

In Truth There is no Need for any Bill

The truth is that no law is needed about Engineering. To quote the words of the late Principal Grant written regarding this Can. Soc. Close Incorporation Bill—"I believe that free competition is better."

This country is year by year receiving hosts of highly educated graduates in Engineering, Mining and Civil and Mechanical and Chemical and Electrical. These are the real engineers of Canada and the promoters of the Close Incorporation bills are only the pebbles on the shores of advancing tides of science. The reality of the case is that these bills are being so persistently pushed in the interests of the inferior class of Engineers. If they succeed it will have the effect of lowering the standard of ability for it is quite evident that the best graduates and men will go elsewhere and leave the field clear for the protected men.

The Result Upon the Township and County Engineering Work and Expenses

If this bill passes then the only men who can do the local municipalities work must all be members of the Can. Soc. of Civil Engineers and the ratepayers must pay well for them. Also the city engineers of the Province must be selected from the ranks of the close corporation and at the standard of professional fees which the Society can and would establish.

The whole engineering developement of this Province (civil and mining and mechanical and electrical and sanitary and drainage) will be saddled by the powers of this close corporation. And for what reason? Not even to "protect" the residents of this province but for the benefit of a corporation whose headquarters are fixed permanently in Montreal and 97 per cent. of its members outside this Province and the benefits are to be for its members and the fees for its officials.

I have placed this subject before you. The promoters will deny it all, if I were present they should not deny it. The bill will probably pass in your Legislature because its lines of approach will be carefully laid and a clever Lawyer of course will be engaged and there will be found quite a push behind it. What is everybody's business is said to be no nobody's business and unless an organized resistance is ready to oppose the bill it may be looked upon as passed.