### CONVENTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers

The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers opened their seventeenth annual meeting in their rooms on Porchester street, Montreal, on Tuesday, January 27th.

Dr. Martin Murphy, the president, was in the chair, and the morning session was devoted to formal business. The reports were read and adopted, that of the council showing a membership of 982, an increase of 90 over last year. The tre isurer's report showed the society to be in a flourishing condition financially, the balance carried forward from last year being \$1,024.06, as compared with \$941.48 the year before. The building fund has also risen from \$211.20 to \$7,42.51.

The legislation proposed by the society and supported by the University of Toronto, in Ontario, was dropped on acc unit of opposition. In Manitoba the incorporation of a society known as "The Manitaba Institute of Engineers and Architects," with exclusive rights to practise in the province, was defeated by the association, and there were some other minor legal enactments

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In the afternoon, by the kindness of Professor Cox, there was an exhibition of the Liquid Air plant in the Physics Building of McGill University.

Afterwards, by the courtesy of the Governors of the University, the members of the Society partook of an informal recepion and afternoon tea in the Macdonald Engineering Building and a demonstration was given in the testing laboratory.

In the evening Dr. Martin Murphy, the retiring president, delivered his annual address, and Mr. H.D. Bush, M. Am. Soc. C. E., M. Can. Soc. C. E., read a paper on "Some Problems in Connection with the Erection of the Miramuchi Bridge."

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On Wednesday morning the election of officers was proceeded with, the result being as follows:

President, K. W. Blackwell, Montreal. Vice-Presidents, G.H. Duggan, Sydney, C.B.; E. Marceau, Montreal; G.A. Mountain, Ottawa.

Treasurer, H. Irwin, Montreal.

Secretary, Prof. C. H. McLeod, Mon-

treal.
Librarian, E.G.M. Cape, Montreal.
Councillors, C. H. Keefer, Ottawa; J.
Kennedy, D. Macpherson, S. Howard, W.
McL. Walbank, R.A. Ross, Montreal; C.
E.W. Dodwell, Halifax; W.B. Mackenzie,
Moncton; C B. Smith, Niagara Falls; R B.
Rogers, Peterboro; E. Mohun, Victoria;
J. Galbraith, Toronto; W.R. Butler, Kingston; St. T. J. Boswell, R. A. Vallee,
Ouebec. Quebec.

Nominating Committee, Maritime Provinces, C. W. Dodwell; Quebec, R.A Vallee, W. McL. Walbank; Ontario, W.P. Anderson, G. A. Mountain, C. H. Rust; Manitoba, H. J. Cambie; Outside of Canada, R. A. Ross.

A proposal was brought forward to drop the word "Civil" from the title of the socertain effect in deterring electrical, min-ing and mechanical engineers from becoming members. On the other hand it was maintained that the word "engineers" was not of itself sufficiently distinctive. The general impression was that a change of some kind was desirable, but finally the whole matter was left to the committee with instructions to report next year. Meantime the title will remain unchanged.

An important work done during the morning was the adoption of a committee to report on "Standard Portland Cement Tests." The report, which contains eight printed pages, fixes the standard for Portland cement, and its recommendations are expected to receive the general assent of

In the afternoon technical papers were read and discussed. Dr. W. Bell Dawson, engineer in charge of the tidal survey of

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Canada, described the work done by him in this department during the last eight years.

Mr. A.W. Robinson gave an account of the new 20 inch hydraulic dredge, "King Edward," that has lately been built for the rectification of the lower part of the Frazer river and other work on the Pacific coast.

Mr. H. M. Jaquays read a paper on The Economy of Small Gas Engines Using Montreal Illuminating Gas."

Mr. R. S. Lea read a paper on "The Flow of Streams," and Mr. E.G.M. Capt one on "The Industries of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company." The paper by Mr. Cape was illustrated by lantern projections jections.

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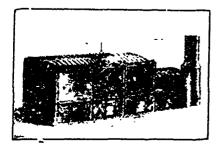
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