

## Consumers' Gas Company

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The Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Consumers' Gas Company was held at the Company's office, 19 Toronto Street, Toronto, on Monday, 28th October, 1889, at noon.

Present: The President, the Vice-President, A. Lepper, W. G. Cassels, I. C. Gilmor, W. S. Lee, S. Alcorn, G. S. C. Bethune, C. C. Baines, M. Baldwin, H. Swan, J. Eastwood, T. R. Wood, C. Potter, J. Scott, Jas. McGee, A. J. Sommerville, Robt. T. Gooderham, Geo. W. Lewis, H. S. Northrop, Daniel Lamb, James Scott (Wapbaushene), J. A. Wood, J. Duncan, M. O'Donnell and J. Stewart.

The President having been called to the chair, and the Report and Financial Statement having been accepted as read, addressed the Shareholders at some length, on the position of the Company and its prospects, in view of the competition from electric lighting. Mr. D. Lamb having made some allusion to the failure of the Company to obtain the privilege of introducing electric lighting which had been conceded by the Corporation to other companies, the Vice-President explained to the meeting what efforts had been put forth in this direction, and how they had been frustrated by the determined opposition of some of the members of the City Council, who seemed to have sufficient influence to carry the Council with them, notwithstanding it was conclusively shown that the electric lighting could be as effectively and more economically supplied by the Gas Company. On motion of the President, seconded by the Vice-President, the Report was then adopted.

Upon a motion for a vote of thanks to the Manager and Officers of the Company for their services, the Manager took the opportunity of going very exhaustively and at great length into subjects of interest to the Stockholders connected with gas production and lighting, and especially in regard to the effect of the competition from electric lighting, giving much valuable statistical information from various sources, including that contained in papers read by himself and others at the recent meeting of the American Gas Light Association, held at Baltimore, all of which was very favorably received by the Shareholders.

Other resolutions of the usual character were also submitted and carried; and upon a ballot being taken for the Directors for the ensuing year, the Scrutineers, Messrs. W. S. Lee and Christopher C. Baines, reported the following gentlemen unanimously elected: Samuel Alcorn, James Austin, M. Baldwin, G. S. C. Bethune, Henry Cawthra, John Eastwood, I. C. Gilmor, George Gooderham, A. Lepper, Jas. Scott, Dr. L. W. Smith, and Hon. Frank Smith; after which the meeting broke up.

At a Board Meeting subsequently held, Mr. Jas. Austin was unanimously elected President, and Dr. L. W. Smith Vice-President, for the ensuing year.