



KINGSTON MILLS

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS.



ACCORDING to the resolution of last year, this convention was held in the council chamber of the City Hall at Kingston, on the 18th, 19th and 20th ult. On the evening previous to the opening, Mr. Donnelly, president of the Kingston branch, and Jno. Taudvin, its acting secretary, devoted themselves to the reception of visitors and delegates, and thus aroused the expectation of a splendid welcome, which was realized each successive day.

Tuesday, August 18th.—An early visit to the council chamber disclosed various preparations for serious business. The semi-circular tables were strewn with copies of the chief technical papers devoted to the various branches of engineering, and some advertising matter and circulars, which afterwards obtained a place in the discussions, and on the secretary's table were great piles of the admirable souvenir published by the local branch, programmes and badges. This badge was said by the local papers to be one of the handsomest seen in Kingston for a long while, and it certainly became a passport to many unpremeditated entertainments during the few odd moments left by the executive for innocent mischief.

At 10 o'clock badge wearers were seen approaching the council chamber from various directions, and soon after from the neighborhood of the British American came a posse of decorated engineers, including president, past-presidents, deputies and delegates, which swelled the attendance at the council chamber to 40. At 10.45 Pres. W. G. Blackgrove took the chair, with Vice-Pres. James Devlin on his right. Mayor Elliott, accompanied by Aldermen Skinner, Walkem, Robinson and Carson, then entered and were introduced by the president. In his address of welcome the mayor expressed the pleasure the city felt in entertaining the society at its seventh convention, and hoped that their impressions of the Limestone City might be pleasant ones. He pointed out the

advantages which the city enjoyed as an educational centre, and as being the scene of many of the most stirring incidents of Canada's earlier history.

The president then said, in reply, it was equally pleasant for him to thank his worship for the kind and hearty welcome. The reception was thoroughly appreciated by the delegates. By their programme pleasure is combined with work, and he was sure one and all would depart to their homes feeling that it was good to be in Kingston (providing they did not change their clothes for a term of years) He extended to the mayor and council a cordial invitation to visit the convention at any time. The convention's objects were purely educational, the members believing it never too late to learn. The mayor then introduced the aldermen, who severally supported him in his welcome to the C.A.S.E., and the municipal party retired.

Mr E J Phillip, the secretary, then called the roll. The delegates present were—Toronto—A. E. Edkins, Jno. Fox, W. Selby, J. Huggett, R. Pink, J. Bain, Wm. Kay (representing the Robb-Armstrong Engine Co., of Amherst), C. Moseley, A. M. Wickens, W. G. Blackgrove. Montreal—J. J. York, B. A. York, John Murphy, Wm. Ware, O. E. Granberg. Hamilton—R. Pettigrew, W. Norris. Ottawa—F. G. Johnson, F. Robert, F. J. Merrill. Brantford—J. Jordan. Warton—F. J. Cody. Brockville—W. F. Chapman, J. McCaw. The Kingston members present were—Pres. S. Donnelly, Sec. Jno. Taudvin, Treas. Chas. Selby, D. Reeves, Jno. McDonald, Chas. Asselstine, Thos. Burns, Fred. Simmonds. Visitors—Frank. Robert, Ottawa, No. 7; Wm. McKay, Toronto, No. 1; F. J. Greene, Montreal, No. 1. President Blackgrove now rose to address the Convention as follows:—

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Officers and brethren, for the seventh time we have been permitted to meet to discuss matters that may tend to advance the interests of our order. It is gratifying to see so many familiar faces before me. Among the representatives I feel as though I am in good company, and can rely on one and all to help carry on the work during this our annual convention.

While there are many familiar faces here, there is one which we shall never see here again on earth. I refer to our late esteemed brother, Duncan Robertson. I am sure we regret his death exceedingly. We have lost a faithful officer, a true friend and a thorough Christian. He was a man of great integrity, on whom we could rely for straightforwardness, whose counsel was always cheerfully given.

To those members who are here for the first time a word may not be out of place. I want you to join heartily in the work that is to be