

Mr. Westbrook,—

I thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Central Railway and Engineering Club of Canada. I would like to say that this club is thought very well of up West where I am at Battle Creek. The little green books are expected monthly and perused very thoroughly. What pleased us very much was the paper on "Horticulture." It was very good to see that engineering men can go so far out of their sphere and have such a thorough paper along the lines of a hobby.

There is one subject, however, which you have never yet had a paper on, and which I should be willing to come all the way from Battle Creek to hear read, and discuss—that is the Diesel engine. I don't think there is any doubt but that this is going to play a great and important part in the future of the engineering world.

Chairman,—

I might say that at the next meeting April 28th, we will have a paper on somewhat different lines to anything we have ever had before. Mr. Fred. G. Smith, Chief Draughtsman, Canadian Allis-Chalmers, Limited, Toronto, will read a paper on "Steel Railway Bridges."

Mr. C. H. Stainton,—

I should like to say a word in regard to the subjects which have been discussed before this club. The paper to which we have been listening, is just as applicable to other branches of trade, and particularly the building trade in its several branches, and I should like very much if a paper could be read on "Carpentry and Plumbing," as they are the most important work about a modern house whether occupied by a mechanic or a millionaire. I have been a member for about three years and there has never yet been a paper on the subject of Building Construction, which I am sure some of the members must be interested in. I have had the opportunity of bringing several friends to the meetings, and have tried to induce them to become members but they say "Oh! they never have any papers along our line of work." I think there is a great deal to be said on the subject.

Chairman,—

We have had a number of offers for papers of late, one gentleman wishes to read two, on different subjects, and while it is not always possible to select papers that will be of interest to all, we are doing our best to accomplish this.