

At the opening ceremony, the vice-chancellor, Mr. J. Wells, who presided, said one reason why they in Oxford were able to show so many links with the scientific past was that after the end of the seventeenth century Oxford went to sleep in relation to scientific matters and the study of science was not always actively pursued. Whereas the Royal Society scrapped their old instruments and put in new ones. Oxford had not been careful to replace its instruments. Thus Oxford was more rich in old scientific apparatus than almost any other university in the world.

### THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRY

FROM the New York *Times* we learn that the plan to establish a National Museum of Engineering and Industry under the Smithsonian Institution drew together on June 18 many distinguished scientists, engineers and industrialists.

The occasion was a luncheon-meeting at the Bankers' Club of those sponsoring the movement, which was started a year or so ago to arouse interest in the project. Samuel Insull, the leading figure in the mid-western public utility field, was formally installed as president of the association for 1925-26. Incidentally it was disclosed by Thomas Ewing, who presided, that \$1,000,000 has already been pledged toward the \$10,000,000 fund which will be raised to pay for the erection of the building in Washington.

Mr. Insull succeeds as president Dr. Elihu Thomson, under whose incumbency the germ of the idea for an institution which will put the United States in the category of European nations having similar museums was developed. The government is expected to provide the site for the institution and it is hoped that the congress will aid in furthering and maintaining it.

H. F. J. Porter is the executive secretary of the organization charged with the task of coordinating the activities of the various professions and industries supporting the project. Vice-presidents are Drs. Edward G. Acheson, Charles F. Brush, L. H. Baekeland, Frank J. Sprague, Thomas A. Edison, Edward Weston, Orville Wright. George E. Roberts is treasurer.

The Board of Trustees include Mr. Insull as chairman; R. F. Bach, B. C. Batcheller, F. H. Colvin, James Craig, E. O. Cutler, Norman Dodge, Thomas Ewing, Colonel Michael Friedsam, Major H. A. Gillis, Henry Goldmark, F. A. Halsey, George Iles, Professor D. C. Jackson, Luis Jackson, W. W. Macon, L. C. Marburg, H. P. Merriam, W. N. Polakov, A. J. Poole, H. F. J. Porter, D. S. Simpson, Dr. Elmer A. Sperry, Professor Holland Thompson and F. A.

Waldron. Honorary members are Dr. Charles W. Eliot, General George W. Goethals, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Charles M. Schwab, Melville E. Stone and Dr. Elihu Thomson.

Many of the aforementioned were present at the meeting, as well as many prominent men not identified with the organization as members. At the head table were Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania System; Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation; Mr. Insull, head of the Middle West Utilities Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago and other utility companies; Mr. Edison, John W. Davis, Dr. Alexander C. Humphreys, president of Stevens Institute, and Mr. Ewing, the patent attorney.

Speakers were Mr. Insull, F. R. Low, president of the Society of Mechanical Engineers; Farley Osgood, president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and Dr. Humphreys.

### FISHERIES CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

THE Fisheries Conservation Conference of May 22, 1925, called by the Secretary of Commerce and attended by representatives of the fish commissions of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast states, was held at the Department of Commerce to consider a procedure for saving certain of our Atlantic coast fisheries from final destruction. Among the subjects discussed were the fisheries for shad, sturgeon and lobsters, and incidentally the questions of the control of fisheries in boundary waters and the destruction of undersized or immature fish.

The conference requested the Secretary of Commerce to appoint, with the approval of the governors of the states, a commission to work out the various problems leading to the rehabilitation of lobster, shad, sturgeon and other fishes of our coastal waters and agreed as to the necessity for concerted action to prevent further depletion.

The resolution adopted by the conferees follows:

WHEREAS, The necessity for concerted action by the coast states to protect national fisheries has been forcefully called to our attention by Secretary Hoover; and

WHEREAS, The secretary has seen fit to call this conference for the purpose of devising ways and means for rehabilitating these fisheries; be it

*Resolved*, That representatives here assembled go on record as indorsing the purpose of the conference and expressing on behalf of our various states our gratitude for Mr. Hoover's intelligent and patriotic interest in calling the conference: be it further

*Resolved*, That it is the desire of the representatives here assembled that the secretary shall, with the approval of the governors, appoint a commission composed of representatives from each of the fish commissions of the