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A.I.E.E. NOMINATIONS

The National Nominating Committee of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, consisting of members from various parts of the country, has nominated the following official ticket of candidates for the offices becoming vacant August 1, 1934:

For President

J. ALLEN JOHNSON, Chief Electrical Engineer, Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern Power Corporation, Buffalo, N.Y.

For Vice-Presidents

North Eastern District:

W. H. TIMBIE, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Industrial Practice, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

New York City District:

R. H. TAPSCOTT, Vice-President, New York Edison Company, New York, N.Y.

Great Lakes District:

G. G. POST, Vice-President, Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

South West District:

F. J. MEYER, Vice-President in Charge of Operation, Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company, Oklahoma City, Okla.

North West District:

F. O. McMILLAN, Research Professor of Electrical Engineering, Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore.

For Directors

F. MALCOLM FARMER, Vice-President and Chief Engineer,
Electrical Testing Laboratories, New York, N.Y.
NEVIN E. FUNK, Vice-President in Charge of Engineering,
Philadelphia Electric Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

H. B. GEAR, Assistant to the Vice-President, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago, Ill.

W. I. SLICHTER, Professor of Electrical Engineering, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

These official candidates, together with any independent nominees that may be proposed later in the manner specified by the constitution and by-laws, will be voted upon by the membership at the coming election in the spring of 1934.

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Joseph Allen Johnson was born at Northboro, Mass., June 21, 1882, and received his early education in the schools of that town. He was graduated from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute with the degree of Dachelor of Science in electrical engineering in 1905.

From 1905 to 1912, he was employed in electrical engineering work by the Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls, being appointed electrical engineer of that company in 1912. In 1917, this company was purchased by the Hydroelectric Power Commission of Ontario, of which Mr. Johnson became assistant engineer, but still retained his other position. In 1918, he was appointed electrical engineer of the Cliff Electrical Distributing Company and Hydraulic Power Company of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and with the consolidation of these companies and the old Niagara Falls Power Company to form The Niagara Falls Power Company. In this capacity he was responsible for many important features of the electrical design of the Niagara developments during the period of their rapid growth from 1918 to 1924. In 1929, he was appointed chief electrical engineer of the Buffalo Niagara & Eastern Power Corporation, which position he now holds.

During his career Mr. Johnson has taken a prominent part in the development of the art of power generation and transmission. Perhaps the most important of such developments was that of the system of generator voltage control by individual regulators, which he originated and pioneered in the plant of the Ontario Power Company about 1910, and which he described in a contribution to the technical press shortly thereafter. His contributions to the art of generator testing by means of the retardation method are also well known.

Mr. Johnson has contributed to the Institute/several important technical papers on such subjects as reactors in hydroelectric stations, the retardation method of determining losses in hydroelectric generating units, fire protection in a.c. generators, and operating aspects of reactive power. As joint author he has also made contributions on power developments at Niagara Falls, lightning protection for transformers, and fundamentals of design of electric energy delivery systems, the latter to be presented at the coming winter convention.

He joined the Institute as an Associate in 1907, and was transferred to the grade of Fellow in December 1927. He has served as a member of the electrochemistry and electrometallurgy, electrical machinery, instruments and measurements, protective devices, and research committees. He became a Director of the Institute in 1928, served as chairman of the membership committee for the two years 1929-31, and is at present chairman of the national committee on transfers, as well as of a special committee to consider the dues of Associates and related matters. He is also a member of the Edison Medal committee and the executive committee, and Vice-President of the North Eastern District (No. 1). He was organizer and first chairman of the Niagara Frontier Section, and served in that capacity from the date of its organization, February 10, 1925, to July 31, 1926. It is also of

interest that he was the first chairman of the W.P.I. Branch of the Institute in 1905.

Desides his Institute activities, Mr. Johnson served the former National Electric Light Association as chairman of its electrical apparatus committee, as a member of its power systems engineering committee, and is at present chairman of the electrical equipment committee of the Edison Electric Institute. He is also a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the electrical standards committee of the American Standards Association.

From:

H. H. Henline, National Secretary American Institute of Electrical Engineers 33 West 39th Street, New York, N.Y.

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