

legislation applicable to the towns as well as the cities, and the removal of any jealousy which may exist between the master plumbers in the city and country. The report stated that a Local Association of Master Plumbers would probably be formed at an early date at Sydney, C. B.

The report of the Secretary, Mr. W. L. Mansell, contained the following list of places where Master Plumbers' Associations exist, together with the membership in each case:—Halifax, 21 members; Sydney, C.B., St. John, Fredericton, Quebec, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, St. Catharines, 12 members; Montreal, 34 members; Toronto, 23 members; Windsor, London, 9 members; St. Thomas, 2 members; Guelph, in affiliation with Toronto, 1 member; Sarnia and Chatham in affiliation with Windsor, 1 member each; Winnipeg, 8 members; Vancouver, 11 members; Barrie, in affiliation with General, 1 member.

The report stated that the local Associations were in a prosperous condition, and that good feeling prevailed between the Associations and the manufacturers.

Mr. Jas. Pennington, as Vice-President for Ontario, expressed regret that it had been found necessary to discontinue the publication of the "Bulletin," and asked whether it would not be possible to charge a subscription of \$1.00 per year. It was suggested also that the travelers representing the supply houses should be furnished with literature by the Association for distribution to the plumbers throughout the country, urging them to become members.

The various reports were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Messrs. F. Powers, Joseph Pennington, F. G. Johnston, John Watson, W. Mansell and John McKinley were appointed a committee to consider and report regarding the advisability of forming Provincial Associations.

At the evening session the Committee on Resolutions reported recommending that the question of appointing a permanent secretary be referred to a select committee; approving of the suggestion of Vice-president McKinley for the appointment of a committee to consider grievances, as well as his recommendation regarding Provincial Associations and sanitary laws, and suggesting the appointment of a select committee to consider and report on the first of these recommendations. It was recommended that the report of the Vice-President for Nova Scotia be adopted, also the report of the Legislation Committee, and that the report of the Vice-President for Ontario be referred to a select committee.

The Apprenticeship Committee's report recommended that an apprentice should serve five years before being recognized by the Association as a journeyman; that all present and future apprentices shall receive at the end of their apprenticeship term a certificate of the Association from their employer as a proof of their ability, and that the matter of their wages be referred to the Local Association for adjustment. After some discussion the report was adopted.

A motion by Mr. Powers that a committee be appointed, consisting of three members from each province, to consider the question of sanitary laws and endeavor to secure the enactment of such laws, was adopted.

Messrs. Allison, Fitzsimmons and Mahoney were appointed a committee to report with regard to the advisability of appointing a paid secretary.

At the morning session on the second day, Alderman Lamarche, of Montréal, addressed the convention and explained the leading features of the new plumbing by-law, which has recently passed the Council of that city and will go into operation on September 1st.

The Committee re the appointment of a permanent secretary reported recommending that the appointment be made at a salary of \$200 for the first year. After some discussion action upon the report was deferred until the following day.

On the adjournment of this session at 1.40 p.m., the delegates were given a carriage drive to points of interest in the city as the guests of the City Council.

In the evening the Annual Association Banquet took

place at McConkey's restaurant, and notwithstanding that the weather was uncomfortably warm, was largely attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. H. Wilson, President of the Local Association, having on his right the President of the National Association, Mr. W. H. Meredith, Alderman Wood, Alderman Lamarche and Mr. H. W. Anthes, and on his left Mr. A. E. Kemp, M.P.; Mayor Howland, Mr. Edward Gurney, Mr. J. H. Patterson, Mr. Andrew Mann and Mr. Alex. Saunders. Messrs. Kemp and Gurney responded to the toast, "Our Country and its Manufacturing Industries." Mr. Meredith, Alderman Lamarche and Mr. Frank Powers replied in suitable terms to the toast, "Our Guest—the National Association," proposed in a humorous speech by Mr. Anthes. "The Mayor and Corporation," brought a response in French and English from Mayor Howland. "The Manufacturers and Supply Trade" brought responses from Messrs. J. H. Patterson, Adam Taylor, H. W. Anthes, Alexander Saunders, Alexander Fleming, T. B. Alcock, Charles Morrison and Andrew Mann. Mr. Grant Helliwell, President of the Ontario Association of Architects, and Mr. Robert Harrison, President of the Journeymen Plumbers' Association, replied on behalf of "Sister Associations." The "Local Master Plumbers," proposed by Mr. Frank Powers, of Lunenburg, N.S., was responded to by Messrs. J. J. McKittrick, J. H. Wilson, and K. J. Allison, of the Toronto Association. Captain Giroux replied on behalf of "The Ladies." A pleasing feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a gold ring set with diamonds and bearing the masonic emblem to Mr. Fiddes, in recognition of the many valuable services which he has rendered for years past to the Local as well as the National Association.

At the Friday morning session Messrs. John Watson, Montreal; Frank Powers, Lunenburg; and J. G. Johnston, Ottawa; were appointed a Nominating Committee.

After some discussion it was unanimously resolved, on motion by Mr. Powers, that the convention next year should be held in Halifax.

It was resolved to organize Provincial Associations on the basis of a constitution recommended by the special committee appointed to consider this question, such constitution being an alteration of that of the National Association in such a manner as to make it applicable to the provincial organizations.

After discussion it was resolved to leave with the Executive Committee the question of the advisability of appointing a permanent secretary.

The report of the Treasurer, Alderman Lamarche, was presented, showing receipts \$303.21; expenditures \$226.61; balance in hand, including previous balances, \$293.22. The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's books correct, and a vote of thanks was tendered to that official.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Local Association and to the City Council, to the retiring President, Mr. Meredith, and to the retiring Secretary, Mr. Mansell.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Past-President, W. H. Meredith, Toronto; President, John McKinley, Ottawa; Vice-President, Frank Powers, Lunenburg, N.S.; Secretary, H. A. Knox, Ottawa; Treasurer, Ald. Lamarche, Montreal; Vice-President for Ontario, W. Mansell, Toronto; Vice-President for Quebec, John Watson; Vice-President for Nova Scotia, G. A. Perrier, Halifax; Vice-President for New Brunswick, James Walker, St. John; Vice-President for British Columbia, J. H. Wilson, Toronto; Vice-President for Manitoba, Capt. J. A. Giroux, Montreal; Chairmen of Committees—Apprenticeship, R. Ross, Toronto; Legislative, E. B. Butterworth, Ottawa; Sanitary, J. W. Hughes, Montreal; Essay, George Morton, Yarmouth, N.S.; Sub-Executive—President McKinley, Ald. Lamarche, H. A. Knox, John Watson, F. G. Johnston.

After the close of the last business session a visit was paid to Government House, where a group photograph was taken, after which the members and visitors proceeded by electric car to Long Branch and gave themselves up to an afternoon of enjoyment.