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## INTRODUCTION

The Eastern Snow Conference is a relatively small organization that has operated quietly since 1940 when it was organized by a group of men who believed that snow, ice and frost in the Northeastern part of the United States offer a rewarding field of study. Its progress was impeded by the unhappy war years that followed but interest did not fall by the wayside. Meetings were held during the war and since that show the organizers were correct in their appraisal of the need for research in snow, ice and frost.

The Eastern Snow Conference has a constitution and a set of By-laws; officers are elected annually and the meetings are similar to those held by other technical societies. The over-all tone, however, is one of informality and conduct of the organization is carried along on the basis of sincerity and good faith. Good fellowship and mutual respect prevail.

Since its original inception, the Eastern Snow Conference's sphere of influence and field of study has gradually extended to include activities of our Canadian neighbors to the North. Representatives of certain organizations in Quebec have demonstrated their keen interest and sincere cooperation by attendance and active participation in several recent Conference meetings.

The present mailing list numbers about 230 engineers, businessmen, scientists and (snow) laymen. Of these, about 70 attended the meeting in Springfield, Mass. on February 14 and 15, 1952. They might be called the active members, although no definition has been set as yet on grades of membership and a number of others just couldn't attend the meeting.

Several papers by members of the Eastern Snow Conference were published around 1941 but this is the first attempt to publish a Proceedings for an annual meeting. All papers from the 1952 Springfield meeting that were submitted in written form have been included. Although the papers were not screened by an official publication committee, a small amount of editing and revision was done by the President and Secretary. It is expected that a publication committee will be set up in the future, if this first venture proves successful.

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A copy of this proceedings is being sent at no cost to every person on the mailing list, since the method of distribution has not yet been formalized. In the future, it may be necessary to limit distribution to those who show their support for the Eastern Snow Conference by paying modest dues. The Executive Committee expects that such a limitation is necessary for future publications so that no one organization will bear all the costs involved.

Your comments and suggestions in regard to this publication will be welcomed by the Officers.

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