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CANADIAN GAS ASSOCIATION.

The third annual meeting of the Canadian Gas Association was held at Hamilton on June 9th, 10th and 11th.

For some time past the interest taken in hydro-electric matters has prevented the growth and expansion of gas companies and gas plant installation in Canada. Now that the air has cleared a little in reference to cost of electric installations, and business methods instead of public promises are being considered, gas installations will again be figured on more extensively.

In the addresses at the Hamilton convention the advantages of gas for lighting, heating and power purposes were fully discussed, and it was informing to listen to managers of plants municipally-owned, which had both electrical and gas lighting to handle, refer to the splendid work done by gas when in competition with electricity.

The bringing together of the men closely associated with the gas industries of Canada, the exchange of ideas, and the united action and investigation will be appreciated throughout the year by their customers and the general public.

DEVELOPMENTS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The Halifax Board of Trade recently tendered Mr. J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, a luncheon. Mr. Plummer's address was listened to with great interest, and, as he described the development of this trading concern, two things stood out prominently in the address. First, that twelve thousand names were on the pay roll, and that for wages alone they pay annually \$8,000,000. Second, the possibility of immediate expansion of the plant, so that wire, wire nails and other finished products might be turned out from their factory. This is a new departure on behalf of this concern.

This indicates that the company have not as yet reached the limit of their possibilities for expansion. New furnaces will be built, new mills erected, and with these increased facilities and the possibilities of cheap raw material the development of these new branches of their industry will likely be rapid.

CANADIAN GAS EXHIBITORS.

The Canadian Gas Exhibitors held their first exhibition at Alexandria Rink, Hamilton, from June 6th to 11th.

The exhibition was one which pleased both the exhibitors and the visitors. Considerable time and money had been spent in securing the effect which not only added to the beauty of each individual exhibit, but which made the whole building appear as one specially arranged for the purpose. To Archibald W. Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Gas Exhibitors, much of the credit for the success of the exhibition is due. Mr. Smith was fortunate in his selection of his exhibitors, so that the exhibits illustrated almost every phase of work in connection with gas plants.