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The president, Frederic Nicholls, to whose most able management of the affairs of the association during his term of office we referred in

embodied in the annals of the association as marking an historic epoch in the advancement of the science of electricity as applied to industry and it is therefore with more than ordinary satisfaction that I am authorized to state that at no previous period has this association been as prosperous, shown greater vitality, or commanded such respect. It is now an acknowledged authority on matters electrical, its membership confers a privilege that has more than a sentimental value, and its gathering strength will offer a bar to use of powers municipal or corporate unjustly or arbitrarily directed for the purpose of destroying

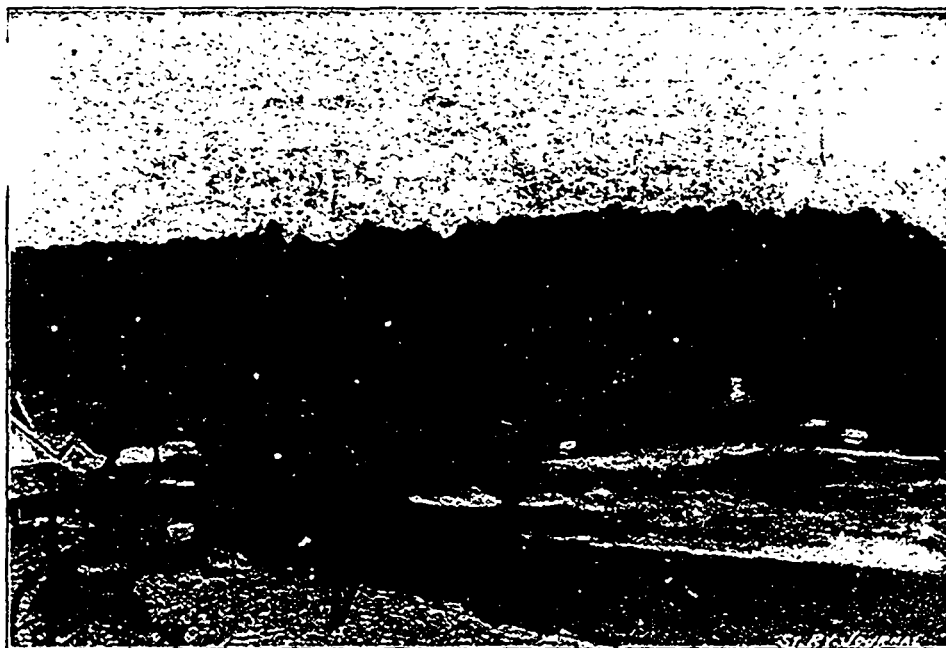


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our last issue, stated in the opening address the reasons for the selection of Niagara Falls as the place of meeting, on account of its pre-eminence as an electrical power distribution centre.

"In this connection, I am of the opinion," said Mr. Nicholls, "that the lecture to be given by L. B. Stillwell will serve as a tidal mark. At the Buffalo convention we occupied ourselves in discussing the possibility or otherwise of transmitting Niagara power to Buffalo; Mr. Stillwell's paper will set forth the various actual appliances of Niagara power at the present time, including transmission to Buffalo, and future presi-

the capital investment of those who look to it for protection. In union is strength, and to-day our membership numbers more active members than ever before, and the financial statement to be presented in due course by the chairman of the finance committee will show that after making provision for all expenditures necessary to maintain the usefulness of the association, an unusually large credit balance is at your disposal. It is certainly cause for congratulation that increasing prosperity has been followed by an access of dignity and influence, and the more recent meetings have been remarkable for the greater interest



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dents of this association will, in all probability, refer to his paper and draw comparisons when adverting to the strides which will then have been made in the wider utilization of this mighty power, which for countless ages has been simply running to waste, so far as any economic use is concerned, and apart from its value as the greatest scenic wonder of the world. I fully appreciate the honor of presiding at this meeting, which, for the reasons I have just referred to, will be

that has been taken in the actual work of the association, and the lesser attention that has been given to the merely social and entertainment features of the programme. At this meeting, although offers of entertainments and privileges had been numerous, only those from electrical concerns had been accepted, it being felt that this was more purely a business meeting, held for the furtherance of the immediate objects of the association." In conclusion, President Nicholls said that the asso-