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THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The Society meets in Toronto, January 28th, 29th and 30th, 1909, and Mr. M. J. Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals, says: "One good reason, to my mind, why the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers should hold their annual meeting in Toronto this year is on account of the fact that the home of the retiring president is in that city. Aside from this, I am of the opinion that it will be the means of increasing the interest of those gentlemen who belong to the Society residing in Toronto, and in this way bring about a better feeling among the members."

Watch next week for Mr. Henry Holgate's reasons why engineers should attend.

SCHOOL OF MINES, KINGSTON.

The part our colleges of applied science play in the development of our country is so great that their position should be thoroughly understood, for on the training they give, the ideals they establish, and the frame of mind in which their students approach new subjects will largely depend the development and expansion of this young country.

The School of Mines, Kingston, last week held open house, and many engineers availed themselves of the opportunity of studying on the ground the college situation and equipment. They had an opportunity to do more. They met the staff and students, and realized that in addition to a thorough scientific education, both theoretical and practical, the young engineers were receiving impression in loyalty, in honest work, and of leadership such as augur well for the profession of engineering.

The college buildings as to situation are ideal, but as to equipment and space it must be admitted they are crowded. This will surely be soon remedied, for the work of the School is recognized, and development must follow. A better location or a Mining School it would be hard to find. The geological formations near Kingston show great variety. The region to the north is rich in mineral specimens, and the distance to prospective and developed mines is not great. Splendid opportunities exist in which the prospective mining engineers' education may be given a practical turn.

Although called the School of Mines, their courses are not prepared for mining men alone. Students in civil, electrical and mechanical engineering are offered carefully prepared courses in each department. In every case the framers of the curriculum have had in mind the requirements of the practising engineer; the academic man is not so well provided for. The School is affiliated with Queen's University, and their combined B.A., B.Sc. courses make it possible for men to satisfy almost every fancy in combined courses.

The School of Mines is to be congratulated on the fine spirit displayed by staff and students, and Queen's University is to be congratulated on having a Department of Applied Science which has furnished so many men of prominence to the engineering profession, and which is a leader in presenting engineering educational ideas.