

The real business of the Convention commenced with the 2 o'clock session, and there were few uninteresting moments during this or the succeeding business sessions of the Convention; indeed, so enthusiastic did the delegates become in the work that on Friday evening, when it was seen that the program could not be completed on time, it was decided by a unanimous vote that an additional session be held on Saturday.

The features of the Wednesday afternoon session were the endorsement of the necessity of a final air or smoke test on the completion of a job, and the discussion arising out of the reading of a paper by R. J. Thomas on "House Traps". The Convention went on record as unfavorable to the use of house traps.

The morning session of April 17th was devoted to the reading of a paper by G. G. Taylor, of Saskatoon, on "Drains, Soil Pipes and Main Waste Pipes", which resulted in the standardizing of cast iron, wrought iron or steel, brass and lead pipe, followed by a paper on "Pipe Terminals" by W. McFarlane, Winnipeg. The manner of protecting pipe terminals in Winnipeg was subjected to some harsh criticism, the opinion as a result of experience by other delegates in cities further West being that pipes should be increased 2 inches and finished flush with the roof, and the flashing caulked into a hub. This method was adopted.

In the afternoon, papers were read on "Fixture Traps," by J. McNeill, and on "Vent Pipes," by E. Samson, both of Winnipeg, and proved battle ground for much interesting discussion. The whole question of sizes of soil, waste and vent pipes and the relation they should have to each other was finally deferred to the next Convention, when a special committee will report. In discussing this point the recent paper by Mr. Claffy, of Chicago, was favorably commented on as opening up a new line of study.

On April 18th the morning session was entirely taken up in the election of officers and adoption of the constitution, which is very much similar to that of the American society, though somewhat wider in its scope, and allows representatives from master plumber's associations and journeymen's unions to become active members to a limited degree, and both will have a representative on the Board of Directors. This step was taken to widen the scope of the institution and encourage a freer discussion in all questions affecting the trade.

The election of officers was then taken up, with the following result: President, Jas. Smith, Winnipeg, Manitoba; First Vice President, E. P. Fletcher, Calgary, Alberta; Second Vice President, J. G. Morgan, Vancouver, British Columbia; Third Vice President, G. G. Taylor, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Fourth Vice President, A. J. Peckett, Port Arthur,