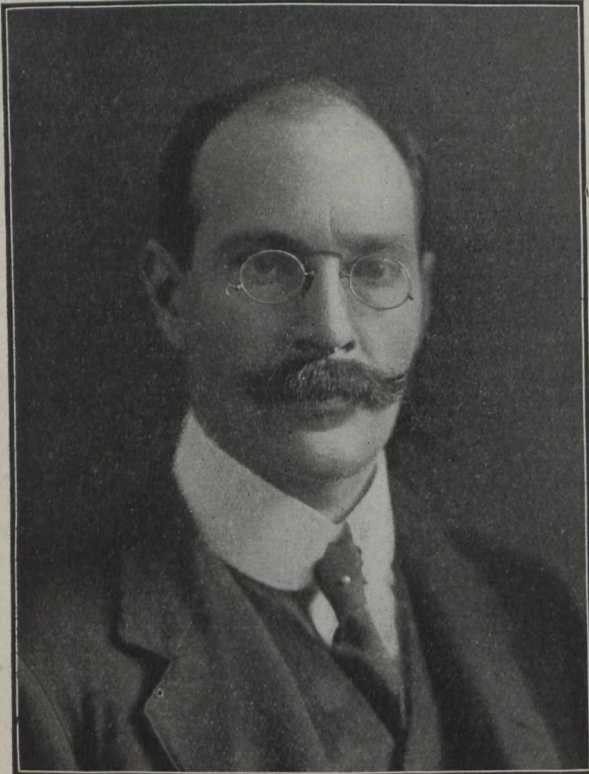


dian ores at home, instead of having to ship these latter to the United States for treatment.

The Institute has already proved its efficiency and its ability to largely assist the miner in performing his work and carrying out his ideas generally. I might add that it is only by constant concerted action of this kind that the miner can feel that from Sydney to the



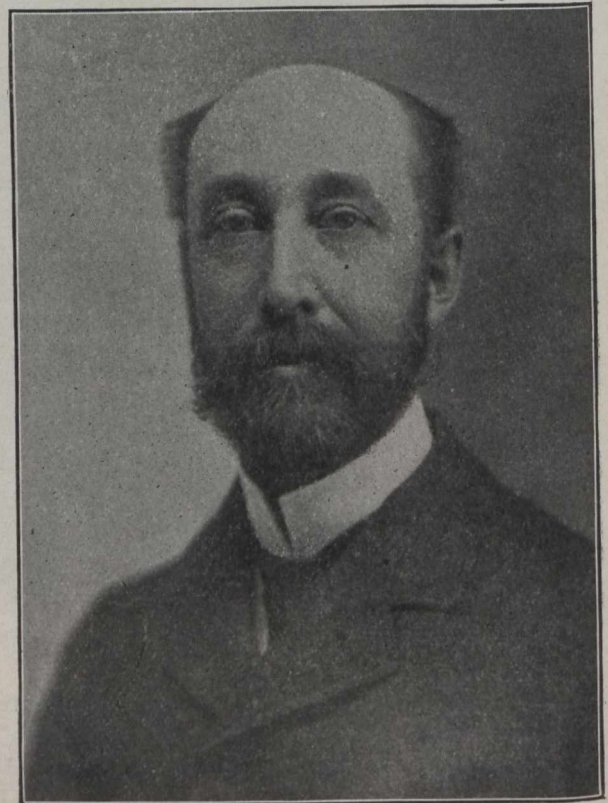
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Yukon his interests are thoroughly protected, and this unity of purpose and action is bound to secure for the mining men that reasonable legislation which is necessary to the successful carrying out of their work and business. The annual increase in membership shows the popularity of this institution. The modern idea among all professional and scientific classes, civil, mechanical and mining engineers as well, of becoming incorporated for mutual benefit and support, can result only in good. There may be a feeling on the part of some of us that our by-laws, or our methods, or the result of our elections, are not in accord with the ideas of all our members; but our constitution and our by-laws themselves provide any remedy that may be desired in this respect, and after due notice they may be readily amended. Nevertheless, no particular province, nor yet any set of men in the Dominion, should, however, in my opinion, ask for special provisions to meet special circumstances unless with the concerted motion of the whole Institute. It is well that outsiders should know as well as we do that the Institute is not for the benefit of speculators or mining manipulators, but was established, and is maintained, for the advancement and protection of the genuine mining interests all over the country; and, generally to render this work effective and its influence paramount, it is first of all essential, of course, that it should have our loyal adhesion and support as members. Then, while our individual operations, and even the industry as a whole, may have their

respective ups and downs, the Institute, I trust—like Tennyson's Brook—will flow on for ever; and, although Cobalt, contrary to every indication, should see its failure, as Port Arthur did some twenty years ago, the Mining Institute would continue its useful career for future generations of mining men.

Gentlemen, it is scarcely possible to declare that the present meeting in this hotel is opened without a passing reference to the unfortunate circumstances attending our former meeting here. There can be no doubt whatever that the regretted death of our late esteemed secretary—Mr. B. T. A. Bell—upon the very eve of the meeting, placed a damper upon the entire proceedings of the convention of that year, so that it was scarcely possible for the City of Toronto, or the Province of Ontario, of which it is the splendid capital, to have formed from that meeting any fair idea of the importance or the influence of this Institution. We meet again to-day in Toronto, not only as one of the mining centres of the Dominion, but the centre of the Dominion from the mining standpoint.

In declaring this ninth annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute open for the despatch of business, it is in no purely formal manner that I express the fervent hope that you are each and all a unit in contributing to its interest and success. The papers that are to be read cannot but prove instructive to every mining man, covering, as they do, everything in our mining interests, from coal to gold. It only remains for me to



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thank you, gentlemen, for having honored me with the highest office in your gift, and to ask from you continued confidence and support through the sessions of the present convention.

I believe, gentlemen, in conclusion, that in meeting here in Ontario that there are some vital issues