

The dinner this year is expected to be of unusual interest as four of the leading members of the Dominion Cabinet have signified their intention of being present.

Thursday will be closing day. The first official duties of the newly elected president will be an interesting part of the proceeding, while in the afternoon the new Council for 1915 will hold its inaugural meeting.

The annual meeting will mark the retirement from the presidency of the Society of one of its most distinguished and efficient members in the person of Matthew Joseph Butler, C.M.G. His experiences in the engineering profession have been wide, and little doubt is there that every member of the Society is familiar with many of his distinguishable attainments. In 1878 Mr. Butler was a Provincial land surveyor in Ontario and later became connected with railway work as buildings and water service engineer for the Atcheson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. in Colorado and Kansas. After five years he became chief engineer of the Bay of Quinte Railway and Navigation Co. He also spent three years in the wood pulp industry. In 1903 he was appointed superintendent of construction for the Locomotive and Machine Co., Montreal. Mr. Butler's prowess in engineering work gained for him the position of deputy minister and chief engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa. He resigned in 1910 to become associated with the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. as general manager. Since 1912 Mr. Butler has accomplished a great deal for Canada in establishing at Longueuil, Que., the immense Canadian plant, known as Armstrong, Whitworth of Canada, Limited, of which company he is general manager.

Mr. Butler is 58 years of age. He was educated at De La Salle Institute and the University of Toronto, and took up surveying, engineering and architecture. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Institute of Civil Engineers of Great Britain, the American Society for the Advancement of Science, the Geographical Society, and of a number of clubs, including the Mount Royal Club, Montreal, the Rideau Club, Ottawa, and the University Club of Montreal. For some years Mr. Butler was chairman of the board of management of the Canadian Government Railways. For distinguished engineering services, his Majesty, the late King Edward VII., conferred upon him the order of C.M.G.

Mr. Butler has served the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers loyally and faithfully through a long period of membership. He was a vice-president in 1906 and in 1907. He has officiated as councillor during several terms and his name has appeared frequently on various committees. His unanimous election to the presidency last year was greeted with many evidences of genuine approval on the part of the engineering profession of Canada.

As president of the Society, Mr. Butler will be succeeded by Francis Clarke Gamble, chief engineer of the Department of Railways for the Province of British Columbia. Mr. Gamble, like Mr. Butler, is a native born Canadian. He was born in Toronto in 1848, being the son of Clarke Gamble, Q.C. He was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto, and at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. He began his engineering career on the staff of the Intercolonial Railway in 1869. Two years after he joined the staff of the Great Western Railway as assistant engineer. In 1873 he became resident engineer for the contractors on the construction of the Prince Edward Island Railway. He again entered the employ of the Intercolonial Railway in 1876, as assistant

engineer, and later, in the same capacity, he served the Q. N. & N. Railway until 1878. Part of the following year was spent in private practice, but in 1879 he became first assistant engineer of construction for the Canadian Pacific Railway at Rat Portage, afterwards Kenora, Ont. In 1880 the company sent him to British Columbia as principal assistant engineer, where he later became connected with government work as assistant engineer near Yale. He was transferred to the Department of Public Works in British Columbia, where he served as assistant engineer from 1881 to 1887. He was then appointed resident engineer and government agent for the Department of Public Works, which position he held until 1897, when he again resumed private practice for a short time. His ability in engineering and constructional work of large order had been well recognized, however, by the British Columbia government, and from 1898 until 1911 he served the province as public works engineer and inspector of dykes. Since that time he has been chief engineer and inspecting engineer of railways for the province, with headquarters at Victoria, B.C.

Mr. Gamble was elected a member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers in 1887. Since that time he has been of great service to the organization and its members. This is particularly true in connection with the engineering development of British Columbia and of the growth and activity of the Victoria and Vancouver branches of the Society. Mr. Gamble was chairman of the Victoria Branch last year.

Mr. Gamble was elected a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Great Britain in 1891, and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the same year.

Nominees for vice-president of the Society for the term of three years are Mr. A. E. Doucet, district engineer, Transcontinental Railway, Quebec, and Mr. A. St. Laurent, Department of Public Works, Ottawa. For vice-president for one year Prof. E. E. Brydone-Jack, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Manitoba, and Mr. Gordon Grant, chief engineer, National Transcontinental Railway, Ottawa, have been nominated. For councillors, the following are the nominations: District 1, S. P. Brown, chief engineer, Montreal Tunnel and Terminal Co., Canadian Northern Railway; H. R. Safford, chief engineer, G.T.R.; A. Surveyer, consulting engineer, Montreal; R. M. Wilson, Montreal. District 2, C. B. Brown, chief engineer, Canadian Government Railways, Moncton, N.B.; F. W. W. Doane, city engineer, Halifax, N.S. District 3, A. Amos, Quebec; T. A. J. Forrester, Quebec. District 4, G. J. Desbarats, Deputy Minister Naval Service, Ottawa; A. J. Grant, superintending engineer, Trent Canal, Peterborough, Peterborough, Ont. District 5, S. B. Clement, chief engineer, T. and N. O. Railway, North Bay, Ont.; J. L. Weller, engineer in charge, Welland Ship Canal, St. Catharines, Ont. District 6, W. G. Chace, Winnipeg; F. H. Peters, Calgary, Alta. District 7, N. J. Ker, Vancouver; D. O. Lewis, district engineer, Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, Victoria, B.C.

Membership.—The report for 1914 of the Council of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, indicates a membership of 3,059, a notable increase of 265 members over the record of the previous year. A diagram on another page of this issue illustrates the growth in membership since the inception of the Society. The 1914 increase is distinctly one of note, compared with other years, and considering also the effect of the war upon like organiza-