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A year later Mr. C. M. Hayes, the father of the Railroad Department in Canada from the Railroad side, fitted up and furnished the old Canada Northern Railway offices on Spadina Avenue and made a contribution of \$90 per month for maintenance. He made a very strong and business-like address at the opening. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, of London, at that time Chairman of the Grand Trunk Board, visited the building, was most favorably impressed with the character of the work and supported Mr. Hayes in his extension of the work along the Grand Trunk line. Mr. S. H. Blake was a great help in counselling with us, as in the matter of legal arrangements. He was at that time President of the Toronto Association and presided at the opening of the building. Mr. R. L. Nelles was the first Chairman of the Department. Thos. McGillicuddy, Robert Kilgour, Frank Roper, Rev. Dr. Parsons were some of the staunch friends of those early days."

With the transfer of the employees of the Grand Trunk Railway from East Toronto and the opening of the Mimico Railway Yards, the branch that had been organized there became far more important and has developed a very strong work. The East Toronto Branch has been changed to one for city young men, the building originally erected there for the Railroad Branch being used for the benefit of the whole community.



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