

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CENTRAL RAILWAY AND
ENGINEERING CLUB OF CANADA MEETING.

Prince George Hotel, TORONTO, December 21, 1909.

The President, Mr. Jefferis, occupied the chair.

Chairman,—

The first order of business is reading the minutes of the previous meeting. You have all had a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting and it is in order for someone to move their adoption as read.

Proposed by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. I. Jefferis, that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read. Carried.

Chairman,—

The next order of business is the remarks of the President. As my term of office expires with this meeting, I wish to say a few words about the Club.

I think you will all agree with me when I say that the past year has been a very successful one and the outlook for the Club is splendid.

Words fail me in expressing my appreciation of the support I have received at the hands of the officers and members of the committees, and for the benefit of any members who do not know, I wish to say, that there have been times during the past year when some members of our Reception Committee have laid their business aside to work for the success of the social side of this Club, which you will readily understand, means time and money to them. Personally, I feel very grateful to them for their loyalty and support.

Our Secretary has been untiring in his efforts to get good papers, and I believe you will all agree that he has succeeded. The papers have been very good and varied and have brought out some good discussions, especially when one considers the cosmopolitan nature of the Club. Our Journals have always been interesting and instructive, thanks to the genial secretary and his able assistant, Mr. Hyde.

You, of course, are all familiar with Mr. Worth's battle cry,—"More Members."

I have tried to think out the reason for the phenomenal success of this Club, and I attribute it in a very large measure to the absence of cliques and factions and the disposition on the part of its members to work for the success of the Club, as a whole, rather than to stand in the limelight as individuals.