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C. S. OF C. E.

At the last annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers the most spirited discussion was in connection with the question of enlarging the usefulness of the Society. Several motions and suggestions were made, and after a lengthy debate it was left with the Executive, and early in May the Executive issued a circular letter to the members, asking for "views on the question of enlarging the usefulness of the Society."

What suggestions were made we are not told—it is just possible that there was not one reply—but after having "held several discussions on the subject (the Executive) is of the opinion that the success of the Society must depend mainly on the exertions of the individual members."

We had been hoping that some suggestion of greater value than this would result from these deliberations and consultations. This surely cannot be the final word on the subject by an Executive composed of men who are among the leaders in the engineering profession in Canada.

Men do not join an organization that they may profit by "his individual efforts," but they expect the united efforts of the membership will be to his advantage. Engineers have felt it was the proper thing to join the Canadian Society. The Society almost without question has accepted them. What advantages the member expected to receive or just what prestige the Society was to gain by the almost indiscriminate acceptance of new members it would be hard to define.

The objects of the Society as defined by constitution are (1) to facilitate the acquirement and interchange of professional knowledge among its members, and (2) to encourage original investigation; and with the aims of the Society so defined it may be the Executive felt they must devote their energies to securing papers descriptive of works or experiments.

We had hoped the Executive would suggest at least two additions to By-law o. 3 somewhat as follows: (3) to investigate a wrong, real or imaginary, which affects its membership; (4) to expose unprofessional conduct by persons accepting fees as engineers.

There is no doubt enlarging the objects of the Society would entail more work on the part of the Executive, perhaps it would require a reorganization and a new subdivision of work of the headquarter staff; it might involve an increase in fees. What matter. The interest that would then be taken in the Society, the advantages to be gained from membership, the assistance the Society could and would furnish to members in difficulty would be such as would make the membership more willing, than they are now, to pay their annual dues.

Engineering may never become a "closed" profession in Canada—we are not sure that a closed profession is desirable, but we do think greater effort should be put forth to encourage members to respect By-laws 56 to 66, to recognize a code of engineering ethics, and to prevent the promiscuous use of the letters C. E.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Another interim report on the cost of the Georgian Bay Canal has been submitted by Mr. Arthur St.