

Creeping of Rails. Committee, J. Jelly, J. Brennan & T. Hickey.

The Best Mode of handling steam shovels, distributing & unloading ballast & all work to be done in connection with ballasting, etc., filling trestles, & all such work as that; taking up fully all the best devices & what it is really necessary to have to do work of that kind with. Committee, E. Murphy, A. McAuley & T. Graham.

The Renewal of ties, taking the best method of handling the ties from the time they are received on the section until the old ties are piled up, giving the cost of changing the ties or putting them on the track, & of each kind of ballast. Committee, J. Drinkwater, J. Leslie & J. R. Brennan.

MONTREAL CHOSEN FOR 1900.

THE CHAIRMAN.—The next thing is as to where our next meeting will be held & when.

R. SHANKS.—I will move that our next meeting be held in Montreal in the second week in Nov., 1900. My object in naming Nov. as the month is that there are quite a number of the members who live at such a distance that they were unable to get in in Sep. I think if we put it in Nov. that there cannot be much excuse.

J. DRINKWATER.—I have been at Detroit attending the American Roadmasters' Association convention which was held there last week, & found there seems to be a general feeling with the different associations that they have been holding their meetings too early in the season. The American Association had their meeting this year earlier than we have, & had the first choice. They have chosen the second Tuesday in Nov. as the date of their next meeting. I have the pleasure & satisfaction of being a member of that association & would like very much to attend their next meeting, & of course it would be impossible for me to be in Montreal & Los Angeles on the same day. On that account I think it will be worth our while to fix our meeting early enough so that the two will not conflict. It will take probably four or five days to get to California, & I am pretty strongly inclined to think that after the American meeting is over it would be too late for ours. I don't think Mr. Shanks was aware that the American Association had changed its date. I know down round Montreal I have been running a snow plow pretty early in Nov., & that is considered the most important work that we have. I find the last half of the fall is always the busier. I also find that if a man does not want to attend a convention of this kind he does not go to it, & if he wants to go & tries really hard he gets there. I would be in favor of holding the meeting later than we have been doing; at the same time I don't think it would be advisable to fix the same date that the American Association will have

its meeting. I am sure we would not have Mr. Hickey with us if we took anywhere near the same date.

T. HICKEY.—The reason for putting the date of the American Roadmasters' Association meeting in Nov. was on account of going to a warm climate. It was put ahead for next year only.

J. DRINKWATER.—I meant to mention that the date of the meeting was only named after the place had been decided on. I suppose, probably, if a place of meeting had been selected down east, or anywhere near this section, that the date would not have been so late.

R. SHANKS.—In view of what Mr. Drinkwater has just acquainted us with I will move that the date be Oct. 17 & 18, 1900, instead of the second week in Nov. It is not very convenient for roadmasters to be away at the very end of the month nor at the very first. F. J. Holloway seconded the motion, & it was carried.

THE EDITOR OF THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD.—Will you allow me to say, on behalf of the Track Supply Association, that in connection with the Montreal meeting I think it will be well for the Executive, if possible, to try & arrange so that the meeting, the headquarters & the place for the exhibits may be all together, as it was in Detroit, where everything centred at the hotel. It is much more convenient to have an hotel for headquarters, where you can have the meetings as well as the exhibits; have the whole thing together. I think this will meet the views of the supply men as well as the members of the Roadmasters' Association.

J. DRINKWATER.—The suggestion is a very good one, but it has come a little late to help us out any this year. Our finances are looking up well & everything is prosperous. Our members are all good payers; if they don't come near us, they send us the money, & I don't know of any reason why we should not go to the Windsor Hotel in Montreal, unless a better one is built. There are two or three hotels there with halls in connection with them. I don't think there is an hotel in Montreal that compares with the one in Detroit where the American Association met. But I fancy we can be fairly well fixed at the Windsor. I think I can promise you that arrangements will be made so that we can meet at the Windsor.

The following were appointed a committee to arrange for a place of meeting, etc., in Montreal: J. Hennesy, J. Shanks, W. Cooper, J. Drinkwater & F. E. Came.

VOTES OF THANKS.

R. SHANKS.—I move that a vote of thanks be tendered the members of the Track Supply Association for the very kind manner in which they have entertained the roadmasters on this

occasion. This was seconded by J. Graham & carried.

THE CHAIRMAN.—I may say to the supply men who are still with us, that I have much pleasure indeed in tendering them this vote of thanks from the members of this Association for the kind way in which they have treated us, & I hope that in time to come we will have larger gatherings, & that there will be more members at our meetings to appreciate your kindness and look over the supplies.

R. L. THOMAS.—On behalf of the supply men I may say that we will do all that we can to please you in the future, & we will try to help your Association to grow.

MR. CLARK.—I would like to mention that in 1879 I attended the beginning of the American Roadmasters' Association, & it only had seven members; that ought to be encouraging.

J. JELLY.—I beg to move that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the management of the G.T.R., through General Roadmaster Ferguson, for their kindness in extending the courtesies of the road to us, & in providing us with a special car in which to visit Niagara Falls. This was carried unanimously.

J. JELLY.—Before we close I would move a vote of thanks to our President for the able manner in which he has filled his office since being elected.

F. J. HOLLOWAY.—I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

J. DRINKWATER.—What Mr. Clark said about there being seven members in 1879 of the American Association, reminded me of the day that our President & I & three or four others met to organize this Association. I am very sorry that we have not grown faster, although we have not got anything to complain of so far as membership is concerned—we have something like half the entire roadmasters in Canada members in good standing to-day, & although there are not many here to-day, we have got them on the roll. There were 21 present, I think, the first day of last year's meeting, & we had a fairly good meeting. I think if we do not get completely discouraged, but endeavor to go on, when the features of this meeting become known, some of those who were too busy or too indifferent to be with us to-day, will kick themselves for the next three months. I am going to let them know pretty soon. THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD will give a detailed account of the whole thing; & each member will get a copy of the proceedings. I hope when we meet next year in Montreal that every member of the Association will be with us, & that by then we shall have enrolled

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