

on that is a very small vote, and there are certainly four members here who have not voted, and who might possibly vote the right way and carry these by-laws.

MR. LEOFRED: I think the only way to keep out of the law and to do without any lawyer's advice, and without any trouble is for the old Council to hold a meeting, and in that meeting to alter the by-law for a quorum in the way they like, so that the incoming Council then will be sure that the number determined by the old Council for a quorum will be according to law. The Council has a right to make any alteration of quorum or anything.

THE PRESIDENT: But the Council has no power to amend or make by-laws or alterations.

MR. HUNTER: Mr. Chairman, when we want a man to build a bridge we hire an engineer. If we get into a legal difficulty, we hire a lawyer to get us out of it. We have got into a difficulty here and we cannot deny it. Let us vote on the resolution which has been proposed.

MR. MITCHELL: If we are to have legal advice on this, why not have it on the spot and clean it off this afternoon?

MR. COSTE: The new President is quite satisfied with the present arrangement. He is a quorum by himself.

MR. MITCHELL: It is very evident that the members of the Society who voted for or against the by-laws on the blue sheet have been strongly in favor of the principles which have been laid down in the amendments proposed in the blue. It is divided into four parts—four chances to vote for or against this combination. The first was with reference to a thing that is entirely separate from the question that is at issue. The second is partially dependent upon it, but it can stand by itself. The third and fourth are connected. The third, which is the one which has been lost, was lost by three votes evidently. The fourth, which was carried, was carried by five or six votes. The intention evidently is that the two should go together. The question for us to decide is whether those two shall be taken together and carried or not carried.

MR. RUST: That is a legal matter; let us take the vote and leave it to the Council for discussion. The old Council cannot act.

THE PRESIDENT: It is moved by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. LeGrand, that the incoming Council be authorized to deal with the difficulties arising from the omission of by-laws and the inconsistencies resulting from the votes of the Society on the amendments to the by-laws. I declare the motion carried. Now, the questions arising on that. As to the standard of admission to the Society, the amendment has been carried, and we cannot do anything for one year.

MR. MORRIS: This amendment being carried practically excludes the resolution, at least in proposing any alteration in it. The resolution which I proposed does not propose any change in the by-law, but only refers the matter to a committee.

MR. COSTE: That has to be amended in the sense of the former resolution passed this morning, that the report should be made to council and not to the annual meeting.

THE PRESIDENT: Oh, yes; every report now goes to Council and comes to the Society finally in the way provided for this morning.

MR. LEOFRED: If we read the suggestions at page 32 it will be seen that in almost every one of the answers obtained by Council the substance of my friend's motion appears. In approving the motion of my friend I desire to say that I am expressing the feeling of members from all parts of the Dominion who have written to the committee.

THE PRESIDENT: Then I will put Mr. Morris' motion (see page 51). I have counted seven for the motion. I declare the motion lost.

There are some further suggestions in this report of Council that we had to consider after the by-laws. The next was No. 3, on page 36.

MR. MOUNTAIN: I move that this be left as it is, and that neither side be adopted. I do not see any chance of extending it at the present moment to any of the other Provinces. I do not think the legislation is detrimental or should be repealed.

THE PRESIDENT: It is moved by Mr. Mountain, seconded by Mr. McNab, that no action be taken on this motion.—Carried.

That next is, Should the title, Civil Engineer, be controlled by legislation? That will be included, with the consent of the meeting, in Mr. Mountain's resolution.—Carried.

MR. MOUNTAIN: What was done with the eighth, sir?

THE PRESIDENT: No. 8 was simply a question that was submitted to the Society, and they have given a vote on it which practically, I should say, means that they have no decision. Only 110 voted, and 50 were for abolishing the sections and 60 in favor of retaining them. No. 9 is whether more branches should be established, and should these be encouraged further than the present system provides?

MR. RUST: I think that might stand over for the present. We are working very well now in establishing branches. The new branch at Ottawa asked for I suppose will be given the same terms as Toronto was.

MR. LEOFRED: I am on the Executive Committee of the Quebec Branch, and they passed a resolution before I left Quebec to this effect: "Extract from the minutes of the annual meeting of the Quebec Branch, Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, held at the City Hall, Quebec, January 15th, 1909. It was proposed by Mr. A. Leofred, and seconded by Mr. S. S. Oliver, that a by-law should be passed granting the Quebec Branch the rebate of \$2 on all members of the Quebec Branch who reside between Three Rivers and the eastern boundary of the Province of Quebec. Approved. Louis A. Vallee, Chairman; Hugh O'Donnell, Secretary-treasurer." We are not situated as you are in Ontario where you have a great many towns supplying a good number of engineers to make strong branches. In Quebec we are rather isolated, and in order to make a good branch we would like the change proposed.

THE PRESIDENT: Has that question been canvassed among the people interested?

MR. LEOFRED: It was passed at the last meeting of the Quebec Branch, and they asked me to give a copy of this resolution here. There were probably 15 or 20 present at that time, but it reflects the unanimous wish of the Quebec Branch.

Moved by Mr. Jameson, seconded by Mr. McNab, that the request of the Quebec Branch be referred to the incoming Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rust, seconded by Mr. LeGrand, that the subject of Article 10, page 36, of the Report of Council be referred to the incoming Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Murdoch, seconded by Mr. LeGrand, that No. 7 be also referred to the new Council.

MR. MOUNTAIN: I think No. 7 was brought up this morning. Did I not move a resolution recommending that the name be not changed, and it was carried?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes; I think that is disposed of.

MR. LEOFRED: There was another resolution passed by the Quebec Branch on the same date as the former one. "It was proposed by Mr. A. Leofred, and seconded by Mr. A. R. Decary, to memorialize the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers that it would be very advisable to study the question of establishing a tariff which would be recognized by the courts, similar to the land surveyors, architects, lawyers, notaries, etc. Approved. Louis A. Vallee, Chairman; Hugh O'Donnell, Secretary-treasurer." It is my duty to read this. You may do what you like with it.

Moved by Mr. Coste seconded by Mr. Macpherson, that the above resolution of the Quebec Branch be referred to the incoming Council.

MR. DION: It is said that Mr. Mountain moved that the name of the Society be not changed, and that this was carried. I was under the impression that that was not put. I would not like the incoming Council to understand that it is the sense of the meeting if it is not, and I would like the sense of the meeting to be taken if it has not been taken.

MR. ARMSTRONG: I have a resolution which provides a mode of action for treating the reports of committees to the annual meeting so that their adoption may be facilitated. "Moved by Mr. C. R. Coutlee, seconded by Mr. J. S. Armstrong, that as branches of the Society are rapidly forming in various parts of Canada, all reports of committees appointed at the annual meeting be printed and forwarded to the branches one month before a special meeting of Council, and that the chairman of each branch or other approved delegate be invited to attend that meeting and present a concise statement, voicing the opinions of the members of his branch on all such reports, and that the reports be considered at said meeting of council; and further, the Council is recommended to make reports, recommendations and