

enlarge and confirm its influence. It is to be hoped that other Provinces will follow suit.

A matter which will soon demand the attention of the members of this Society is reorganization. This will probably include the adoption of the federal system, each Province being given the right to elect its own representatives to Council.

The Society through the Council might well direct its energies towards securing the adoption by governments, for civil engineers in the public service, of a standard of qualifications not short of that required by the Society for associate members. The institution of civil engineers took this question up with the Imperial Government, meeting with a sympathetic response, and this Society should not hesitate to move in the same direction. It is unfortunately a fact that many positions requiring proper engineering qualifications have been filled by men who have never had engineering education or experience.

It would be well also to follow the example of the Institution in another direction. A Civil Engineers' Appointment Board, while in no sense to be part of or associated officially with the Society, might be established with the full sympathy of the Council. The Board established in London on these lines has proved useful to engineering employers and younger members of the profession.

The author is of the opinion that this Society through the Council should make strong recommendations to the Government of Canada with regard to such of our members who are eminently fitted by age, attainments and experience for commissions in the Corps of Canadian Engineers. There are many whose professional knowledge is more or less wasted in infantry battalions as officers and privates at the present time. In England the Imperial Government has consulted with the Institution of Civil Engineers with regard to members eligible for commissions in the Royal Engineers and the recommendations of the Institution have been successful. Why should not this Society and the Government of Canada work together in the same most desirable manner?

In the past year papers of interest have been presented and accepted by the Society, but there is no evidence of original investigation and research, the second object for which the Society was established; this should be encouraged by every means within our power.

In casting about for a subject for this annual address no little difficulty was met with, for almost every engineering subject has been dealt with already with more authority and experience. After much thought the author decided to attempt a brief narrative of the development of transportation by sea and land in British Columbia, and of the industries encouraged and increased by such development.

A description of the development of transportation in the waters