

Canadian Society of Civil Engineers

Report of Thirty-Second Annual Meeting Held Last Week in Montreal—Society Votes to Change Its Name—New Bylaws Adopted—Ceremony of Unveiling the Honor Roll—Fuel Situation Discussed

TO commemorate one way in which members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers have helped to win the war, an honor roll bearing 862 names was unveiled at the thirty-second annual meeting of the society, held last week in Montreal.

Realizing that nothing can be done by the engineers at home which will in any way compare with the sacrifices made by those 862 heroes, the members who attended the annual meeting felt reluctant to indulge in much discussion of the minor affairs of the society. Most of the sessions, therefore, were routine and perfunctory, with little interest taken in the work, and with but few new ideas of value introduced. One notable exception to this was in connection with the paper on "Fuels," read by B. F. Haanel. There the engineers saw a chance to accomplish some real work of value to the country, both in winning the war and in recovering from its effects, and they plunged into the discussion with vim and an evident desire to be of economic usefulness.

The scrutineers reported to the meeting that 440 ballots had been received on the new by-laws and 599 on the change of name, and that both propositions had carried by large majorities. The new by-laws go into effect at once, but the change of the society's name cannot be finally accomplished until Parliament consents to the necessary change in the charter. The new name is "The Engineering Institute of Canada."

The attendance at the meeting was smaller than that at several previous annual meetings. Only 153 were registered, of which 98 were from Montreal or suburbs, 14 from the Province of Quebec outside of Montreal, 19 from Ottawa, 7 from Toronto, 10 from Ontario other than Ottawa and Toronto, 3 from the Maritime Provinces and 2 from Winnipeg.

As previously announced, the president for the next twelve months will be H. H. Vaughan, of Montreal. The new vice-presidents are Prof. H. E. T. Haultain, of Toronto, and R. F. Hayward, of Vancouver. The new members of council are Prof. E. Brown, J. M. Robertson, Donald H. McDougall, Noel E. Brooks, John Murphy, Prof. Peter Gillespie, L. A. Thornton and Prof. E. G. Matheson.

Monday Morning Session

Only thirty members were present when Col. C. N. Monsarrat called the meeting to order at 10.10 a.m., Monday, January 21st, but this number was increased to fifty before the morning session was adjourned. Col. J. S. Dennis, the president, was unable to be present, so Col. Monsarrat, one of the vice-presidents, took the chair. F. S. Keith, the society's new secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting as recorded by the late Prof. C. H. McLeod. Upon motion of J. M. R. Fairbairn, seconded by Walter J. Francis, the following council resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That this council record in the minutes of the society the sense of its great loss by the death of Professor Clement Henry McLeod, who for twenty-five years was the secretary of the society and a member of this council, and whose death removed from our midst one who was intimately associated with the welfare of the society since

its inception, who was personally interested for forty years in the engineering education of a great number of young Canadians, and who had ever before him the best interests of the engineering profession in Canada. This council further desires to express its sincere sympathy to Mrs. McLeod and her family in their bereavement."

Letter from Col. Dennis

The following letter from Col. Dennis was read by Col. Monsarrat:—

"I am asking the chairman at the opening of the annual convention of our society to read this statement as an explanation to the members of my failure, as president, to be with you and preside at the annual meeting.

"For something over six months, at the request of the Canadian Government and as second in command of the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission in the United States, I have been devoting all my energies to the matter of endeavoring to secure recruits in the United States for our army. Our efforts have been met with a fair measure of success, as will be indicated by the fact that up to date we have sent to Canada something over 16,000 men.

"These duties have been such that it has been impossible for me during that period, as your president, to fulfil any part of my duties in connection with the society's affairs. In the early part of the year I tried to do what I could to assist in the reorganization of the society, so that its affairs might be put in a good condition, and I hope that you will be satisfied with the work then initiated, and which, during the latter half of the year, has been carried out so loyally by the members of the council, with the assistance of our able secretary, with the desired effect of rehabilitating the affairs of our society and putting them in good standing.

"My personal thanks are due to the vice-presidents, secretary and the members of council for the loyal way in which they have carried on the work without any assistance from me, and, while it was my hope during the year that when the annual meeting was held I would have been able to preside and feel that you appreciated the efforts made during the year, I hope that those in attendance will realize that only the importance of the duties that I am performing here has denied me that pleasure, and will feel that, as your president, the work that I have been able to accomplish in the United States has added one more evidence, if any were needed, that the members of the engineering profession attached to our society have been doing their bit to help Canada in our great struggle.

"I especially regret that I will not be present at the unveiling of our Roll of Honor of our members who are serving at the front. I feel that that Roll can, for all time, be pointed to as an evidence of the fact that the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers has responded nobly to the great Cause, and has proved, if any proof were needed, that the members of the engineering profession are always found in the front rank when duty calls.

"I trust that the annual meeting will be eminently successful in every way, and I extend to the members my sincere thanks for the great honor done me in allowing