

number of hands employed were 213 to whom \$94,768 was paid in wages.

NATURAL GAS.

The output from the natural gas wells of the province in 1906 showed a marked increase over that for 1905, the value of the product being \$533,446, as against \$316,476. This result is largely due to the development of the Haldimand county field, in which the Dominion Natural Gas Co. is the largest producer. In the Welland county field the Provincial Natural Gas & Fuel Co., and the Mutual Natural Gas Co. are the chief opera-

tors. From its wells in Welland the Provincial Co. pipes a large part of the product to Buffalo, N.Y., and supplies as well several towns and villages in Ontario. The Dominion Co. in the Haldimand field sends gas to Hamilton, Dundas, Brantford, Galt, Paris, and a number of other places. In the county of Essex, the Leamington Oil Co. obtains a sufficient supply for the wants of the inhabitants of that town. Some of the oil wells sunk in the new Tilbury and Romney fields yield a good deal of gas.

Of the producing wells 225 were in the Welland county field, and 104 in the Haldimand county field.

NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, 1902 TO 1906.

Schedule.	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906
Value gas produced.....	\$199,238	\$196,535	\$253,324	\$316,476	\$533,446
Producing wells.....No.	169	210	176	273	339
Producing wells sunk....."	18	20	36	58	77
Non-producing wells sunk....."	13	12	13	5	14
Delivery pipe.....miles.	369	312	231	461	550
Workmen employed.....No.	107	138	98	130	108
Wages paid.....	\$55,618	\$79,945	\$53,674	\$88,865	\$64,968

Montreal Builders' Exchange Banquet

TENTH ANNUAL DINNER IS LARGELY ATTENDED AND IS AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

"ON THIS twelfth day of December, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven,

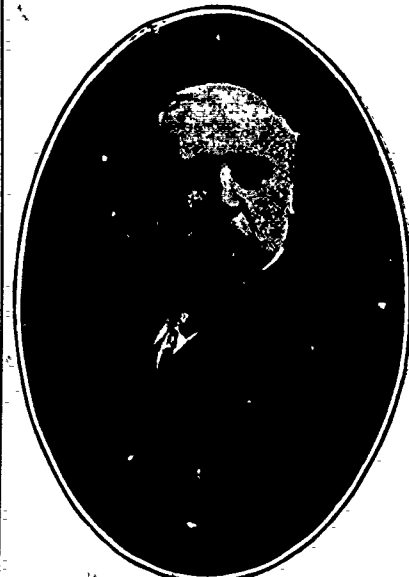
"AT THE SPECIAL INSTANCE AND REQUEST of the past presidents: Messrs. James Simpson, J. H. Hutchison, N. T. Gagnon, R. Geo. Hood and J. O. Deslauriers, of the City and District of Montreal, and during their

under their Last Will and Testament, duly probated in the WORSHIPFUL COUNCIL OF THE BUILDERS' EXCHANGE, PLACE VIGOR HOTEL, ON THE 12th of December, 1907, and herein after called the "Requirants";

"Whereas you have been charged...."

The above formidable Notification and Protest was served on nearly 200 members

The chairman for the evening was Mr. James Simpson, the first president of the original Builders' Exchange in 1897. To



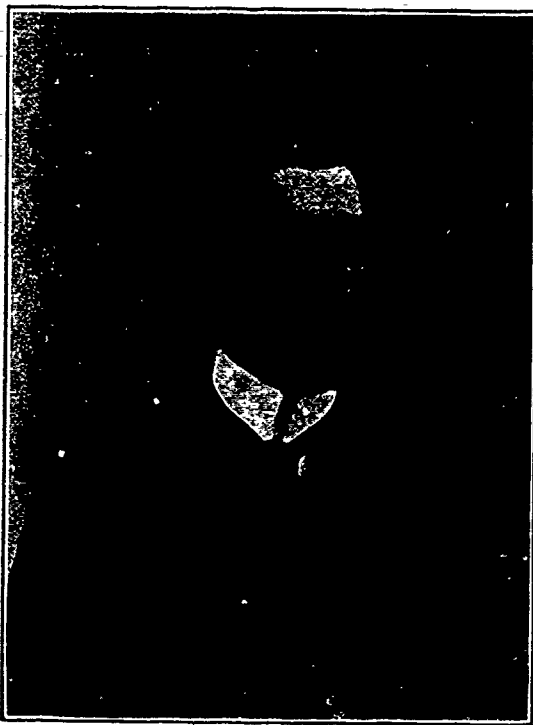
CHAIRMAN JAMES SIMPSON, First President of Original Exchange.

his right at the head table were Hon. R. Dandurand, Speaker of the Senate, Ald. De Seires, acting-Mayor; Mr. L. A. Rivet, M.P.; Mr. C. H. Catelli, president of the Chambre de Commerce. On the left of chairman were Hon. W. A. Weir, Provincial Treasurer; Hon. J. D. Rolland, President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Mr. A. Chausse, Building Inspector of Montreal, and A. Brossard, Provincial Architect.

After the demands of the "inner-man" had been fully met, the meeting was called to order, and the toast, "The King," was drunk, the whole assembly responding with the National Anthem.

The second toast, "Our Country—The Dominion," was proposed by Mr. W. E. Ramsay (Pedlar Roofing Co.), in a brief speech, in the course of which he suggested that appreciation should be shown the Government for the passing of the Lemieux Bill, and he expressed the hope that its provisions would soon be extended to all industries including the building trades.

Responding in English, Senator Dandurand said that as Speaker of the Senate he was outside of politics, so he should not mention them. He alluded briefly to some of his early political experiences, then passing to the growth of the country, he recalled the building of the first sky-scraper in Montreal, the New York Life Building. The growth of Montreal, he said, was indissolubly connected with the growth of the Dominion. He emphasized the necessity for all to maintain a watchful interest in public questions, and to take an active part, as far as might be, in public life. Legislators were by no means always ahead of the public opinion of the day. To foster healthy public opinion was to find it, sooner or later, expressed in the statute books. With the assistance of eminent and disinterested men, and of associations such as the Builders' Exchange, the future of Montreal and of the country was assured.



MR. J. O. DESLAURIERS, Past-President of Montreal Builder's Exchange.

tenure of office with the Right Honorable Body of the Builders' Exchange of the same place, together with the Executive of the Builders' Exchange in their capacities of Executors and Trustees of this dinner and

and friends of the Montreal Builders' Exchange at their annual banquet. It was a decided novelty in the menu-line, covering four sheets of legal paper, and was a masterpiece of wit and legal phrasing.

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