

DR. P. H. BOVEY,
President-Elect Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

Upon motion of Mr. W. J. Sproule, seconded by L. S. Parizeau, the sum of \$200 was donated to the National Patriotic Fund.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The address of the retiring president, Mr. Jennings, opened with a reference to the growth of the society. The membership now is 847, an increase since the year of the formation of the society of 512 members. The receipts from entrance and annual fees, etc., amounted to \$4,548.49, which, added to the amount of \$5,893.22, brought forward from general and building fund accounts, made a total cash balance at the end of 1899 of \$10,441.71. The society, the president remarks, will soon have the pleasing duty of determining whether our surplus funds were to be devoted to the wider distribution of engineering information beyond that emanating from papers by our own members, or expend it in additions to our reference library, or, finally, stop the accumulation of funds by decreasing the annual subscription fee. He referred to the legislation which had been secured from the provinces of Quebec and Manitoba, and which he hoped would soon be granted by the Ontario legislature, so that the educational standard and general proficiency of the civil engineering profession of this country would be elevated. The chief object of this incorporation, he said, was for the purpose of placing the foot of the student firmly on the first rung of the ladder by insisting that he shall have the foundation work of his profession securely laid in the form of good academical education, and that his further ascent may be made under the guidance of experienced engineers. As to interference to skilled or ordinary labor, he held that the reverse was the case, as

by the better and more systematic education of our engineers we create a competent force to guide and assist skilled artisans or mechanics in advancing their interests, either as inventors, operators or overseers of the laboring masses, who thereby cannot fail to obtain improved conditions. As an indication of this feature he pointed to the valuable assistance rendered by the schools of technology in Europe, and on this continent, where the ordinary mechanic may secure for a trifling sum such knowledge of a scientific character as will enable him the more clearly and effectively to study out and improve upon present machinery and methods of manufacture, and generally

bring under the control of the hand of man the powers and materials of the physical world.

Upon the conclusion of his address the president was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

At 9 p.m. in the evening a special train, provided by the courtesy of the Grand Trunk Railway, left Bonaventure station for Boston, where the members were the guests of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers for the following three days. Various interesting engineering works in Boston and vicinity were visited, and on Friday evening, at 8 p.m., the annual dinner of the society was held in the Hotel Brunswick in that city.

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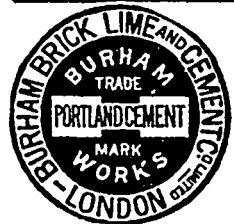
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