

president of the Society and afterwards honorary member, and of Sir Sandford Fleming, who became a member in 1896, and was made an honorary member in 1908. These gentlemen conferred a marked distinction upon the Society, having acquired by probity, eminent ability and usefulness, world wide reputations. Their careers must be an inspiration to the younger generation.

There are many civil engineers living in the Dominion of marked ability who still hold aloof from us. These can only be induced to join by raising the Society to its proper plane of usefulness, and increasing its sphere of influence. Solicitation to join us must be avoided as an undignified and weak expedient. It is quality, not quantity, that is desirable. A most essential factor in bringing about the increase in our membership, attracting to us the most accomplished civil engineers, is the firm and courageous carrying out of "The Code of Ethics" adopted by the Society.

The profession of civil engineering, owing to its somewhat uncertain position, having no legal standing, differs from other professions which enjoy the law's protection, and, therefore, there is the more necessity for members to practise the virtue of loyalty to each other and to the profession. If each member realizes his responsibility in this respect public esteem and confidence will increase.

The Council during the past year has been active in bringing to the attention of governing bodies, Federal, Provincial and Municipal, matters of importance and intense interest to the profession of civil engineers practising within the bounds of the Empire. Although no direct beneficial results have been achieved so far, we have no reason to be discouraged. In the coming year, if the past representations are firmly and fearlessly persisted in, some measure of success will without doubt attend our efforts. We are not demanding anything unreasonable or beyond our rights as citizens. We should resent firmly any adverse inference to be drawn from the continued indifferent treatment meted out to the profession by public bodies in Canada. The amelioration of the disabilities under which we labour at present is one of our just demands.

Under the provisions of By-law No. 56, a Provincial Division of the Society, with the authority of the Council, has been established in British Columbia.

The Annual Convention of the Victoria and Vancouver Branches held in December last was converted into the first Annual Meeting of the Provincial Division.

The Society is to be congratulated on this forward movement. It will contrary to the pessimistic opinion of some of the members who feared disintegration would result from such a reform, tend to solidify the membership, increase the public interest in the Society and