

own province, and another was the matter of expense. On the motion of Mr. Percival St. George, seconded by Mr. H. George Boswell, it was finally resolved that the council be given the necessary authority to act as it might see fit.

Mr. Rust stated that the Ontario government permitted the secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, who was a medical man, to pass judgment upon plans submitted by engineers on behalf of municipalities in the province. He did not think this was altogether right, and proposed that a committee from the society be appointed to wait upon the Ontario government. A committee was named, which included Mr. Rust and Mr. Jennings, the proposer and seconder of the resolution.

The chairman announced that the Gzowski medal for the best paper of the year had been awarded to Mr. E. Mohun, M.C.S.C.E., for his paper on "Sewerage of Victoria, B. C."

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting on standard measures presented its report. The report pointed out that measurements made in the ordinary course of engineering work with measures not having the stamp of the Department of Weights and Measures were illegal; that no sufficient means existed at present for the standardizing of engineering measures, and recommended that such standards as might be found satisfactory for the standardizing of tapes and chains should be recognized by the department as local standards for the purpose of issuing authorized standards of length; that engineers should only be required to possess one standard of not less than fifty feet length, from which from time to time to compare their working measures. Standards or comparators of the character required have already been established at McGill University, Montreal, and the School of Practical Science, Toronto, in addition to one established for the purposes of the Dominion Land Surveyors at Ottawa.

The report of the scrutineers declared the following to be elected the nominating committee for the election of officers for 1897.

Province of Quebec—Messrs. H. Irwin and C. H. Duggan.

Ontario—Messrs. J. Galbraith, A. Macdougall and C. H. Rust.

Maritime provinces—Mr. P. S. Archibald.

Northwest Territories—Mr. E. A. Stewart.

Provinces outside of Canada—Mr. J. M. Shanley.

In addition to the above elected members of the committee, the four last surviving past-presidents are also members of the committee:—Messrs. E. P. Hannaford, P. A. Peterson, Thos. Munro and Herbert Wallis.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as under:

President—Mr. Thomas C. Keefer, C. M. G., Ottawa.

Vice-presidents—Messrs. Henry T. Bovey, Montreal; W. T. Jennings, Toronto; W. G. Thompson, St. Catharines.

Treasurer—Mr. K. W. Blackwell, Montreal.

Secretary—Mr. C. H. McLeod, Montreal.

Librarian—Mr. W. McNab, Montreal.

Past presidents and honorary coun-

cillors—Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, A.D. C., K.C.M.G., Toronto; John Kennedy, Montreal; E. P. Hannaford, Montreal; P. Alex. Peterson, Montreal; Thomas Munro, Coteau Landing, P. Q.; Herbert Wallis, Montreal.

Council—Messrs. St. George Boswell, Quebec; M. J. Butler, Napance; G. C. Cunningham, Montreal; C. E. W. Dodwell, Halifax; G. H. Duggan, Montreal; H. Irwin, Montreal; E. H. Keating, Toronto; G. A. Keefer, Victoria; D. H. Keeley, Ottawa; D. Macpherson, Montreal; A. Macdougall, Toronto; E. Marceau, Montreal; M. Murphy, Halifax; H. Peters, St. John, N. B.; H. N. Rutan, Winnipeg.

The newly elected president, Mr. T. C. Keefer, upon taking the chair thanked the society for the honor conferred upon him.

The retiring president, Mr. Herbert Wallis, delivered a very interesting address on the consumption of coal in locomotive practice, a synopsis of which we hope to give in a later issue. The usual votes of thanks to the retiring officers, to railways and others were passed. The meeting adjourned at 1.30 p.m.

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