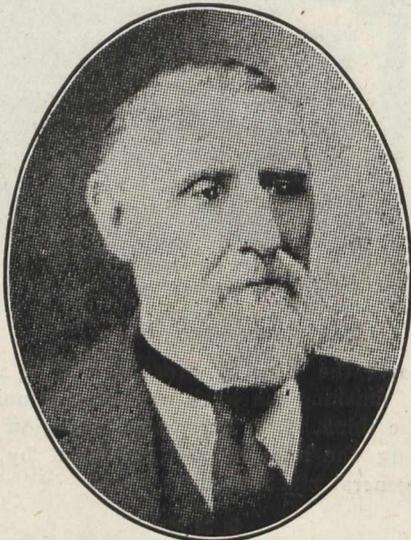


THE AMERICAN BOILER MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The members of the Boiler Manufacturers' Association of the United States and Canada held their annual convention in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, July 25th to 27th inclusive.



JAMES LAPPAN, PITTSBURG, PA.

Founder of the Association of Boiler Manufacturers of the United States and Canada.

The convention was formally opened by President Robert Munroe, Jr., of Pittsburg, at 10.30 on the morning of the 25th, in the famous banquet hall of the King Edward, which was profusely decorated with the flags of the British Empire and United States of America, and graced with the charming presence of many of the wives and daughters of the visiting members.

The following is a list of the officers:—

Officers.—R. Munroe, Jr., president, Pittsburg, Pa.; J. D. Farasey, secretary, Cleveland, O.; Jos. Wangler, treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.; M. F. Cole, first vice-president, Newnan, Ga.; Peter J. Hamler, second vice-president, Chicago Ill.; John J. Main, third vice-president, Toronto, Can.; John Rourke, fourth vice-president, Savannah, Ga.; J. Don Smith, fifth vice-president, Charleston, S.C.

Associate Members, Officers.—W. O. Duntley, president, Chicago, Ill.; J. T. Corbett, vice-president, Chicago, Ill.; H. B. Hare, treasurer, Cleveland, O.; W. H. S. Bateman, secretary, Philadelphia, Pa.

After John J. Main, 3rd Vice-Pres., and Chairman of Local Committee, through whose efforts the convention was brought to Toronto, was introduced by the President; acting Mayor Shaw heartily greeted and welcomed the members of the convention to the hospitality of the Queen City. The reply to Mr. Main's greeting, and Mr. Shaw's civic welcome, was made by W. H. S. Bateman, (Philadelphia), Secretary of the associate members, who expressed the appreciation of the assembled delegates at the generous way in which they had been received, at this the first meeting of the Association on Canadian soil. In the course of a felicitous address, he said:—

The boiler manufacturers were not represented as they should be, there being more money invested in the boilermaking industry, proportionately, than any other he could mention. There was a time in the history of the world when the boilermaker was not required; but to-day he is absolutely essential to the carrying on of modern civilization. Boilers are the very life and soul of all large industries; they give to us the great steamship, the thundering locomotive, and if the boilermaker had not progressed as he has done, where would our rapid transit be? A thing of imagination and conjecture! Our main objective in bringing the boiler manufacturers together is to bring up the standard of boilers throughout the world, thus making way for the accomplishment of greater things than have been.

President's Inaugural Address.

President Munroe, in his inaugural address, thanked the reception committee for the efforts they had put forth to make this annual convention, one of the most successful since the inception of the organization seventeen years ago. After giving a brief outline of the work done by the Association since 1889, he congratulated the Association on the fact that they had more members and stood higher in the estimation of the public than ever. He said that Mr. Bateman struck the keynote in his assertion, that "boilermaking was the very soul of all great industries." Continuing he said:—

To-day the boilermaker stands at the very helm of civilization, and it is the purpose of this Association to instruct the engineer how to manage boilers, and the boilermaker how to design and build them. If we can do this the Association will have made a grand success, and will be well repaid for all the trouble it has been at since its organization. There was a time when we thought every competitor was an enemy, and ready to pounce down upon us like a hawk, but since the formation of the Association we found they were the best people that ever lived. We understand each other, and work together, progressing as we go, and in this we have even done more for the public than for ourselves.

President Munroe concluded by saying that he considered the greatest honor attached to his position was the being present at the first meeting of the Association on Canadian soil, and enjoying the hospitality of the Canadian boiler manufacturers. Said he:—

The question of membership is one that the boiler men feel they should make strenuous efforts to solve. The sentiment of the speakers on this topic seemed to be that the only way to increase the membership is to make it evident to all boiler manufacturers that they derive benefit by combining for the purpose of exchanging opinions and experiences. Even if the Convention is only a social gathering, it is still very beneficial; it necessitates a meeting with others in the same line of business, and a personal meeting gives one a better idea of character than can be gained in any other way. This knowledge of one another enables men to correspond more intelligently in exchanging ideas and offering opinions.

At the conclusion of the President's address, the ladies and visitors retired, and the regular business of the session began by the appointing of committees, discussion of the next place of meeting, etc. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Pittsburg.

The following is a programme copy of the social events of the Convention:—

Tuesday, July 25th.—10 a.m.—Formal Convention Opening and Reception, Banquet Hall. 2 p.m.—Ladies' Reception, in Yellow Reception Room. 2.45 p.m.—Automobile Ride to Lambton Golf Club. 8 p.m.—Lake Ride on Steamer Chippewa. Music.

Wednesday, July 26th.—Morning Visit to Toronto Stores. 2.30 p.m.—Tally-ho Ride around Toronto. 7.30 p.m.—Trip to Toronto Island, Hanlan's Point.

Thursday, July 27th.—8.30 a.m.—Lake Excursion to Niagara-on-the-Lake. 12.—Noon Lunch, Queen's Royal Hotel. 2 p.m.—Return Trip. Arrive Toronto 4.15 p.m. 7.15 p.m.—Seventeenth Annual Banquet, King Edward Hotel.

Few cities on the Continent offer better facilities for seeing nearby places of scenic beauty and historic interest than Toronto; and the charming "Queen's weather," brilliant sunshine, cooling breezes, which prevailed during the days of the convention, enabled the lady visitors, on automobile, tally-ho, and steamboat, to have a delightful time.

The A.B.M.A. is unlike most societies of a similar character, inasmuch as it does not have prepared papers on technical and business themes read at its sessions, but relies upon the mechanical instinct and wide practical experience of its members to suggest impromptu subjects for profitable discussion. At the Wednesday morning session, Col. Edward D. Meier, of St. Louis, presented the report of the Committee on Uniform Boiler Inspections, reviewing several years' work at Washington. Col. Meier's committee is endeavoring to get a commission appointed by