

We publish elsewhere in this issue an abstract of a paper on "House Sanitation" by Mr. Willis Chipman, C. E., Toronto, which was prepared for the Association of Executive Health Officers of Ontario. The suggestions contained therein are more particularly applicable to small towns, villages, and the poorer districts or suburbs of cities, and the advice given is eminently practicable. The writer has shown that the poor man may be supplied with sanitary conveniences sufficient for his needs, and that cities and towns may improve their sanitary conditions without oppressing him by excessive taxation and without any great expenditure. The "Brantford plan" of earth or ash closet is recommended for localities desitute of sewerage, or where for reasons of cost or otherwise a system of plumbing is impracticable. This method should be adopted in the tenement districts of Toronto where there are more than 12,000 privy pits, and where it would be impossible to introduce water closets by reason of exposure to frost. We must confess to being rather sceptical in regard to the inoffensiveness of an ash closet which is only emptied once a month, except where the users are of exceedingly careful disposition, and fear the closet where only average care was bestowed would prove decidedly offensive in very warm weather. In Lorne Park where a similar system is in use, we understand the removal is tri-weekly for the very reason cited above. The disposal of garbage by burning in the kitchen stove is another point which it is almost impossible to observe in practice. Not one domestic in fifty will attend to it faithfully, and many careful housekeepers will not permit it, averring as a reason that it is decidedly injurious to the range. A method of cellar drainage is recommended which is incomplete in that it makes no provision for keeping the trap supplied with water in seasons when there is not sufficient subsoil water flowing to preserve its seal. A rain water pipe should be connected to this trap to prevent such a contingency. The proposal to "ventilate" the w. c. compartment of a house into the "cock loft" is a most ostrich-like proceeding. If the room cannot be ventilated into a warm flue it would be better to make it airtight and to rely for ventilation on a small window opening directly to the outer air. The pamphlet is a contribution to sanitary science which must prove of decided benefit in the direction intended, and we commend its perusal to the local authorities and health boards of the country.

TORONTO ARCHITECTURAL SKETCH CLUB.

The season's work was brought to a close on Tuesday evening, June the 24th, by a social gathering held at the Toronto Art Gallery. The members turned out in large force and a number of visitors were present, including members of the Ontario Society of Artists and Art Students' League. Songs, recitations, ventriloquist imitations, instrumental selections, smoking and light refreshments were the means of making the evening pass very pleasantly. Those who contributed to the first part of the programme were: Messrs. L. Carlisle, J. J. Woolnough, Henry Simpson, J. A. Pearson, — Fairweather, C. H. Westwood, J. F. Brown, E. B. Jarvis, W. Carlisle, H. D. Allardyce, R. Wilson, Sam. Jones, — Smith, J. L. Telford, and Acton Bond.

Late in the evening the meeting broke up, after "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen" had been sung in a hearty manner.

THE MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING.

EDITOR CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER.

SIR,—I was pleased to see the accepted design for the Montreal Board of Trade building published in your last issue, and also to see in the same number a view of the Toronto office of the Bank of Montreal. We are thus enabled to compare the work of local men with that of foreigners—and to compare it, I think, without detriment to our own men.

I must confess to a feeling of genuine disappointment when I opened the journal and found such a commonplace design as that which was accepted by the Building Committee of the Montreal Board of Trade. To me, it has not one redeeming feature. It is merely a transcript of some of the successful firm's designs for warehouse buildings which have been published frequently in the American architectural journals—lifeless—commonplace—artless. It is not even sound in construction, the massive front wall being carried on stilts, and the ground

floor front wall advanced several feet in order to gain increased space in the offices on either side of the main entrance.

Compare the above design with that of Messrs. Darling & Curry's Montreal Bank, and there can be no question of the superiority of native talent. The one is a studied, artistic production, indicating a carefully trained mind; the other is a crude effort tossed off apparently by a man who has run short of ideas and repeats some of his old ones regardless of suitability or the artistic possibilities of the occasion.

Yours, &c., CANADIAN.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS.

AT a meeting of the Council called on the 2nd of June to receive report of Committee, applications for membership, etc., there were present: J. W. Hopkins, President, in the chair; A. T. Taylor; A. F. Dunlop; A. C. Hutchison; W. E. Doran, Treasurer.

The Committee on the preparation of a schedule of charges laid what they had prepared before the meeting. After some considerable discussion it was thought desirable to adjourn the meeting until the 8th inst., to try and get a larger attendance. The meeting adjourned accordingly.

At the adjourned meeting on June 8th, there were present: J. W. Hopkins, President, in the chair; V. Roy, 2nd Vice-President; A. C. Hutchison, A. F. Dunlop, A. T. Taylor, M. Perrault, A. Raza, W. E. Doran, Treasurer; C. Clift, Secretary.

The Committee on schedule of charges again reported, and after the schedule had been thoroughly discussed, it was temporarily adopted.

The following applications for membership were received and accepted: O. Mailloux, St. Antoine street, Montreal; Thos. Raymond, St. Roch, Quebec.

Applications were received from the following students: A. Lefort, E. Heckok, A. Piché, S. Trappier, A. Content, A. Kaich, A. St. Louis, R. LeMay, D. N. MacVicar, C. S. Martel, J. Z. Despartie.

An application from D. A. Sincennes was received and accepted, but the Secretary was instructed to write saying the balance of his time must be served in the office of a member of the Association.

An application for membership was received from J. A. Thibandeau. The Secretary was instructed to write him asking him to have it signed by a member of the Association, and to send the registration fee of \$20.

Messrs. Roy, Dunlop, and the Secretary were appointed to obtain rooms for the Association as soon as possible.

Several matters of business had to be left over.

The meeting adjourned until Monday, June 15th.

There were present at the adjourned meeting on June 15th: J. W. Hopkins, President, in the chair; A. C. Hutchison, J. F. Peachy, A. T. Taylor, A. F. Dunlop, C. Clift, Secretary. After the confirmation of the minutes, the Secretary reported that the schedule temporarily adopted at the last meeting had been sent down to Quebec for perusal by Messrs. Berlinquet and Peachy, and that no alterations had been suggested.

It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, that the schedule be finally adopted and the Secretary at once have it sent down to Quebec in accordance with the Act of Incorporation, and that Messrs. Berlinquet, Peachy and Baillairge be instructed to see it laid before the Lieutenant Governor for his sanction. Carried.

The Committee appointed at last meeting to arrange about securing rooms reported that they had visited several places, and after careful consideration had engaged the two front rooms on the second floor of the Canada Life building at a rental of \$200 per annum.

The Council sustained the action of the Committee. The Secretary was instructed to at once have them furnished sufficiently for the use of the members and students.

The Secretary asked that architectural periodicals be at once obtained for the use of the students, etc., whereupon he was instructed to apply to the editors of the different journals.

The following applications for membership were received and accepted: A. Lévesque, Place d'Armes Square, Montreal; A. Vallee, Quebec; A. Dubieine, Quebec; H. C. Nelson, R. P. Baines, Ed. Maxwell, Montreal. For student associates: G. R. Crood, D. R. Talbord, J. G. Laurent, Montreal; E. Dusseault, Quebec.

Several applications were left over to another meeting.