

THE PRESIDENT: Perhaps someone will move that the report of council be taken as read, and it will then be open for discussion.

Moved by Mr. MacPherson, seconded by Mr. Dawson, that the report of council be received for discussion. (Carried.)

MR. McNAB: Mr. Chairman, the third paragraph on page 12, states that the council "has suggested to the Citizens' Committee of Montreal, the desirability of naming an engineer as one of the candidates for the board of control. It notes with approval the nomination of Mr. F. L. Wanklyn as one of the committee's candidates." May I ask if the council suggested any particular name to the Citizens' Committee?

THE PRESIDENT: No, no name was suggested.

MR. McNAB: I think it would be in better form to put it that it notes with approval the nomination of an engineer, a member of this society, as one of the candidates. I hardly think it dignified to come down to local politics. We all have great respect for Mr. Wanklyn, but I think it is one thing to recommend that an engineer be a member of this board, without naming a candidate.

THE PRESIDENT: I do not think there is any local politics in it. It is only a nomination—not an election. It simply alludes to the nomination of Mr. Wanklyn, he being a member of this society.

MR. McNAB: If Mr. Wanklyn did not get in, it would be perhaps, a reflection on the council's judgment. All that is required would be done by simply stating, an engineer and a member of this society.

MR. J. KENNEDY: Mr. President, it seems to me that Mr. McNab is right. The report should indicate that it is the appointment of an engineer and a member of the society that is approved of.

MR. McNAB: If it were a matter affecting the weal of the whole Dominion it would be all right, but in this case I understand that what the council wish to do is merely to approve of the appointment of an engineer. I, therefore, move that the name of Mr. Wanklyn be omitted and that the statement be, "the nomination of a civil engineer, a member of this society."

MR. LEOPRED: I agree with Mr. McNab. I do not think the society should endorse the nomination of any particular engineer, and it would never do for the society to become a factor in the political muddle that has occurred in Montreal. It is dangerous ground for the council to endorse the nomination of Mr. Wanklyn or anyone else.

THE PRESIDENT: The council did not recommend any particular man; it simply recommended that an engineer and a member of the Canadian Society should be placed on that board. Now, it has been noted that Mr. Wanklyn was nominated, that is all. Surely it is perfectly plain.

MR. J. KENNEDY: It might be, Mr. President, that another engineer is also a candidate, so that it would be a little indelicate for us to name Mr. Wanklyn. I entirely approve of Mr. Wanklyn's nomination by the Citizens' Committee, but I do not think the society should interfere in that way.

THE PRESIDENT: Are you proposing a resolution, Mr. McNab, to make that change?

MR. McNAB: The resolution I proposed was simply to leave the personality out. Of course, if the council wish to take the onus upon themselves, they may, but if they commit the whole society to this that is another thing.

MR. MACPHERSON: I will second Mr. McNab's motion.

THE PRESIDENT: But you are on the council, Mr. MacPherson.

MR. MACPHERSON: If we have made a mistake, I do not see why we should not rectify it.

MR. J. KENNEDY: I will second it if there is any difficulty about it.

THE SECRETARY: The motion is, then, to amend the report so that it shall read, "notes with approval the nomination of an engineer and member of the society as one of the committee's candidates." (Carried.)

THE PRESIDENT: As there is a great deal of business before the meeting, I will ask you in discussing any subject to bring out all the points possible in one address, so that there shall not be a repetition. Of course, the right of reply will remain.

Moved by Mr. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Schwitzer, that the report of council be adopted, as far as page 13, of the printed report.

Moved by Dr. St. Laurent, seconded by Mr. W. Kennedy, that the report of the library committee, pages 14 to 22, be adopted. (Carried.)

Discussion of the treasurer's statement.

MR. LEACH: Mr. President, about the end of last year, we had the misfortune of the burning of volume II, of the Transactions for the year. In the treasurer's statement there appears the item "Transactions and Advance Proofs, \$3,030." I would ask whether the second volume of the Transactions and advance proofs which we have not received up to the present have been paid for? Then as to item 5, in previous years, and up to last year, it has been the custom to set out in detail the salaries of the clerical staff and assistants. This year, I notice that it is put down in one lump sum, and that the last year's balance is lumped in the same way. I would like to get the items that compose that sum of \$3,482.15. The reason I ask the question with regard to the first item of \$3,030 is that if volume II of the Transactions has not been paid for and it amounts to the same sum as Vol. I, then that item should practically read \$6,000 odd, and it would be charged to next year's account, the consequence being that instead of having a credit balance in the bank of \$4,146 as against \$3,626 last year, we would have something less than one thousand dollars.

MR. MARCEAU: We are always a volume behind, Mr. Leach.

THE SECRETARY: As a matter of fact, this year we have made some considerable payments in advance, but the account for the volume for the year is still an open account.

MR. T. K. THOMSON: Mr. Chairman, in the American Society of Civil Engineers, with only double the membership, they have about ten times the income, therefore, I think, the only criticism we can make, if our balance is small, is that the members are not charged enough.

MR. J. ARMSTRONG: With regard to the transactions, a very valuable paper by Mr. Swan was issued, and it has a number of fine engravings or photographs, but the details are left out. I would much rather have had the photographs left out and the details brought in. They are the part most interesting to me.

THE SECRETARY: The cartoons were not intended by Mr. Swan for reproduction. He did not send them to the society. I do not know whether he is going to do so for the published volume or not. But up to date they are not in my hands. They were simply sent up as cartoons. I am sure Mr. Swan would be glad to send copies of them for reproduction if it is desired.

MR. MARCEAU: As to the salaries of the office staff, the figures are approximately as follows:

The secretary, \$1,350; Miss Bray, \$900; the assistant stenographer, \$500; the assistant secretary, about \$700. Making approximately the total amount of the item referred to.

MR. McNAB: There is an item "Expenses, Ordinary Meetings, \$97.05." I would ask what extra expenditure is involved beyond what is contained in advance proofs, salaries of office staff, caretaker's wages, water rates and electric light?

THE SECRETARY: That is the stenographer's fees for reporting the meetings.

Moved by Mr. Marceau, seconded by—that the report of the finance committee be adopted. (Carried.)

REPORTS OF BRANCHES.

The secretary read the report of the Toronto branch.

Moved by Dr. J. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. T. C. Irving, that the report of the Toronto branch be adopted. (Carried.)

The secretary read the report of the Quebec branch.

Moved by Mr. Marceau, seconded by Mr. St. Laurent, that the report of the Quebec branch be adopted. (Carried.)

The secretary read the report of the Vancouver branch.

Moved by Mr. Coutlee, seconded by Mr. E. V. Johnson that the report of the Vancouver branch be adopted. (Carried.)

The secretary read the report of the Manitoba branch.

THE PRESIDENT: One of the paragraphs there alludes to the increase of the fees to the branch. That is a point that requires discussion.

DR. GALBRAITH: Is there a recommendation in the report or simply a suggestion? If we adopt the report, do we not simply agree to consider the advisability?

THE PRESIDENT: I think so.

LT.-COL. RUTTAN: Mr. President, the matter is one which will require a great deal of consideration. To save time, I move that the question of increased grants to branches be referred to the council for the coming year, with instructions to look carefully into the matter and report at the next annual meeting.

MR. LUMSDEN: (Seconds this motion.)

MR. DION: I am in favor of the motion, but I should like a recommendation to be made that the council increase the grants to the branches, if it can possibly be done. I should like an expression of opinion from the meeting. The council could reject it if it pleased, but if they were disposed to increase the amount, they would feel that the society was behind them.

MR. MARCEAU: With our present fees the increasing of the amounts to the branches is out of the question altogether. We could not possibly do it unless we increased the fees.

THE PRESIDENT: If I may say a word, perhaps, it might be done in this way. The members of branches have the advantage of libraries and so on, and they might pay the full amount of the membership fee, as paid by resident members in Montreal. They now pay \$2 less than the members in Montreal. Why not pay the same and get perhaps \$2.50 or \$3 back instead of the \$2 we get now?

LT.-COL. RUTTAN: I might point out, Mr. Chairman, that the \$2 received from the parent society does not begin to pay the expenses of the branches.

THE PRESIDENT: We know that by experience here.

MR. SCHWITZER: We are independent in the West, but we feel that it would help things out and be for the benefit of all the branches if the grants were increased. We have arranged with the librarian of the Manitoba University to be present one night a week so that the library will be available to members. This recommendation is not to bind the society to give us an additional grant but we thought we would bring it before the council for consideration. I think the effect would be an increase in membership, if we had an additional appropriation from the main society to all the branches.

LT.-COL. RUTTAN: I could not agree to have my motion changed as proposed by Mr. Dion. There would be a direct conflict of opinion at once. The treasurer of the society says it is impossible to increase the grant. It is a matter that requires a great deal of consideration, and therefore, I think it would be better to let the council take it up in a business way and find out just what they can do, and make a recommendation to this meeting next year.