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IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

The work that the members of the American Waterworks Association are engaged in is one that affects everybody. On the quality and quantity of water that can be supplied the lives and health of the population of the whole world depend. On this account everyone is anxious to know what these men are doing, as they are at least the purveyors of this precious liquid. People the world over require, and demand, pure water, and to meet this demand the Association which met in Toronto recently exists.

The Canadian Engineer appreciates the fact that water supplies throughout the Dominion are being developed rapidly, and in order to convey to those interested in developments along this line some idea of what is being done this number has been devoted entirely to waterworks matters, both in Canada and elsewhere.

It was pleasing to note the progress of this convention. Unlike the majority of conventions, nearly the whole of the session was given up to the business of the Association and the reading of papers of interest to everyone present. These men are all specialists in the purveyance of pure water to the consumer, and each one came prepared to tell the others his experiences of the past year.

Phenomenal enthusiasm was shown in the discussions, and it was evident that careful consideration had been given the subjects before the convention was called to order. As is usually the case where a number of authorities on any one subject are gathered together, opinions were widely different. This only made the discussions more interesting, and each delegate was enabled to take home with him a mass of information that it would be impossible to obtain in any other way.

Every session was well attended, and no lack of interest was shown, even on the last day. These vendors showed even more interest in their ware than the people who have to use it, and whose life depends largely upon the quality of the water they receive.

Very little recreation was arranged for, even the evenings being taken up with meetings at which papers were read and discussions took place. It has almost become proverbial that conventions of any sort are more of an "outing" than anything else. In the case of this Association, however, such was not so. "Business" was the watchword from beginning to end. This was as it should be. Unless an association can impart some benefit to its members it is of no practical value, and, looking from this standpoint, the "outing" convention is useless. "All work and no play" is not a good thing, but the main object should be work, the dissemination of knowledge.

The American Waterworks Association is to be congratulated on the manner in which its business is conducted, and it has in its secretary, Mr. J. M. Diven, a man who fills his position admirably.

The manufacturers' exhibition in connection with the convention was of the highest order, and the number that exhibited or had representatives in attendance was evidence that the meeting was one of great importance. A visit to the exhibition proved most interesting, as nearly all of the smaller appliances used in waterworks equipment were displayed, most of them being of the very latest type.

While in Toronto the visitors were treated as well as they possibly could be. There are, however, two things