

Several of the delegates doubted if the request would be complied with, whereupon the Editor of THE CANADIAN ENGINEER, who was present, asked permission as a matter of privilege to make a statement. By unanimous vote the request was granted.

Mr. Groves pointed out, that since the negative article in question appeared, THE CANADIAN ENGINEER had changed hands, and the present Editor disclaimed any responsibility. He undertook, however, to give two columns for the proposed reply, and as their journal had the largest circulation of any Engineering paper in Canada, and which had lately been increased by incorporating therewith, "The Canadian Machine Shop," the Stationary Engineers' defence of the proposed License Law would have a wider circulation than the critique which went out in the June number. (Applause).



Retiring Secretary W. Inglis.

This explanation was accepted, the resolution adopted, and the incident closed.

A desultory discussion on the proposed Engineers' Handbook, in which Messrs. Wickens, Crockett, Ironsides, Sweet, Mosley, and the president took part, was terminated by the appointment of a committee to prepare an Official Handbook.

After a few words on the proposal to economize in the matter of per diem payments to Convention place delegates the meeting adjourned.

Tuesday Evening Session: 7.30.

Upon re-assembling the discussion was resumed upon the proposition to deprive the delegates in cities where conventions were being held of their per diem in the interests of economy. The proposal was negatived.

The Audit Committee reported treasurer's books O.K., with a balance in hand of \$133.92.

After a report by the Mileage Committee, F. B. Utley, of the Goldie, McCulloch Co., Galt, in the name of his firm, made an eloquent plea before the assembly in favor of holding the next convention at Galt. The appeal was received enthusiastically but formal decision reserved until the following day. Then A. M. Wickens drew attention to the fact that a year ago it had been decreed to have three papers read at the current convention; but there was nothing doing. Seeing the next Convention was likely to prove an excellent opportunity for advertising the Association, he advised that first-class papers dealing with the Stationary Engineer's craft, up to date, be prepared. After some conversation upon the subject a committee was appointed. This closed the formal proceedings of the day.

Banquet.

At 11 p.m. the banqueting hall of the Garner House presented a gay and festive scene. At the tables were seated representative stationary engineers of Canada, supported by over one hundred distinguished visitors, Chatham's most prominent manufacturers and men of affairs. W. A. Sweet, of Hamilton, was toastmaster, and very felicitously he steered this grand function to a happy ending. The following was the toast list:

The King.—W. A. Sweet.

Canada Our Home.—A. B. McCoig, M. P.; H. S. Clements, M. P.; and W. A. Crockett.

The Maple City.—W. W. Scane, and Alderman H. Westman.

Mayor and Council.—The Mayor G. W. Cowan, and Ald. W. H. Marshall.

Delegates and Executive Officers.—A. M. Wickens and C. Mosley.

Sister Associations.—F. B. Utley, and F. J. Sculthorpe.

Manufacturing Interests.—N. H. Stevens and W. R. Landon.

The Press.—S. Groves (Editor THE CANADIAN ENGINEER), and "News."

The Ladies.—W. Pigott, and Alderman John Edmondson.

The banquet went off in splendid style. The service was excellent, viands delightful, music entrancing, and the oratory of a very high order, especially the speeches of W. A. Crockett, N. H. Stevens and F. B. Utley. Here is what the local press says of the last named:

F. B. Utley, of Galt, gave the most unique speech of the evening, illustrating his ideas with crayon sketches. He distinguished between a mechanical and an intelligent engineer, drawing sketches of the lazy, and then of the smiling engineer.

"Give your ideas to a brother engineer—he may have an idea—exchange them—you will both benefit by it."

[We purpose in our October issue giving an extended report of this admirable lecture, together with the very amusing illustrations.—Editor.]

Wednesday Morning Session.

The first order of business was—

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Before proceeding to the vote it was resolved:

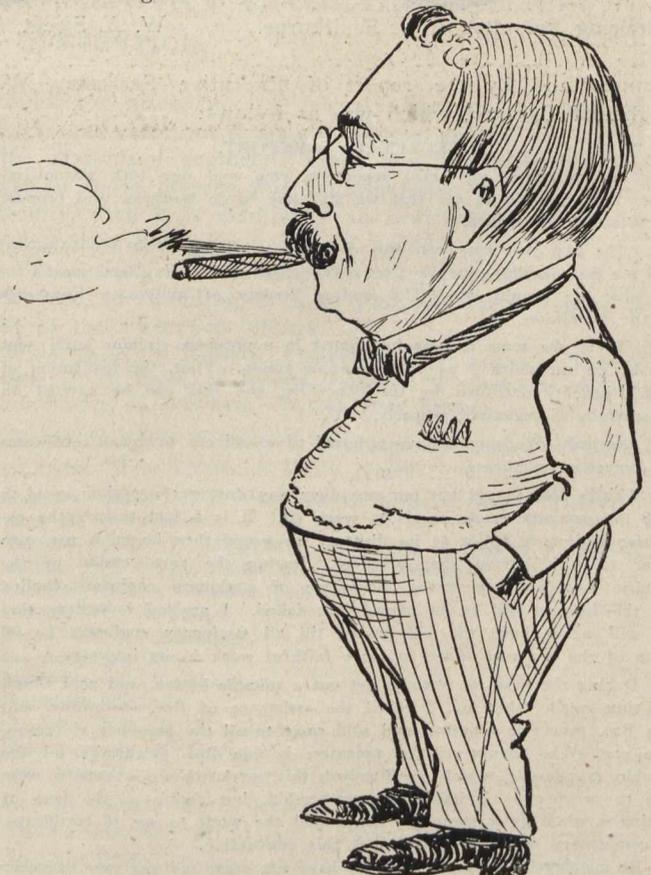
"That all Past-Presidents be entitled to vote, providing they pay their own expenses to the Convention."

The election resulted as follows: President, W. A. Sweet, Hamilton; Vice-President, John Ironsides, Hamilton; Secretary, W. L. Outhwaite, Toronto; Treasurer, J. M. Dixon, Toronto; Conductor, E. Grandbois, Chatham; Doorkeeper, C. Kelley, Chatham.

Place of Meeting.

Unanimously resolved that the next Convention be held at Galt.

Then came the report of the "Good of the Order" Committee on the proposals in the president's address, recommending:



(Drawn by F. B. Utley.)

W. L. Outhwaite, of Toronto, the New Secretary.