

THE CHAIRMAN: Is this not going beyond the scope of our Institute, into politics?

MR. BELL: There is a difference between matters of policy and politics. I take it it is quite within the sphere of a body of mine owners and mining engineers to discuss methods of legislation likely to affect the interests of the industry.

After some discussion Mr. Braden's resolution was held over until the Friday session.

MR. F. T. SNYDER submitted his paper on "Some Modern Forms of Mining Machinery." The paper was discussed by Messrs. Hardman, Miller and Snyder.

The session adjourned at one o'clock.

#### THAT CIVIL ENGINEERS' BILL.

The members met at three o'clock, the President in the chair.

PROF. MACLEOD (Secretary of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers) explained that immediately it was found that the clause respecting mining engineers contained in this Bill was objectionable to the Mining Institute it was withdrawn.

THE CHAIRMAN: So far as we are concerned we did feel that any legislation governing the profession of mining engineering should emanate properly from an institute representing mining engineers, and not from a body of civil engineers.

MR. P. W. ST. GEORGE, C.E.: We only hope that instead of, as we saw in the papers, your opposing the Bill going through any other House, you will do all in your power to help us.

THE CHAIRMAN: Certainly; as long as you leave the mining engineers alone. I hope we will all move for the good of the profession.

THE SECRETARY: It would have been better if the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers had sought our co-operation before.

MR. JOHN BIRKINBINE then delivered an address on "Commercial Progress as Influenced by the Development of the Iron Industry."

MR. BLAKEMORE moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Birkinbine for his valuable contribution to their proceedings.

MR. MERITT seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

#### THE PROGRESS OF MINING IN ONTARIO.

MR. A. BLUE, Director of Mines, reviewed the progress of mining in Ontario, quoting the following summary of the mineral production of the Province: