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The Canadian Electrical Association.

THE ninth convention of this Association, held in Hamilton last month, was in every respect equal, and in some important particulars in advance of any previous meeting. The attendance was above the average, and was representative of the entire Dominion, from Charlotte-town in the east to Vancouver in the west. The headquarters of the Association was the New Royal Hotel, which has recently been remodelled and fitted up in a style of elegance not surpassed by any hotel in Canada. The weather after the first day was all that could be desired, and permitted full enjoyment of the excursions to various points of interest in the locality. The greatest credit is due to the local electrical companies and the City Council for the many courtesies extended to the visitors, and also for the attractive manner in which

the public buildings and parks were illuminated. On every hand there was manifest a desire to make the occasion one of the greatest interest and pleasure, and this desire was in the highest degree fulfilled. Hamilton on this occasion proved her right to the title of the "Ambitious City," and also to claim the new title of the "Electrical City," in consequence of being the terminus of the Cataract Power Company's lines, which, as Mayor Teetzel mentioned in his address of welcome, transmit a larger amount of current over a longer distance than is delivered to any other city east of the Mississippi river. In the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway, the city has also the longest suburban electric railway in the Dominion. Coming back to the convention, it can be stated that the business sessions were marked by a deeper interest than on previous occasions. The value of the papers presented is evidenced by the pointed and lengthy discussions. There was a time in the history of the Association when it was a difficult matter to provoke discussion, and when papers had in a measure to be taken as read, because of the timidity of members in giving expression to their opinions. That time has now gone by. The electrical industry has, during the lifetime of the Association, made rapid advancement, and members of the Association have kept pace with the development of the industry and feel their ability to express their views, based upon their experience on subjects arising for discussion. It is unfortunate that time would not permit of the reading and discussion of all papers prepared for this convention, and it will no doubt be found necessary for the future to restrict to a greater extent than formerly the number of papers, and to exercise the greatest care in the selection of subjects, in order that the discussions may bring out information of the greatest value. One of the most important points brought out in the discussions was relative to the supplying of current for power purposes to manufacturers during the hours of least demand for current for lighting. Mr. Gossler made the important declaration that in Montreal the day load for power purposes has reached 75 per cent. of the night load for lighting, and that in a very short time it is expected the day and night loads will be equalized. The valuable work done by the Legislation Committee in having the Conmee Bill placed on the Statute Books of Ontario was appropriately recognized. There was a disposition shown to make greater use of the Association to further in a practical way the interests of all branches of the electrical industry. Mr. W. H. Browne made an excellent presiding officer, and contributed from a large personal experience much valuable information to the subjects under discussion. Mr. A. A. Dion, the President-elect, has been for several years one of the most active and useful members of the Association. Under his direction, and assisted by an excellent staff of associates, the prosperity and usefulness of the organization must continue to advance. The city of Ottawa was unanimously selected as the place of next meeting. Many members of the Association have pleasant recollections of the convention held in that city five years ago, and the success achieved on that occasion is the best possible guarantee that the next convention will be one of the highest interest.

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