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to cover how the system is planned to cope with Metric and Imperial values.

P. Harris & T. Wodsedalek: Both agreed the G.M.S. system is a step in the right direction, as conflict in past years has existed, where specifications have had overlapping instructions, or data omitted.

A lengthy discussion period took place when the speeches were completed. The audience were concerned about such matters as:

- 1. Equivalent products being acceptable in all parts of the country.
- 2. Will the many small notes, so traditionally detailed on drawings, be taken off?
- 3. Because the General Contractor is responsible - should he also decide on rulings of his Sub-Trades responsibilities?
- 4. The Master Specification will be influencing a Trade to find out more about his associated trades - hence the specifications and drawings for all trades on a project become necessary - to each of the other trades-prior to bidding.
- 5. The Specification Writers must continue to be highly skilled people. There will be no provision that poor designers can use the Master Specification to achieve results. The Designer must be highly qualified.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 P.M. with Bill Robinson thanking the panel, and a gift was presented to the guest Ivan Lavender.

A motion to adjourn was put by Jack Hennessey, seconded by Peter MacGowan.