

officers, which has no doubt taken place at last election, will have the desired effect of stimulating the membership to greater interest and activity.

Kingston No. 10.—This association had a big boom when first organized and increased wonderfully in membership, in a manner known as mushroom growth, and the result has been a decline in membership of late. Many members joined this association who should never have been admitted, and the consequence is that these members gradually fell away until they now number about 50. I had the pleasure of attending this association at the last election of officers, when some of the members seemed inclined to be despondent owing to the small number of members who turned out, but I drew their attention to the fact that an association composed of but a dozen engineers who were devoted to their work and to the association was far preferable to a large association whose membership were indifferent. If Kingston No. 10 can keep an association of 20 to 25 good members, the interests of the C.A.S.E. in that town will be well looked after.

Kincardine No. 12.—This association is not progressing at all favorably, as I find there are only five or six members who attend the meetings, but Bro. A. Scott, the secretary, gives me some hope that things will be better in the future.

Warton No. 15.—This association also is not in a very good position at the present time, and some of the members are considering the advisability of winding up the association and joining one of the larger associations, but I have advised them that if but 8 or 10 good members can be kept together, it would be better for them to retain the charter and keep the association up.

Peterborough No. 14.—I am pleased to be able to report that this association is still doing well, though it has sustained a loss by reason of Bro. S. Potter, who was president, leaving the town. I am pleased to be able to report to this convention that the work of the association is becoming more widely known and appreciated by the manufacturers and steam users, and I have known of many instances during the past year where an engineer received an appointment because he was a member of the association.

I regret to say, Mr. President, that the secretaries of some of the associations do not appear to take sufficient interest in their work to keep the mechanical papers posted as to the matters of interest coming up before their association, and to give reports of meetings to the press. This is a serious mistake, as the more we make use of the press and mechanical papers, the more will our association become known and our principles appreciated. Subordinate associations should see to it that they elect wide-awake and energetic members to fill the office of secretary, who will not begrudge a few hours work each month for the good of the order.

There was some talk of forming a second association in the city of Toronto at one time, but so far no move has been made in that direction, though I am of the opinion that Toronto is sufficiently large and has the necessary materials to support two good associations if some members who are interested would take the matter up. The membership of the C.A.S.E. is as follows in the Province of Ontario:

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| Toronto, | No. 1.. | 115 | Meetings well attended. |
| Hamilton, | " 2.. | 37 | " " " |
| Stratford, | " 3.. | | Disbanded, but trying to re-organize. |
| Brantford, | " 4.. | 15 | Meetings well attended. |
| London, | " 5.. | 10 | Meetings poorly attended. |
| Guelph, | " 6.. | 14 | Meetings getting better again. |
| Ottawa, | " 7.. | 35 | Meetings well attended. |
| Dresden, | " 8.. | 16 | Meetings fair. |
| Berlin, | " 9.. | 17 | Not well attended. |
| Kingston, | " 10.. | 53 | Not so well attended as ought to be. |
| Kincardine, | " 12.. | 7 | Poor. |
| Warton, | " 13.. | 15 | Poor. |
| Peterborough, | " 14.. | 12 | Poor. (Many engineers left town). |
| Brockville, | " 15.. | 24 | Meetings well attended. |
| Carleton Place, | " 16.. | 19 | " " " |

Total 389

During last year, the N.A.S.E. instituted fifteen new associations, and the C.A.S.E. added two new associations.

Taking into consideration the large territory and abundance of material which the former organization has to work on, we can, I think, congratulate ourselves on having added our two new associations during the year.

I trust that the coming year may bring us a largely increased membership, and that the good work of the association may be vigorously pushed by all the branch associations, so that the general public, and especially the manufacturers, may be made

aware of the fact that the C.A.S.E. is an organization worthy of their support.

On motion of Bro. Hoppins, seconded by Bro. Chapman, the report was adopted.

Bro. Schofield moved, seconded by Bro. Valiquet, that the thanks of the convention be tendered Bro. Edkins for his valuable report. Carried.

REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY FOR QUEBEC.

Bro. O. E. Granberg, District Deputy for Quebec, then read his report as follows:

In submitting my report as Deputy for the Province of Quebec, I regret to say the order has not made the progress we could wish. No new associations have been formed during the past year. This is on account of there being so few places that contain a sufficient number of engineers to form an association. I had partly succeeded in forming a branch at Quebec city, but owing to St. Lawrence No. 2 withdrawing from our Order and forming a new association, Quebec fell into line with them.

Shortly after the last convention at Toronto, a dissension arose among the members of St. Lawrence No. 2, which was composed of French speaking members wholly. A large majority of them failed to see any benefits to be derived from the executive council, and consequently they decided to withdraw and form an association to their liking, under the name of the "Mutual Benefit Society of Mechanical Engineers of the Province of Quebec." This title may be somewhat misleading, as there may be but few mechanical engineers among them, although they may all be engineers of steam engines. Your president and myself did all we could to keep them with us, but to no purpose. The dissenting members numbered about 65; 8 members remained loyal to us, and kept the branch open all winter. In the spring they decided to give up for a time and join Montreal No. 1, under an agreement with the executive president, who, I have no doubt, will explain during this convention. I do not know all the causes that led to 65 members of St. Lawrence No. 2 leaving our order and forming a new order, but as the first vice-president of the new order is with us as a delegate from Montreal No. 1, he will be better able to explain the cause to you than I can.

As regards Montreal No. 1, I may say that although there has been but little increase in numbers, the quality has decidedly improved. I am pleased to note that as soon as a member loses interest or thinks he knows it all, he is soon dropped; and if a member is found guilty of drunkenness or bad conduct, he is promptly expelled. I also note that Montreal No. 1 is making good progress in securing a library, several hundred dollars having been secured for that purpose. All these are good signs in engineering; quality is better than quantity.

On motion of Bro. Edkins, seconded by Bro. Huggett, the report was received, and the thanks of the convention tendered Bro. Granberg.

President York said that as president of Montreal No. 1, he had a few words to add to Bro. Granberg's remarks concerning the defection in Montreal No. 2. When discontent began to show itself in that branch they made a great struggle to allay it, and to keep the branch under the jurisdiction of this council. The remnant who remained faithful and kept the branch open did so under extraordinary difficulties. They were under a heavy rent for their hall, and under the pressure of this and other financial obligations some of them came to him and asked to surrender their charter. He told them that this would be the ordinary course when an association was no longer able to meet its obligations to the council and others; but that under the circumstances he would advise them to retain their charter for the current half year, while holding their meetings in with No. 1 to save expense, and be practically members of No. 1 in the meanwhile, till their case could be brought before this convention. Strictly speaking, the charter should be called in, and when they were ready to form a new association among the French Canadian engineers—who composed No. 2 almost exclusively—there would be no trouble in getting another charter.

Bro. Edkins thought that if they were likely to be in a position to maintain a separate branch soon, it would be better to leave the charter with the few members who now comprise it, and thus save the expense of obtaining a new charter. After Montreal No. 1 had gone to so much trouble on their behalf, it would be a pity to have the charter now lapse.

Bro. Valiquet said he was a member of Montreal No. 2, whose troubles were before the council. He was glad to tell the convention that there was now a strong hope that the members who left Montreal No. 2 would return. The great majority of them had gone out of the association under a misapprehension, and now that they were beginning to understand the situation better, and to