

I therefore beg to move,—The members of the Club having learned of the appointment of their President, Mr. W. Kennedy, to the position of Superintendent of Motive Power of the Central Vermont Railway, while expressing their deep regret that this necessitates his removal from among them, desire to extend to him their heartiest congratulations on his well earned promotion, to thank him for his untiring efforts in the interests of the Club, and to express their heartiest good wishes for his future success, health and happiness.

Seconded by Mr. Jeffries.

Chairman,—

Mr. Burrows and gentlemen: I most heartily concur in the remarks which have been made and passed upon and I doubt whether there is any member of our Club, since its inception up to the present date, who could have looked after the details and affairs of a newly organized club better than our President, and I am sure the members present will concur in what has been said. I have much pleasure in saying that this motion has been passed unanimously. Applause.

The Chairman,—

The seventh eighth, and ninth order of business are nil.

The tenth order of business is:—Topical discussion of questions submitted by members. Under this heading I have to submit a question on "Gray iron brake shoes v. steel insert brake shoes." A copy of which I think all the members present have been supplied with. Now Gentlemen, this to me personally, is a very important question, and I will call on some of the gentlemen present to take part in the discussion. There are quite a number of members present whom I do not know and perhaps among those members are some who are quite as able to answer this question as those I am going to call upon and I will ask those who care to discuss this question to rise to their feet and take part in the discussion. It is up to every man to show his ignorance by asking questions and by that method we will all become enlightened. I trust we will have a good discussion and if any member states something that you do not think is right, get up and thrash it out on the floor of the house for the benefit of those at the meeting, not only on my question but the others.

Mr. A. W. Adams,—

Driver Brake Shoes can be classified under the following heads:—

1. Plain cast-iron shoes.
2. Cast-iron shoes with hard metal inserts and reinforced steel backs.
3. Cast-steel shoes.

There are at least three points which should be considered:—

Frictional effect or retarding power,