

INVESTIGATION OF THE HYDRO RADIAL PROJECT AT HAMILTON.

In last week's issue reference was made to the investigation being made into the Hydro Radial project at Hamilton and to the appointment of a board of five engineers who had been asked to submit a report thereon. In the same item reference was made to the Canadian Northern-Hydro-Electric controversy.

In order to remove any misunderstanding which may have been caused by the publication of this item it is only proper to state that this board of five engineers, consisting of Messrs. Leonard, Kennedy, Tye, Herdt and Francis, was appointed specifically to report as to the need of a proposed Hydro-Electric line from Port Credit to St. Catharines, Ont.

It will be remembered that when the by-law in connection with this road was submitted to the ratepayers of Hamilton on January 1st last, the said ratepayers refused to authorize their council to enter into the proposed agreement with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the construction and operation of such a line. It having been intimated that the rejected by-law would again be submitted at an early date, a citizens' committee, of which C. W. Cartwright is chairman, wrote to the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers asking that it name five engineers who could investigate the radial proposition and submit a report which would enable the citizens of Hamilton to determine whether the project was in the public interest or not.

As a result of this communication to the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, the board of engineers already referred to was appointed.

Its investigation is to be confined to the proposed Hydro-Electric line from Port Credit to St. Catharines with special reference to the interests of Hamilton in connection with it.

PERSONAL.

G. M. CAREY has been appointed a member of the Hydro Commission of Petrolia, Ont.

W. VALLANCE, assistant municipal engineer of Point Grey, B.C., has resigned.

E. J. ZAVITZ, formerly on the staff of the O.A.C., Guelph, has been appointed provincial forester for Ontario.

JOHN R. McDONALD, who has for several years been in charge of the mines of the Franco-Canadian collieries, at Frank, B.C., has resigned.

F. A. DALLYN, A.M. Can. Soc. C.E., provincial sanitary engineer, Toronto, has returned from England, where he has been investigating sewerage and sewage disposal plants.

SAMUEL D. WILLIAMS, for the past three years chief division civil engineer of the M.C.R. at St. Thomas, Ont., will leave shortly to take up new duties in the Detroit office of the company.

D. WALTER MUNN, of the Montreal Rolling Mills branch of the Steel Company of Canada, has joined the engineering department of the Algoma Steel Corporation, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

E. W. DuVAL, formerly superintendent of the C.P.R. at Saskatoon and Moose Jaw, has qualified for the rank of lieutenant and has been appointed O.C. of the University draft for the 196th Western Universities Battalion.

SAM R. HENDERSON, for seven years president of the Manitoba Good Roads Association, was presented with a heavily jewelled and suitably engraved gold watch at the recent annual banquet of the association in recognition of his record of valuable service.

WILLIAM HENDERSON, who has been resident architect of the department of public works, British Columbia, for the last fifty years, was presented with an illuminated address and a gold-mounted ebony cane at a banquet recently held in his honor at the Dominion Hotel, Victoria, B.C.

Lieut. G. ROY COCKBURN, formerly a professor in the University of Toronto, who went overseas with a draft of officers from the 170th Mississauga Battalion and was attached to the 58th Battalion in France, has now been transferred to No. 2 Field Survey Co. of the Royal Engineers. This unit is officered by scientists drawn from universities of the Empire.

H. B. HAWKINS, of Brantford, Ont., who has for the last six months been assistant to E. E. Curtis, manager of the Brantford Gas Company, has been advanced to the managership in place of Mr. Curtis, who has left for Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where he takes the position of inside manager for the H. L. Doherty Company, which controls the Brantford office.

M. A. GRAINGER, who has been acting chief forester for the province of British Columbia since H. R. MacMillan's appointment as lumber commissioner to study foreign markets, has now been appointed chief forester. Mr. Grainger, who is a graduate of King's College, Cambridge, England, came to Canada in 1897. He joined the Forestry Branch upon its inauguration and has occupied an important position in it ever since.

OBITUARY.

DENIS MURPHY, former M.P.P., and a member of the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission, passed away at his home in Ottawa on March 10th. The deceased had been in failing health for the past six months, and his death was not unexpected. He was in his 75th year, having been born in the county of Cork, Ireland, on April 2nd, 1842. In 1849 he came to Canada with his father and settled in Chatham, P.Q. For a long time he was engaged in the forwarding business on the Ottawa River, in partnership with the late J. W. McRae, and in 1892 he was elected president of the Ottawa Transportation Company, which office he held until his death. Since 1905 he had held the position of government commissioner for the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway.

THOMAS BROOKE TOWNSEND, of Aldershot, Ont., passed away recently. Deceased was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1834, and came to Canada in 1857. He was a civil engineer by profession, and was associated for many years with the old Great Western Railway. He had charge of the rebuilding of the bridge over the Desjardins Canal that replaced the structure destroyed in the great Desjardins Canal accident. In 1860 he designed and supervised the building of the private car used by the late King Edward on his tour of Canada. In 1872 he entered the service of the Department of Railways and Canals, and he designed the Welland Canal locks, gates and bridges. In 1881 he retired from the Department of Railways and Canals, and a few years later retired from active work and took up farming at Aldershot.