

The first order of business is the reading of minutes of the previous meeting. I understand that a copy of the proceedings of the previous meeting has been forwarded to each member and trust that you have each received one; if not, you had better take up with the Secretary. I would suggest that some member make a motion that the minutes be adopted as read.

Moved by Mr. J. C. Gården, seconded by Mr. J. J. Fletcher, that the minutes as published and forwarded to each member be adopted as read. Carried.

Chairman,—

The next order of business is the remarks of the President. I am sure that all present will regret to hear that one of our Executive Committee, Mr. H. H. Brewer, Terminal Superintendent G. T. Ry., Toronto, has received an appointment with another railway, and while we have lost an able man in regards to the welfare of this Club, I am sure we will all be pleased to hear of him getting advancement with other railroads. Mr. Brewer was one of the first in connection with the railway that took an interest in this Club, and we felt that we had good loyal support on our Executive in the assistance he gave us. This will necessarily leave a vacancy on the Executive which will have to be filled, although I may say that Mr. Brewer has not yet tendered his resignation.

We have to-night a paper to be read by Mr. J. R. Armer, Mechanical Draughtsman of the Grand Trunk Railway, Toronto, and I think that our time will be fully taken up listening to his remarks without anything further from me.

I might say that the membership of the Club has increased considerably since the last meeting, so that you will see that there has been some response to the Secretary's request that each member bring in another one, but we feel that we have not made as good progress as we should have. I believe the Secretary sent out a letter to each member requesting them to do what they could in regard to increasing the membership, and there are some that have responded to this request and others that have not, and we trust that they will endeavor to do so before the next meeting.

Mr. Vaughan, assistant to Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was requested to give us a paper at the May meeting, but has written the Secretary that owing to pressure of business he will not have time to prepare a paper for the May meeting. The Executive Committee will, therefore, have to arrange for some other gentleman to give a paper at that meeting.

We will now call upon the Secretary for the announcement of new members.