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## A LESSON FROM THE NEW ENGLAND WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION.

The New England Waterworks Association comprises the engineers and waterworks superintendents of the North-eastern States and Canada. These men are solving the most difficult engineering problems of Eastern America. Not only are the matters which they have to deal with the most difficult but, at times, they are the most expensive, and it is but natural that among the members of the Association should be found men strong in administration—men who are clear to think as well as quick to act, and men who work and plan because of the love they have for the chosen occupation.

In Canada, we have not a large body of professional men engaged in engineering and allied interests, so that, as yet, engineers have not formed various organizations specific in their work, but have given their whole support to the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. The profession in Canada is proud of the Society, and its membership is ever increasing. But we do think that the leaders in Canada should give some consideration at least to a modification of the programme of the annual meeting.

Next January, many expect the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers will be held in Winnipeg. Should this be the decision of the membership, we feel certain that the Western section will make welcome all visitors to Winnipeg, and that the excursions, luncheons and banquets will be among the most successful that have been held at the annual meetings; but as we listened to the two-day discussions at the New England Waterworks Association, and noticed the large attendance at each meeting, and the interested attention given to each speaker during the reading and discussion of almost a score of papers, we could not help feeling that the devotion of one or two days to the discussion of technical questions that are of interest to the engineer in Canada would be a splendid innovation to inaugurate at the Winnipeg meeting. There is no reason why two days spent on excursions and general business and two days spent discussing the interesting features of recent engineering works should be too long for the annual meetings.

It is true many men travel long distances for the social reunion that takes place at this annual gathering, and there is no valid reason why, in addition to these enjoyable social times, there should not be discussions on technical matters such as are carried on by the different engineering societies in the United States and in Great Britain.