

## Reduction in Fees

It will require another year of experience to test the efficiency of the reduction of the minimum fee. Some prominent Companions entertain the opinion that the results of our action at Grand Chapter two years ago are not satisfactory. This may be in part true. The environment of both Lodges and Chapters varies according to location, so that in some places the reduction has improved membership, while in other parts of the jurisdiction no marked results have followed. For myself, I have still the opinion that the reduction was a move in the right direction. It is not the fee that keeps Craftsmen from our Chapters. It is the knowledge that the exemplification of work is not what it should be and the fact that those who are known as adherents of the Chapter are not enthusiastic in the work. There is always a personal magnetism in men, whether they be brethren or Companions, and if they are interested in Craft or Capitular work this magnetism has its effect. It attracts members and success follows.

### **Sources:**

Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada at the annual convocation, 1896, Address of Grand First Principal, John Ross Robertson