

the conference at large, and that the work of the committees and of the sections should be represented by their reports to the Conference.

Committee meetings were held Tuesday evening at 8, 9 and 10 o'clock, and the work of some of these committees was not completed until 2 a.m.

Resolutions Effecting

Permanent Organization

The report of the committee on permanent organization was presented when the Conference reassembled at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. This report, which was presented by Chairman Oakley, consisted of three resolutions, as follows:—

Resolution No. 1—Whereas there is at the present time no central organization in Canada having the interests of the building and construction business under its hand; and

Whereas we believe that for this reason no stable conditions exist in this business, such a situation resulting in the failure to build up a reliable and virile profession;

Therefore, be it resolved that for the betterment of these industries such a national organization shall be formed whose duty shall be to establish and promote a new standard in the various phases of construction enterprise.

That it is desirable that the headquarters of the proposed organization shall be the city of Ottawa,—the Federal Capital;

That the name of the proposed organization shall be the Association of Canadian Building Industries;

That all individuals, firms or corporations engaged in any branch of building industry, having their permanent offices in the Dominion of Canada, shall be eligible for membership; and

That the compiling of the by-laws and constitution of association be left in the hands of the National Council.

Resolution No. 2—Whereas we, assembled here for the purpose of forming a national organization of Canadian building industries, fully recognize the existence of many Builders' Exchanges and kindred organizations throughout Canada which are doing an excellent work of local interest in the various cities and towns in which they are active, and whereas the desire of this national organization is to assist and encourage their work for the betterment of interests involved;

Therefore, be it resolved that all existing Builders' Exchanges, associations, and bodies composed of similar interests, and in the absence of such, the Board of Trade of any locality, be invited to affiliate and co-operate with this national body; and

That the assessment of annual fees relating to existing co-operating organizations as well as individual firms and corporations be determined by the National Council.

Resolution No. 3—That the executive of this national association be composed of a minimum of twenty-five members, selected by geographical location and embracing every section of the Dominion, including in its body a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president,

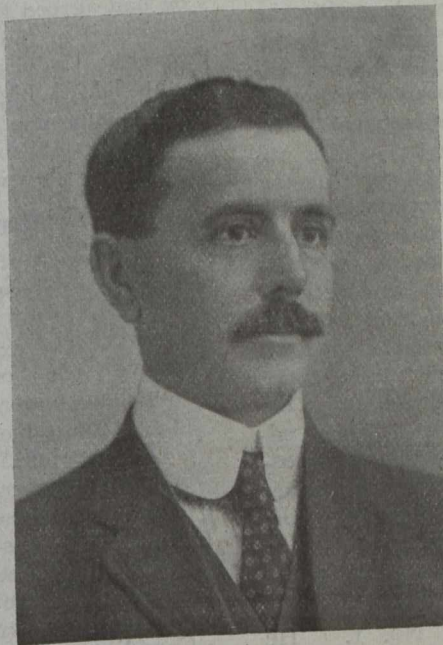
an honorary secretary, and an honorary treasurer, with power to add to its membership as necessity demands.

That the proposed by-laws provide that the office of president shall be filled by a general contractor, of first vice-president by a "sub" or "trade" contractor, and of second vice-president by a supply dealer or manufacturer.

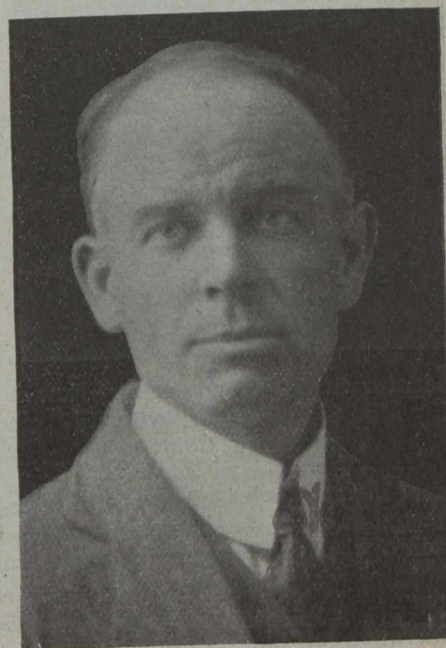
What Are "Permanent Offices"?

The phrase "having their permanent offices in the Dominion of Canada" in the first resolution, referring to eligible membership, caused considerable discussion. Some members thought that there should be more rigid requirements for membership, and that "permanent offices" should be more clearly defined.

Mr. Oakley said that the committee did not desire to bar out firms from other countries, but merely wished them to come to Canada and to open an office here, so that the contractors would have some tangible place in



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this country where they could transact business with each firm.

It was moved that this clause be referred back to the committee for further consideration as to what constitutes a permanent office, but several members of the committee stated that the clause had already been discussed thoroughly by them, and that it was quite useless to refer it back for further consideration, because they would not change their opinion or the wording of the clause. The Conference accepted this statement and adopted the resolution as it stood, with the exception of adding the words "and Construction" after the word "Building" in the name of the association.

This change was moved by Mr. Sparling, of Toronto, who urged that the title of the association should clearly include those who are doing construction work of all kinds: sewers, waterworks, railways and all classes of contracting besides buildings. The suggestion that this change be made originated with Mr. Ramsay, of Montreal, who thought that the association should secure the widest publicity for every branch of construction enterprise.