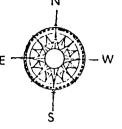
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry was held in Ottawa, February 6th, 7th and 8th, 1957. It was also the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Institute, twenty-five years having elapsed before an annual meeting was held.

From the moment one entered the circle of this great gathering the anniversary spirit was sensed, which continued throughout the three days of meetings. Great tribute, therefore, can be paid to the untiring efforts of the Convention Committees: in addition to some twelve papers which were given by distinguished members and guests, entertainment was also provided. Wednesday evening there was a cocktail party where East met West and new acquaintances made. The Annual Luncheon was held on Thursday, the guest speaker being the Honourable Robert H. Winters. The president from the various provinces had the honour of being seated at the head table, after which there was a conducted tour through the E. D. Eddy Company, at Hull, and an Institute dance was held in the evening with the Royal Ottawa Golf Club. There was also a fine program arranged for the visiting ladies under the direction of Mrs. George Prudham.

Members from each Province of Canada, except Prince Edward Island, attended this Convention. In addition to 600 members registered, there were guests present from various parts of Canada and the United States, with visiting ladies making a total count of more than 1,000 persons, all amid the decorative setting of the grand old Chateau

Laurier.

There were exhibits from the many instrument firms. The Government of Canada had a very fine booth displaying ancient instruments and maps. which created a great deal of interest. There were also fifteen firms who had exhibit booths. Probably one of the finest displays of ancient and modern instruments ever shown at one time in Canada, the

value of which, I was told amounted to a quarter of a million dollars. It was like a grand midway, or exhibition, where one could look about and see something of interest at every turn. It was indeed a Surveyor's Paradise: booth after booth so richly decorated containing everything from a ten-foot measuring tape to the finest aerial cameras, a Wild projector, and a 7A Aerial Plotting Machine, which I believe, sold for approximately \$30,000.00. This 7A Aerial Plotting Machine is so intricate in calabration that only one man in Canada can do the setting up. As he was not available, Paul Dietrich, a fine young man from the Switzerland factory was there especially to demonstrate this particular machine.

The meetings were well attended. Members wandered about at will and either attended the meetings or the various exhibition booths. However, every chair seemed to be filled at each paper given. These papers were given by distinguished members of the Institute and distinguished guests. Among the latter were Mr. Gerald Fitzgerald, Chief Topographic Engineer for the United States Geodetic Survey; Mr. Gordon E. Ainsworth, President of the Massachusetts Association of Surveyors and Civil Engineers. This paper was particularly interesting because Mr. Ainsworth spoke of the legal aspects of surveying in Massachusetts, and it was interesting to note that they have more complex problems than we do in Nova Scotia, especially in land titles. Some of the papers were highly technical and fully understood by only those who specialize in that particular field. One could not listen, however, to such fine lectures, even though perhaps not fully understood, without gathering a broader outlook and a stimulating inspiration. I would like to find words to pass on to each and every member of our Association a measure of that inspiration which I gathered there and instill in the minds of every member the vital importance of our Association, young though it may

be. Only by such an Association can we lay plans for the future development of our Surveyors so that they can cope with the trend of the times and take their place with the fast moving, highly specialized profession of surveying. It is our duty to build for the future so that the next generation will be equipped to meet the most exacting demands. One way, in particular, we could do this is by giving our full support in building a new and modern surveying school at Lawrencetown. All of Canada is conscious of, and has an eye on, the one we now have. Let us make it so Canada will have both eyes on the one we will have. As I said before, our Association is young in comparison with the other provinces, Manitoba has had its 77th Annual Meeting; Quebec its 74th; Ontario its 65th; Alberta its 48th, and so on. Yet although we are young in years, we have a very solid foundation and we have a distinction in our own right by having this modern surveying school.

There is another honour of which we can well be proud; one of our own members and past president, J. R. March, is now President of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry. It was a pleasure to be there and witness the installation, and, judging from the ovation he received, there is no doubt of his popularity and his recognized ability by the members of the Institute. Another of our members, Major J. A. H. Church, is one of the Provincial Counsellors of the Institute representing Nova Scotia, and still another Nova Scotian, Mr. I. M. Sutherland, made a name for himself by receiving the Bausch and Lomb award for a paper on photogrammetry.

Fellow members, let us be proud of our Association. Make a special effort to all attend the Annual Meetings. Your executive endeavours to do your bidding, but it is you, each individual member, who has the final say in the adoption of whatever we do. Let us all, then, strive to make our Association a little stronger each year than it was before, for it is our investment in the future.

Signed: FREEMAN TUPPER, P.L.S. President

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Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors

In January I had the honor of representing the Association of Provincial Land Surveyors at the 4th. Annual Meeting of the Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors, held in the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in Fredericton, on the 22nd. and 23rd.

of January, 1957.

I did not arrive in Fredericton in time for the morning program on January 22nd. This was due to poor flying conditions that morning, and the Trans Canada Airlines flight scheduled to leave Halifax at 7.05 A. M. was held up until 10.30 A. M., so I did not arrive in Fredericton until noon. I also missed the Luncheon and the President's welcoming address, the presentation of certificates and the oath to new members.

Shortly after arriving at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel I met President H. P. Lingley, Mr. Willis Roberts, and Mr. J. R. Bedard the Sccretary-Treasurer. Thnks to the efforts of Mr. Roberts I was able

to get a room at the Hotel.

At 1.30 P. M. the meeting was called to order by President Lingley who then proceeded to give his report to the members, and was followed by the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, and the re-

port of the Examining Committee.

Next was the Exhibitors' Hour and a representative from the W. and L. E. Gurley Factory in Troy, N. Y. gave a very educational lecture on the care and use of the Surveyor's Transit. During the lecture he completely dismantled a transit and at the same time gave advice on the proper method of cleaning and caring for each part.

Immediately following the Exhibitors' Hour Mr. Cedric Clements, Director of Mines for the Province of New Brunswick read an interesting paper on "Surveying as applied to Mining in New Brunswick".

The final paper for the day was read by Mr. M. P. Wetmore of the Photogrammetry Section of the N. B. Department of Lands and Mines Mr. Wetmore gave a very interesting and instructive paper on "Photogrammetry, and the use of Aerial Photographs by the Land Surveyor". Following Mr. Wetmore's paper the members and guests were taken on a tour of the Photo Section of the Department of Lands and Mines.

At 6.30 P. M. we sat down for the 4th. Annual Banquet of the Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors. The Speaker for the evening was the late Hon. Babbitt Parlee, Minister of Municipal Affairs, who gave a very interesting address on the functions of the provincial Planning Board of the Province of New Brunswick. As most of you know Mr. Parlee left for Moncton by plane immediately following the banquet and has not been heard of since leaving the air port at Fredericton.

The meeting was again called to order at 9.30 A. M. Wednesday morning, and all present were shocked when President Lingley informed them

that the speaker of the previous evening was missing on his flight from Fredericton to Moncton.

The first item on the program Wednesday morning was a film shown by Mr. Leslie Garnet of Ottawa, who was representing Wild of Canada at the meeting. The film was one produced by Wild and showed the various steps in the construction of their Surveying and Photogrammetric Instruments.

This was followed by a discussion on the sujject of receiprocity. Most of the members were in favor of receiprocity with Nova Scotia. It was decided that very little more can be done until the New Nova Scotia Land Surveyor's Act is passed and a system of apprenticeship is set up to comply with the system now in effect in New Brunswick.

Mr. C. M. Roy read a very interesting paper on

"Land Surveying in New Brunswick".

This was followed by another very interesting paper on "Town Planning", by Mr. H. E. Tait, Director of Planning for the Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Willis Roberts, Director of Surveys for the N. B. Department of Lands and Mines read a very interesting and informative paper on "Cartography". During which he outlined the program of Mapping being carried out by their Department and by the private Lumber and Mining Companies in the Province.

At 11.00 A. M. Mr. J. R. Bedard, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association presented the Annual Budget.

The presentation of the Budget was followed by a film on the Beechwood Hydro Development with commentary on each step of the project by Mr. Howard Rogers Sr., Engineer-in-charge of the development. Following the showing of the film a brief discussion period was held with Mr. Rogers answering questions by the members.

At 12.00 Noon the meeting adjourned until 2.15 P. M., and at 12.30 P. M. we sat down for Luncheon, with Mr. E. O. Turner, Dean of Civil Engineering, University of New Brunswick as the Guest

Speaker.

At 2.15 P. M. the meeting was again called to order by President Lingley.

Mr. Gilbert then read a most interesting paper

on Registration and the Torrens System.

Prosident Lingley then called on Mr. Llewellyn T. Schofield, Secretary of Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers, and a former member of the Massachusetts Land Court to give an outline of the system of Land Registration used in Massachusetts which is also a form of the Torrens System.

The remainder of the Afternoon was taken up with discussions on Proposed By-Laws, Old Business, members suggestions and the election of Officers.

The list of Officers for 1957 is: President C. F. Cook Vice-President: G. D. Hughes

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The Exhibitors put on a very attractive display of Surveying Instruments in the Exhibition Room on the mezzanine floor. Those represented were Hughes-Owens, Eastward Industries, and Wild of Canada. It was nice to meet again Mr. Leslie Garnet, of Wild of Canada, Ottawa, and Mr. Ed. Pelletier, of Keuffel and Esser of Canada Limited, Montreal, both of whom have taken part as exhibtors at our own meeting in Halifax.

The meeting was most successful and I was pleased to have had the privilege of being there.

Signed: H. B. Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer

Copy of Letter Received From Mrs. Layton Reid

Addressed to Mr. R. M. Schofield, 11 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth.

20 Steven's Rd., Woodlawn. January 25th

Dear Mr. Schofield,

Will you please extend to the members of the Association of Provincial Land Surveyors my heart-felt thanks for their kind thoughts expressed, in the beautiful spray of flowers sent at the time of my husband's death.

Very Sincerely, (Signed) Marjorie Reid

"....And Remember the Red River Valley"

By W. & L. E. Gurley, Union Plaza, Troy, N. Y., in Surveyor's Notebook

"Reading in "The Surveyor's Notebook' collection* about Arthur Kidder and Joe Thoma's cadastral surveys reminds me of the time I worked with them on the Oklahoma-Texas boundary dispute", says Wesson Cook, Planning Engineer, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

"It was 1926. Under decree from the U. S. Supreme Court, our General Land Office party was assigned the job of re-establishing the boundary line at points where the Red River had changed its course—causing considerable dispute over locations of valuable oil lands.

"Along one 100-mile stretch, the old boundary was often submerged under shallow 'oxbow lakes' formed by the change in the Red River channel. It was impossible to mark the boundary or set up tripods.

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