

CANADIAN GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

Through the generosity of the publishers of "Contract Record" the Canadian Good Roads Association has been enabled to publish in book form the proceedings of its Convention which was held in Hamilton last May. The report, which is well gotten up, is full of good material for the student of road construction by such men as Deputy Minister Michaud of Quebec, Deputy Minister W. A. McLean of Ontario, Mayor Booker (Hamilton), S. L. Squire, Col. Wm. D. Lohier, Arth. H. Blanchard, Col. W. G. McKenrick, A. Lalonde, C.E. (Outremont), E. Drinkwater, Chas. A. Mullen, E. R. Gray (Hamilton), who deal with such subjects as "Who Should Pay for the Roads"; "The Highway and Transportation Difficulties"; "Tar Surfaces and Pavements"; "Drainage"; "Concrete Roads"; "Bituminous Construction"; "Asphalt Pavements."

The convention was under the presidency of Mr. J. Duchastel, C.E. (Outremont), the secretary being George A. McNamee. Both these officers are to be congratulated for "carrying on" so well for two years during a time when road construction was at a discount, because of the war. Now hostilities have ceased, their work will bear fruit in the reconstruction period. It is to be noted that the Canadian Good Roads Association is a continuation of the Dominion Good Roads Association, the change in name evidently being considered necessary to enable a federal charter being obtained from the Government. Be the name what it may, every support should be given this worthy organization from all parts of Canada.

HIGHWAYS AND RECONSTRUCTION.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Good Roads Association the following resolution was adopted:—

"The directors of the Canadian Good Roads' Association have observed with satisfaction the announcement that the building of modern highways will form an important part of the reconstruction programme of the Dominion Government believing as they do that no other public works are more urgently required in connection with the improvement of conditions in agriculture, industry, and of the people generally, or will afford so much labor in proportion to the money cost.

"This association is aware that various provinces already have well organized highways departments, equipped as to personnel with men of engineering and executive ability and possessing a vast amount of information about the conditions and requirements in their respective provinces.

"Appreciating the efforts of the Dominion Government in reconstruction work, and the call which has gone from Ottawa for assistance in such work on the part of all bodies, governmental or otherwise, in the manner in which each is best fitted to assist, and realizing the advantages of avoiding duplication of effort, this board unanimously resolves, as follows:—

To Divide Cost.

"1—To communicate with the governments of the various provinces, respectfully suggesting that they offer to carry out such highway building plans as may be arranged on a basis as to cost between the Dominion and provincial governments to be agreed upon.

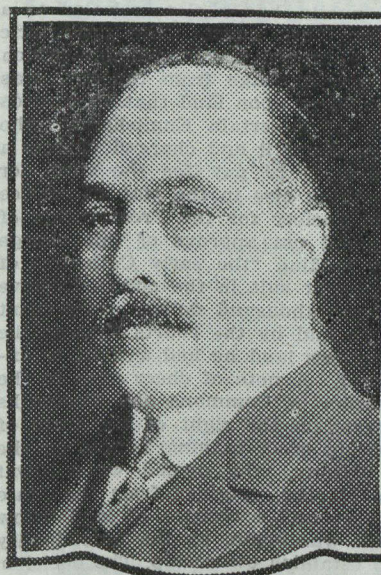
"2—To communicate with the Government of Canada, pointing out the facts cited above, and respectfully suggesting that the Government of Canada favorably consider the advisability of using the road-building knowledge and facilities of the provinces by making grants for highways which may be built by the provinces, in consideration of certain expenditures by the provinces themselves; and that the Government of Canada call into counsel representatives of the various provinces at the earliest possible date to give effect to so much of this resolution as may be agreeable to it."

The annual convention of the Canadian Good Roads' Association will be held at the end of May, 1919, at Quebec City.

THE BATH CITY OF AMERICA.

The mineral baths of Mount Clemens, Michigan, are noted for the treatment of rheumatism and kindred disorders. Mount Clemens has eleven public bath houses and many hotels and boarding houses, and the baths and hotels are open the entire year. Now is an ideal time to visit "The Bath City of America," which is best reached via the Grand Trunk Railway System. For full information apply to Mr. M. O. Dafeo, 122 St. James Street, Montreal.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.



The Grand Trunk System, with its railway and steamship lines, serves practically ninety per cent of Canada's urban population grouped in its principal cities. It is one of the most important factors in the business life of the Dominion. The Presidency of the Grand Trunk is naturally regarded as one of the most highly prized positions in the railway world. Mr. Howard G. Kelley, who recently completed his first year as President of the System, has long been known in the transportation world as an able executive officer, and his wide experience fits him admirably

for the high position to which he was called. That experience has been gained in thirty-five years of railway work. His first railway battles were fought and won in the wilderness. As a young engineer he took part in the location and construction of great transcontinental lines, sleeping in the open, and knew the hardships of a pioneer builder's life. His engineering ability led to his holding positions of steadily increasing responsibilities, being placed in charge of the construction, maintenance and other departments, and having jurisdiction over many thousands of miles of line. Mr. Kelley joined the Grand Trunk as chief engineer in 1907.

Four years later he was promoted to the position of Vice-President in charge of operation, maintenance and construction, an office which he held up to the date of his appointment as President of the road.

In addition to splendid scientific and practical training, Mr. Kelley has the qualities of mind which make for the successful handling of big tasks. His railway associates speak of him as a man who inspires the loyalty and affection which lead to efficiency and accomplishment. His courtesy is not a veneer, but part of the man himself, and it is extended not only to the influential caller, but to all who come in contact with him. His capacity for work is a tradition in a business where hard and exacting labours are demanded of all. Work, it is said, is his only hobby. He delights in it. He finds in his daily crop of problems relative to railway administration all the exhilaration that he needs. He is a big man in a big position, and his achievements are being watched with close interest by all who realize the important part which the Grand Trunk has played, and continues to play in the development of the Dominion.

AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the invitation of Mayor Hylan, the American Road Builders' Association will hold its sixteenth annual convention in New York City. This is the first time in the long history of the organization that an annual convention has been held in the city of New York, and every effort is being made to make the meeting an even in keeping with the municipality in which it is to be held. The Convention will be held during February.

HOW TO RECUPERATE.

There is no pleasanter way to recuperate from fall colds or influenza than by taking a trip to California. Splendid climatic conditions and beautiful scenery await you, while there are scores of attractive resorts. The Grand Trunk System affords a variety of routes, and its representatives will gladly map out a tour for you. Consult M. O. Dafeo, 122 St. James Street, Montreal.