

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS.

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT BERLIN.

THE tenth annual convention of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers has passed into history. It was held on August 15th, 16th and 17th, in the C.O.F. hall at Berlin, one of the most progressive manufacturing towns in Ontario, where there is an active association of engineers with a good quota of members.



MEMBERS OF THE BERLIN AND WATERLOO ASSOCIATIONS.

When the convention opened at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, President W. G. Chapman, of Brockville, presided, being supported by the following executive officers: R. C. Pettigrew, Hamilton, vice-president; G. C. Mooring, Toronto, acting secretary and treasurer; W. Bear, Dresden, conductor; J. Wendell, Waterloo, door-keeper. The other delegates and members, present during the convention were as follows:

Toronto No. 1—A. E. Edkins, A. M. Wickens, J. J. Bain, J. W. Marr, Chas. Moseley and W. G. Webb.

Hamilton No. 2—Joseph Ironsides.

Guelph No. 6—R. W. Greene.

Dresden No. 8—W. F. Jamieson.

Berlin No. 9—G. Steinmetz, W. Oelschlager, A. McKersie, J. Heyd, W. Tiedt, J. Koehler, R. Englert, A. Arndt, L. Bowman, C. Fries, K. Gildner, R. Cossey, F. Hise, J. Schneider and W. Wilschonke.

Brockville No. 15—F. W. Turkington.

Waterloo No. 17—Nathan Uttley, F. A. Pflug, J. R. Uttley, N. Beam, F. Alward, W. C. Mielke, G. Beam, A. Stockfish, J. Nihill and M. Cadwell.

Toronto No. 18—J. M. Dixon.

There was also present Mr. T. J. Halsey, representing the Fairbanks Company, engineers' supplies, Montreal.

Mr. W. Oelschlager, chairman of the local committee, read an address, in which he extended to the delegates a hearty welcome to Berlin. President Chapman replied as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN,—I have the honor to welcome you to this our tenth annual convention. I am aware that in selecting you as delegates our various branches have sent their best men. Consequently, I am confident that your deliberations will result in the advancement of our organization, and that in dealing with the various subjects brought before you, the one and only aim sought shall be the greater good of the C.A.S.E. I am sure that naught but good will shall prevail; indeed, such is one of the cardinal principles of our order. I need not ask for your hearty support, as this has always been given to the occupant of the chair. We have not increased the membership during the past year, only one new association was organized, and very few new members added to replace those who have withdrawn and those taken by death. But, brethren, I have the pleasure of saying that we have received into the C.A.S.E., out in Calgary, a lot of energetic members that in the near future will have their subordinate lodge second to none in our fair Dominion. I have also in my possession a letter from Bro. Wm. Cross, also one from a Mr. Cook, chairman of a committee appointed by the engineers out at Roseland, asking information as to the starting of an association in that place. So you see if we have lost in the east we have gained in the west, where everything grows in abundance and to an enormous size.

You will be asked to look over a bill drafted by a committee appointed by the Ontario Association, also to give your opinion and co-operation, that a greater effort may be put forth to have the bill become law at the

next meeting of the local House. In this connection I should say that in this movement not only are the two associations a unit in favor of such a law, but, I might add, almost all the qualified engineers of this country are with us, as well as most of the steam users. It may be necessary at the present convention to again take up the matter of biennial conventions, with a view to the curtailment of the expense necessary for an annual meeting. Steps should also be taken to arouse the engineers of the Dominion to the loss they sustain in not being of our membership. I regret very much the steps taken by our secretary, also by Montreal No. 1. I presume most of you have seen the item in the Canadian Engineer that Montreal had moved to withdraw from the executive. For what reason? Because they did not get from the

executive the results desired in accordance to what they pay in; also that the cost of attending the convention was too great. Now, brethren, do you think that is the object? They have had for the past two years the executive secretary, a man possessed of good ability, and I consider it the most important office in the executive. So if they have not obtained what they want in the way of information it is their own fault. I think it would be wise to appoint some good past president to the secretaryship and keep him for a term of years, and have him devise some scheme whereby the subordinate associations will be drawn in closer touch with the executive head. For instance, he might send out problems to the different lodges, for them to work out and return, and any errors they might make could be rectified by him, thereby keeping up a correspondence and making the executive head a medium of instruction. These are a few points I have brought up for your consideration, and I feel satisfied that your best judgment will be used in dealing with them. The finances will be dealt with by the executive treasurer; therefore I will not touch on them. In conclusion, I desire to express to you my deep sense of gratitude for the great honor you conferred on me one year ago, when you elected me to the high and honorable position of president of this association, and for the loyal manner you have stood by me. In closing I will only add that it is my heartfelt wish that your deliberations at this convention will result in the advancement of the association.

On motion of Mr. Wickens, seconded by Mr. Pettigrew, it was decided to refer the communication to the Committee on the Good of the Order for a report.

The minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary and adopted, after which the following committees were appointed: Credential Committee—A. E. Edkins, J. W. Marr and F. W. Turkington.

Finance Committee—G. W. Webb, A. M. Wickens and R. C. Pettigrew.

Mileage Committee—J. J. Bain, J. Ironsides and W. F. Jameson.



MR. R. C. PETTIGREW, President.

Good of the Order—Jas. Dixon, A. M. Wickens, Chas. Moseley and W. Oelschlager.

The convention then adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 p.m. Mr. Oelschlager introduced Mayor Egan, who, after welcoming the delegates spoke as follows:

The Stationary Engineers fill a most important position in connection with the welfare of the country. In the first place they hold the key to our manufacturing industries, whereby the trade