

3rd. The likelihood of the Provinces conceding the exclusive privilege of Engineering practice to the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, which is what the Resolution proposes to ask, as also the probability of an application from our Society for exclusive rights, moving the Provinces to incorporate Provincial Engineering Associations to our detriment should be considered.

4th. Before marking his ballot "as to the desirability of obtaining Close Corporation," the voter would do well to ponder the advisability of seeking to obtain it, and the effect of popular opinion against legislative dictation as to whom Companies, Municipalities, or Individuals shall employ to oversee the expenditure of their own money.

5th. The cost of the Society of obtaining, or even taking the step necessary to obtain the legislation contemplated by the Resolution will probably be about One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.)

The Resolution would simply seem to submit the following question to the Membership :—

IS IT DESIRABLE TO SEEK FOR CLOSE CORPORATION POWERS ?

Of the desirability of possessing such exclusive rights there will hardly be a division of opinion, but there is a corollary to the question :—"If not likely to be obtained, will it be politic to seek them ?"

The Committee asks each member to weigh the proposition carefully, *pro* and *con*, before affixing his *yea* or *nay* to this Ballot.

(Signed) ALBERT J. HILL,
W. T. JENNINGS,
W. SHANLY,
C. E. W. DODWELL,
ALAN MACDOUGALL,
Chairman.

Mr. George H. Webster does not concur fully with the other members of this Committee. He offers in amendment to the question in the 2nd last paragraph "If not likely to be obtained, will it be politic to seek them" the following:

"If satisfactory legislation is not secured on the first application in any province or provinces, are you willing that the Society should persevere in its efforts to get it ?"

112 Mansfield Street,
Montreal, 13th July, 1895.

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