

Railway Track and Trackwork, by E. E. Russell Tratman, and Railway Engineering, by C. B. Smith. Pamphlets and reports on various subjects have been received from A. V. Ramachandra Aiyar, C. Baillairge, C. E. Gord, G. Henry, T. C. Keefer, C.M.G.; John Kennedy, R. Steckel, P. W. St. George, F. M. Baker, Wm. R. Hill, H. B. Seaman, W. Murdoch; various exchanges were also effected. The books of the library have been appraised at \$3,750, and the library furniture at \$1,250. The new quarters will furnish more library accommodation, and enable the committee to carry out many improvements.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following is an abstract of the receipts and expenses for the year ending 31st December, 1899:

Balance from 31st December, 1898.....\$ 5,893 22

GENERAL RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions—

Arrears	\$1,186 00
Current	2,944 50
Advance	381 65
Entrance fees	480 00
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Transactions sold	7 50
Two dividends on Canada Permanent Loan Company's stock	9 00
Refund on printing	9 25
Refund on engraving medal	0 75
Bank interest on current account.....	53 85
Bank interest on deposit receipt	69 03
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GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

Part payment for house, No. 877 Dorchester street..	\$ 3,400 00
Transactions printed and published.....	712 80
Advance proofs	98 75
Printing, stationery and binding	376 52
Charter, by-laws and list of members	124 00
Postage and post cards	244 64
Messengers and telegrams	18 26
Cabs, cartage, etc	8 75
Secretary's salary for year	300 00
Assistant secretary's salary for year	480 00
Caretaker's wages for year	144 00
Keeping rooms open at night and Saturday afternoons	118 00
Rent of rooms for year	700 00
Telephone service for year	30 00
Bank commissions on cheques	8 00
Water rates	26 68
Electric lighting for year	72 12
Books, magazines and library expenses.....	51 30
Expenses re legislation, Quebec province.....	263 40
Expenses re legislation, Ontario province	225 75
Expenses during annual meeting	83 15
Printing and engrossing diplomas	52 35
Gzowski medal and engraving	7 30
Office furniture and repairs	49 05
Rent of drawer in bank vault for year.....	5 00
Gas for grate fire	3 10
Part entrance fees transferred to Building Fund....	430 00
Treasurer's expenses, car fares, etc.....	15 00
Petty cash in hands of assistant secretary.....	7 59
Examiners' fees	50 00
Ice for season	5 00
Insurance on 877 Dorchester St. till Aug. 27th, 1902..	45 00
Insurance on present rooms till 18th Sept., 1902....	14 40
Builder's risk on 877 Dorchester St. for three months	15 00

\$ 8,164 91

Balance on hand..... 2,869 84

\$11,034 75

D. MACPHERSON,
E. MARCEAU,

Auditors.

H. IRWIN, Treasurer.

The treasurer's statement of the Building Fund showed assets of \$22,250, made up of cash in hand from general fund \$2,869, from Building Fund \$2,431, arrears of fees and subscriptions to Building Fund about \$1,948; value of house, land and improvements, \$10,000; books and furniture, \$5,000. The expenditure on the house during the year was \$6,812. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Legislation was presented by Willis Chipman, as follows:

The Committee upon Legislation appointed at the last annual meeting of the society to promote the passage of an Act respecting civil engineers, a draft of which was laid before the society at the last annual meeting, begs to report as follows. Several meetings of the committee were held in January, February and March of 1899, and several conferences were held with the Minister of Education of Ontario and our solicitors, the result being Bill No. 136. The bill was introduced into the House as a private measure, and the fee (\$100), paid. The Bill was referred to the Private Bills Committee two or three days before the House prorogued, and was referred back by the committee. The bill was opposed by Prof. Harris, of Queen's, and by Mr. Bell, secretary of the Canadian Mining Institute. The Government refunded the committee the \$100 deposited when the application was made for introducing the bill. The committee has held two meetings during this month, and has gone carefully over the bill of last year, making some alterations that should remove the opposition from the members of the Mining Institute and mechanics.

The president observed that the opposition in Ontario was largely due to popular ignorance of what the society's aims were. Some of the labor organizations were under the apprehension that the society was opposing their interests; but when they see that this society will prove a help and not a hindrance to the legitimate aims of all labor organizations, whether skilled or unskilled, they will no longer oppose it.

Mr. Chipman said it must not be supposed that because the committee had not accomplished much they had been idle. Legislation of this kind was slower of accomplishment in Ontario than in Quebec, and the work of last session had at least disclosed where the opposition lay. Ottawa and Kingston had both been centres of opposition; in the latter case from an ex-professor of the Military College. Whether there would be time to organize our forces for the pending session of the Ontario legislature was a question.

The committee on the Gzowski medal reported that no award had yet been made, and the matter was left with the council.

Mr. Sproule stated that the committee on titles of engineers was not ready to report and asked that the committee be continued.

The committee appointed to investigate the complaint of Henry A. Gray that his paper on the lake levels had not been printed in the transactions of the society, reported to the effect that that gentleman had made considerable use of extracts from the reports of the American Government engineers and other authorities without giving credit or using quotation marks, and that such omissions had justified the editorial committee in withholding the paper from the transactions; but the committee recognized that Mr. Gray's paper contained a great deal of valuable information on the lake levels that was not accessible to members of the society, and recommended that, if he would indicate the extracts by quotation marks and give credit to the authorities to whom he was indebted, the paper be printed in the transactions. The report was accepted and the council was instructed to communicate with Mr. Gray.

After adjournment at noon Mr. Kerry reported on behalf of the committee on "Fees" appointed to investigate the question as to whether city members obtained more than their fair share of the benefits of the society. The committee, composed of Messrs. Irwin, Howard, McLeod and Kerry went over the treasurer's statements for the past five years and selected from them all expenditures which are at all of a local character. These are: Rent, janitor, night librarian, water, gas, telephone, electric light and meetings. It is not easy to say what portions of these expenditures would have to be made by the society for the conduct of its general business if it had no local membership, but in such case the expenses of a head office