

son; District No. 5, Mr. E. H. Keating; District No. 6, Mr. E. E. Brydone-Jack; District No. 7, Mr. F. F. Busteed. A resolution of the meeting is required for the election of these gentlemen.

Moved by Lt.-Col. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, that the gentlemen selected by the President be elected as the nominating committee. (Carried).

The Secretary: There is a vote under the old by-laws for the nominating committee and a report is in hand of the scrutineers in that regard.

Moved by Lt.-Col. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Coutlee, that the vote for the election of scrutineers under the old by-laws be null and void, and that the ballots be destroyed. (Carried).

The President: The next is the report of the election of officers and members of the council.

The Secretary: 260 votes were cast for the election of officers and members for council, and the following have been elected, in the order named:—President, H. N. Ruttan; vice-presidents, W. F. Tye, C. H. Rust, R. W. Leonard; councillors, C. R. Coutlee, Phelps Johnson, H. J. Cambie, D. MacPherson, A. E. Doucet, L. A. Herdt, J. A. Bell, C. E. W. Dodwell, C. N. Monsarrat, J. G. Sullivan, A. W. Campbell, J. M. R. Fairbairn, J. M. Shanly, H. H. Vaughan, W. J. Francis, J. E. Hardman, H. E. Haultain, H. G. Kelley, R. J. Durley, R. S. Kelsch; that is signed by O. P. Schreiber and the other members of the committee.

The President: I have much pleasure in declaring these gentlemen elected.

Moved by Mr. Lambe, seconded by Mr. Coutlee, that the ballots be destroyed.

Lt.-Col. Ruttan: (on taking the chair) I thank you, Gentlemen, for the highest honor that a member of this society can receive at your hands. I am not vain enough to imagine that the matter is altogether personal. I can quite understand that you have been considering the feelings of the large and growing portion of Canada which is just now being opened up for development—a portion of Canada in which there is now work for many hundreds of engineers, and where we will send many hundreds in the next few years. The water-powers to be developed in that country, the railways to be constructed and the canals and navigation works under consideration and in progress will take within the next ten years, I am confident, more than double the number of engineers that we now have in this society. That may seem a very sanguine view of the progress of the North-West, but having watched it carefully for the last thirty years and seeing the enormous progress of the last ten years, I do not think I shall be very much disappointed in this estimate of the future. As the hour is late I know you will thank me for not extending my remarks at the present time.

Moved by Mr. Leofred, seconded by Mr. Coutlee, that a vote of sincere thanks be tendered to the retiring president and officers for the excellent work accomplished by them during the past year of 1909. (Carried, with applause).

The President: Mr. Mountain, and gentlemen, I have much pleasure in conveying to you the thanks of this association for your services during the past year.

Mr. Mountain: Mr. President, and gentlemen, I heartily thank the society for the manner in which that resolution was carried. I am sure what we have done has been a labor of love, and if we have in any way advanced the interests of the society during the past year our reward is received. I thank you on behalf of the retiring officers.

The President: There is one question which I think is important and which ought to be brought up at this meeting; that is the place of meeting next year. The people of Winnipeg would be delighted to see the Association there for the next annual meeting, and they would do, I am sure, everything in their power to make matters pleasant for you. If this is the proper time to determine upon that I would be glad if someone would offer a resolution to that effect; either that the meeting be held in Winnipeg, or that the matter be referred to the council.

Mr. John Kennedy: The meeting in different places is something not provided for. We would automatically meet at headquarters if there is no resolution and council would consider in any case whether we should meet at some place else.

Mr. Mountain: It is usually dealt with by council. I move that the matter be left to them.

Mr. Jamieson: It is an important question and council should consider carefully whether we are going to move every

year to different points for our annual meeting or whether that should only be occasionally. They might consider holding the annual meeting at headquarters and summer conventions at different points. We were in Toronto last year, this year in Ottawa, and if next year we go to Winnipeg we shall be establishing a precedent that may cause trouble. Therefore the policy of the Society should be fully considered before it is decided upon, in regard to the place of holding the annual meeting.

Mr. Leofred: I would not like to run opposite to the president, and I thank him for the kind invitation to Winnipeg; I will join with the other members if they decide to go there. At the same time I would invite the society to Quebec next year, with the understanding that we will do all we can to make the visit of the members interesting and enjoyable. (Applause).

The President: Then it is understood that the matter will be left with the council. The arrangement for the summer excursion also requires attention.

Mr. Mountain: I move that that be left to the council. Last year we had a delightful summer convention although not largely attended. We visited a most important work, the tunnel under the Detroit River at Windsor, and I think every member who attended, enjoyed the scientific treat afforded us there.

Mr. Jamieson: That is the same question touched upon by myself. The council in considering the one should consider the other and deal with them together.

The President: Then that is the understanding. The council will meet at half-past three.

Mr. McColl: I wish to move (seconded by Mr. Freeland) a vote of thanks on behalf of the visiting members to our hosts, the Ottawa Branch, and to the Electrical Railway Company, the J. R. Booth Company, the E. B. Eddy Company, the city officials of the waterworks, the officers of the Dominion Archives, Royal Mint and Observatory, the Edinburgh Mills, and to the Mayor and City Council of Ottawa. I am sure that every one who has been here feels that no mistake was made in holding the meeting in the city of Ottawa. Nothing could exceed the kindness shown by the members of the Ottawa Branch in their handling of this present meeting. Every one must have fully appreciated the great kindness of Mr. Booth, who personally conducted us through his mill. As the time is so late I will not say more with regard to this matter although I should enjoy recounting the pleasure that we have received during our visit to Ottawa. (Carried).

Mr. Mountain: Mr. President, I wish to move a vote of thanks to the entertainment committee who looked after our comfort here during the last two or three days. I may say that while I am an Ottawa man myself, they let me sit quietly in the chair and they did all the work. I allude particularly to Messrs. Donaldson, MacPherson, Coutlee, Chapleau, and Ker, who worked like Trojans on all the entertainments they gave us. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Leofred, seconded by Mr. Coutlee, that whenever a candidate is chosen by the nominating committee for any office in the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, the nominating committee shall have to get the sanction of their choice for such candidates by the local branch, that such candidate may belong to. If such candidate does not belong to any local branch then he shall be chosen in the usual way.

The President: Are you ready to discuss this motion? It seems rather important.

Mr. Mountain: We have just passed a new by-law on this subject. Let us wait long enough to let it get going. The former system required so many sanctions that it was very difficult to get a council. Let us go on as we are.

The Secretary: This would virtually be an amendment of the by-laws if it were adopted.

Mr. Leofred: The idea is that we are often called upon to vote for candidates that we do not know anything about and this is to provide a mode of wise selection.

The President: I would suggest that this motion, which is a very important one, be left over for the next meeting. Let it stand as a notice of motion.

Lt.-Col. Anderson: It seems to me to introduce a bad principle. It permits a branch to dictate to the parent society.

Mr. Leofred: I consent that the motion be left over until next year.

(The meeting then adjourned).