

leges aspire to be Electrical or Mechanical Engineers, and the few who take up Civil Engineering are looking forward to railway or government work, in spite of the fact that all these are much overcrowded. In municipal engineering there are still openings, but the young engineer should be qualified in practice as well as theory, in short, must be a "practical" man, and not afraid to commence like any young lawyer or doctor in some out of the way place, and grow up with the country. For a while, no doubt, he may have a struggle to make both ends meet, and may have to take up some other work not exactly of an engineering character, but which will add to his knowledge of business and municipal affairs. For instance, a case has come to the writer's notice where a young engineer performed the duties of assessor where he was located in the early days of his career, and has since risen to the top of the ladder, being chief engineer of one of the greatest railway systems on this continent. The young municipal engineer, to succeed, must also be an Ontario Land Surveyor, and thus be in a position to locate all the disputed property lines in his neighborhood, as well as prepare plans for registration of new surveys and new roads, etc. During the year's apprenticeship to some practising surveyor, the college graduate will also add to the practical knowledge that he is assumed to have acquired in the vacations during the college course.

At present there is no organization in Ontario to bring municipal engineers together to read papers and discuss topics of mutual interest. The National Engineering Society, with headquarters at Montreal, does not fill this need and should not be expected to. A provincial organization seems to be necessary, such as the State Engineering Societies of Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, and other local engineering clubs. This society should have permanent headquarters in the provincial capital. It may be said that the Ontario Land Surveyors' Association already fills this need, and to a certain degree that is true, but many members of that association who are also engineers, have so far silently endeavored to keep purely engineering questions in the background. Now that the attempt to form a close corporation of engineers in Ontario seems to have been abandoned, we may expect more attention to be paid to the consideration of the advisability of enlarging the scope of the Ontario Land Surveyors' Association so as to include Municipal Engineering, and thus aid in securing to municipalities competent men to design and construct their different public works.