

Then followed the president's

INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

The President, F. J. Sculthorpe, commenced his brief, but pointed address by extending the fraternal greeting of the executive council to the assembled delegates. Referred to the work of the Association during the past year, and declared that, although progressive, their membership had not increased as rapidly as it ought. Although the best engineers in Canada were in their ranks, a large number of competent men were outside their Association, and he exhorted the ways and means committee to work wisely and strenuously to interest and win the unaffiliated stationary engineers. He also recommended the appointment of a legislative committee to draft a new bill making it illegal for any stationary engineer to have charge of an engine over 25 horse-power unless in possession of a Governmental license, and suggested co-operation with the Ontario Association of Stationary Engineers, with a view of jointly working for the enactment of the proposed License Law. Reference was made by the speaker to the change made at the last convention of the Association in striking out the word "Stationary" from the name of the Association, and substituting the word "steam" in place thereof. The president suggested that the word "stationary" be reinstated. He, moreover, advised the issuance of a certificate of membership, and strongly proposed the enlargement of their scope of membership, so that it should include any British subject possessing the necessary qualifications. (1) Good moral character; (2) practical knowledge, and (3) three years' experience.

The president concluded by expressing his heartfelt thanks for the way in which the members had stood by him in his year of office, and expressed the conviction that the association was entering on an era of unparalleled success.

This address was followed by the reading of the



Retiring President F. J. Sculthorpe.



W. A. Sweet, the New President.



Joseph Ironside, new Vice-President.

minutes and by the report of Executive Secretary, W. Inglis, of Toronto, which was as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In presenting my third report to you, and our 16th annual report, I am pleased to say that we still live to do business, and propose to do so in the future.

The past year has been one of pleasant dealings in all the branches, and we have made some progress. We only need energy and means, to be what we should be—"The leading Society of Stationary Engineers in the Dominion."

There are some matters mentioned in a previous circular letter sent out by me on which I would urge some action. First, the institution of a sick benefit controlled by the executive, and this can be carried on successfully if organized properly.

Second.—We should have a board of examiners to grant certificates to competent engineers.

Third.—We should cut our per diem pay during convention so as to give the executive more funds to work on. It is a fact that if the executive had more funds at its disposal we would then be on a par with other societies having that privilege. During the past session of the Ontario Legislature a strong committee of stationary engineers applied for the License Bill to be passed, but failed. I am led to believe that we will never have the bill passed till all stationary engineers in all parts of the province unite in more faithful work in its interests.

During the year we were to get out a suitable button, and as I found my time much taken up, I asked the assistance of Bro. Outhwaite, and this Bro. procured a button and sold same to all the branches at reasonable cost. The thanks of the executive is due Bro. Outhwaite for the capable manner in which he handled this work. Your executive were also to procure a certificate of membership, but owing to the cost of getting a plate or a stone we abandoned the work to see if certificates of competency would be granted at this convention.

Re membership: I regret that we have not organized any new branches this year, but all the other lodges have made suitable progress to retain their membership in a good healthy condition. All the lodges have not

yet reported, but they are expected to do so before the books are handed over to the auditors, and they will probably report regarding their finance and membership.

The correspondence during the year has been large, with inquiries regarding our organization generally, but we always lack the working point and in this is our weakness.

During the year my labors with the executive have been all of pleasure and good will, and all of your executive have worked for the good of the order at all times.

In conclusion, permit me to say that I cannot accept the position again as your secretary, so in the interests of the order choose well one as my successor, as he, you may say, is the guiding figure. I heartily thank you for the past three years' honors, and will always have a pleasant remembrance of my work and the co-operation of all the brethren, and will always do all in my power to further the work of the order, and I trust my successor will be tendered the same loyal support which has been tendered me.

Thanking you once again, I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. INGLIS, Executive Secretary.

The president's address and secretary's report having been referred to the "Good of the Order" Committee, consisting of A. M. Wickens, C. Mosley and Chas. Kelley, W. A. Sweet and W. L. Outhwaite, the first session was adjourned until 2 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Session.

Upon reassembling at 2 p.m. the proceedings were resolved into a general discussion on the reasons for the rejection of the proposed license bill at the last session of the Ontario Parliament.

A. M. Wickens, of Toronto, opened the debate, stating his conviction that lack of harmony among the various Societies of Stationary Engineers—"International," "Ontario," and "Canadian,"—was mainly responsible for their failure to get a License Law passed. He handled without gloves the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who opposed the Bill and issued a letter to the members of Parliament, which he read and denounced as containing misleading statements, and declared that "the man who wrote it, knew he was writing what was not true," inasmuch as the letter alleged that their aim was to compel all Stationary Engineers to have a license, whereas their demand only applied to those in charge of engines 25-horse-power and upwards. He recited their futile efforts to get a conference with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and concluded by pronouncing the rejected Bill as being very unsatisfactory; since it would compel engineers to report to an irresponsible body, and hence lead to much litigation. W. A. Crockett, of Hamilton, in a very able speech told how the Hamiltonians had worked for the Bill; referred to their correspondence in "The Hamilton Spectator," spoke of the courteous manner in which they had been treated by Premier Whitney, and concluded by saying, that they were astonished when the news reached them, that the Bill had been negatived; because all the indications in their part of the Province were favorable to the enactment of the License Law. Chas. Mosley, of Toronto, emphasized his belief that the Bill was rejected because "badly drawn," and "ridiculous." Said he, "even the Boiler Insurance Inspectors would have kicked, if they had thought it would be passed." A measure embodying their views was to have been drafted by Mr. Wier, but he failed, and at the last moment, the "old bill," prepared by factory inspectors, and which was simply an "election dodge of a dying Government," was caught up by Dr. Smellie, M.P., for Fort William, and thrown before the House—imperfect though it was.

At this stage a resolution was proposed by Secretary Inglis, as follows:

Resolved, that someone be appointed by the Association to draw up a letter in reply to the article against the License Law Bill, which appeared in the June Issue of THE CANADIAN ENGINEER, and that the same be forwarded to the editor, requesting that the statement of our case be printed in its columns.