

JEAN J. LEMORDANT, a famous French artist, has been awarded the Howland Memorial prize given each year to some individual who achieves fame in literature, fine arts or in government. The award is given through Yale University. Last year Rupert Brooke, the English poet, was awarded the prize after he had met his death at Gallipoli.

MR. D. LORNE MCGIBBON, who presided at the annual meeting of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd., and at the annual meeting of the Ames, Holden, McCready Co., a few days later is receiving well merited praise for having put these two concerns on their feet. Mr. McGibbon is one of the best known big business men in the Dominion. In the last few years he has been associated with the Laurentide Company where he was Sales Manager, then President of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., President of the LaRose Mining Company, and now the active head of the two companies mentioned above. Apart from his active business career Mr. McGibbon takes a very keen interest in, and gives very generously to, the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

HON. R. E. FINN has become a member of the Nova Scotia Government without portfolio. When we say that R. E. means Robert Emmett we suggest that the new M. E. C. (Member of Executive Council is the title) is of Irish origin. He is a member of an old Irish family long resident in Halifax. While yet a young man Mr. Finn was nominated by the Liberals of Halifax city and county as a candidate for the House of Assembly and won his seat, and he has held the fort against all comers ever since. While practicing his profession as a lawyer he has given much of his time to political affairs. Being one of the most eloquent speakers in an eloquent Province his services have been much in demand in the various electoral contests. As a private member he has had a prominent part in the proceedings of the Legislature in which he is now called upon to assume the larger responsibilities of a Minister of the Crown.

MR. J. G. SULLIVAN, who retires from the position of Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway to engage in private practice, has had a very lengthy career with the company. He was appointed Chief Engineer in 1908 and under his regime many important works were carried out on the Canadian Pacific System. For a time Mr. Sullivan was engaged in important work on the Isthmian Canal.

GENERAL DIAZ, who is in command of the Italian forces, succeeded to that position some months ago when General Cadorna failed to hold the German-Austrian drive last fall. General Diaz is a native of Naples, and was educated in that city at the famous military school of Turin. He fought in the Abyssinian and Libyan wars and won honors and promotion in both struggles. General Diaz is probably best known for his organizing ability, but at the same time has great power to inspire confidence in his men.

SIR DONALD MACALISTER.—In an effort to bring about a closer working arrangement between the British and overseas universities, the Government has chosen Sir Donald MacAlister, Principal of the University of Glasgow, as Chairman of the committee to bring about this object. Sir Donald, as his name indicates, was born north of the Tweed, and was educated at Aberdeen, Liverpool and Cambridge Universities. He is a recognized authority on the Gaelic tongue and holds the view that a knowledge of Gaelic is a real advantage. He has been principal of the University of Glasgow for the past ten years.

Canadian building trades during May were characterized by a greater degree of activity than had been the case during the past few months, it will be discovered by the following comparative figures that the value of permits in May was \$1,814,168 over April, 1918, and \$1,005,889 over the figures for May, 1917. Estimated cost of building work as indicated by building permits issued in thirty-five cities:

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City.	May, 1918, compared with April, 1918.				May, 1918, compared with May, 1917.			
	April. 1918.	May. 1918.	May, 1917.	Amount.	Per Cent.	Amount.	Per Cent.	
Nova Scotia	\$328,103	\$354,607	\$205,361	a	\$26,504 a 8.07	a	\$149,246 a 72.67	
Halifax	306,850	298,940	174,311	b	7,910 b 2.57	a	124,629 a 71.49	
Sydney	21,253	55,667	31,050	a	34,414 a161.92	a	24,617 a 79.28	
New Brunswick	47,925	167,760	69,285	a	119,835 a250.47	a	98,475 a 142.13	
Moncton	12,550	24,760	52,885	a	12,210 a 97.29	b	28,125 b 53.18	
St. John	35,375	143,000	16,400	a	107,625 a304.24	a	126,600 a 771.95	
Quebec	827,729	987,267	918,062	a	159,538 a 19.27	a	69,205 a 7.54	
Montreal-Maisonneuve	648,510	658,680	703,154	a	10,170 a 1.57	b	44,474 b 6.32	
Quebec	109,044	252,562	123,297	a	143,518 a131.63	a	129,265 a 104.84	
Sherbrooke	2,300	23,500	23,200	a	21,200 a921.74	a	300 a 1.29	
Three Rivers	48,875	12,575	44,380	b	36,800 b 74.27	b	31,755 b 71.63	
Westmount	19,000	39,950	24,081	a	20,950 a110.26	a	15,869 a 65.90	
Ontario	1,226,273	2,314,755	1,858,566	a	1,088,482 a 88.76	a	456,189 a 24.60	
Brantford	24,830	182,825	9,795	a	157,995 a636.31	a	173,030 a1766.51	
Fort William	5,940	4,930	217,890	b	1,010 b 17.00	b	212,960 b 97.74	
Guelph	26,310	9,105	26,930	b	17,205 b 65.39	b	17,825 b 66.15	
Hamilton	232,120	134,800	352,765	b	97,320 b 41.93	b	217,965 b 61.79	
Kingston	40,849	50,770	18,264	a	9,921 a 24.29	a	32,506 a 17.79	
Kitchener	12,620	29,660	17,255	a	17,040 a185.02	a	12,405 a 71.89	
London	85,260	83,090	95,590	b	2,170 b 2.54	b	12,500 b 13.08	
Ottawa	40,706	185,475	185,620	a	94,769 a232.81	b	50,175 b 27.08	
Peterboro'	12,760	54,255	21,018	a	41,495 a325.20	a	33,237 a 158.13	
Port Arthur	10,216	525,375	18,557	a	515,159 a5042.67	a	506,818 a2731.14	
Stratford	12,655	19,680	34,665	a	7,025 a 55.51	b	14,985 b 43.23	
St. Catharines	53,990	110,662	74,955	a	56,672 a104.97	a	35,707 a 47.64	
St. Thomas	6,355	6,715	12,850	a	360 a 5.66	b	6,135 b 47.74	
Toronto	570,532	877,508	655,427	a	306,976 a 53.85	a	222,081 a 33.88	
Windsor	91,130	89,905	116,955	b	1,225 b 1.34	b	27,050 b 23.13	
Manitoba	183,575	305,054	479,280	a	121,479 a 66.17	b	174,226 b 36.35	
Brandon	9,675	4,354	18,330	b	5,321 b 54.99	b	13,976 b 76.25	
Winnipeg	173,900	300,700	460,950	a	126,800 a 72.91	b	160,250 b 34.76	
Saskatchewan	154,525	314,495	112,760	a	159,970 a103.52	a	201,735 a 178.91	
Moose Jaw	30,130	211,855	28,425	a	181,725 a603.13	a	183,430 a 645.31	
Regina	29,810	53,550	46,025	a	24,040 a 82.02	a	7,325 a 15.91	
Saskatoon	95,085	49,290	38,310	b	45,795 b 48.16	a	10,980 a 28.66	
Alberta	72,175	108,420	127,550	a	36,245 a 60.22	b	19,130 b 14.99	
Calgary	56,400	63,600	53,590	a	7,200 a 12.77	a	10,100 a 18.38	
Edmonton	15,775	44,820	74,050	a	29,045 a184.12	b	29,230 b 39.47	
British Columbia	184,430	26,535	62,200	a	102,115 a 55.35	a	224,395 a 360.76	
New Westminster	13,350	3,700	9,550	b	9,650 b 72.28	b	5,850 b 61.26	
Vancouver	163,230	261,845	47,975	a	98,815 a 60.41	a	213,870 a 445.79	
Victoria	7,900	21,050	4,675	a	13,150 a166.46	a	16,375 a 350.72	

Total (35 cities)	\$3,024,785	\$4,838,953	\$3,838,064	a \$1,814,168	a 59.97	a \$1,005,889	a 26.24
(a) Increase — (b) Decrease.							

DR. JAMES DOUGLAS, whose death has just occurred in New York, was one of the best known members of the Canadian colony across the line. Dr. Douglas, who had made an immense fortune in the mining industry, contributed most generously to educational and philanthropic undertakings in Canada. Among the many gifts to Canadian colleges were \$150,000 to McGill University, \$100,000 to the Montreal Theological Colleges, as well as large gifts to Y. M. C. A. work, college libraries, etc. In addition he gave a half million dollars as an endowment to Queens, of which he was the Chancellor. Dr. Douglas was born in Quebec City in 1837, educated at Morrin College, Quebec, and then engaged in the mining industry. In addition to his large gifts Dr. Douglas was noted as a metallurgist and as an author. Among his works were "Canadian Independence," "Imperial Federation and Annexation," "Old France and the New World," "New England and New France," and "Contrasts and Parallels in Colonial History."