

PERSONAL NOTES

ROBERT GRAY, president of Gray-Dort Motors, Ltd., has been appointed a director of the Standard Bank of Canada.

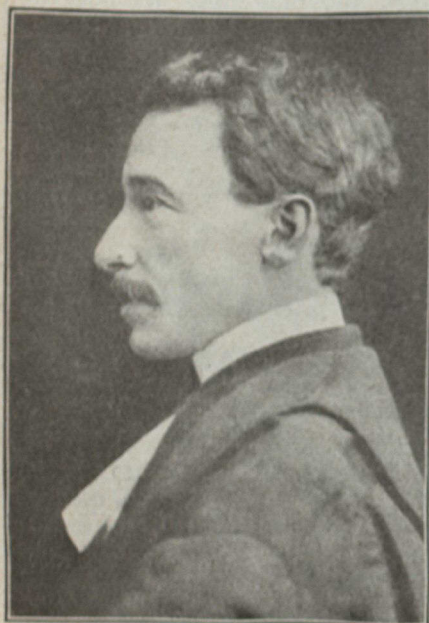
GEO. HURST, a member of the Toronto assessment commissioner's staff, will be in charge of the new branch of that department, which will look after the collection of taxes on dividends received on mercantile and manufacturing shares.

GEORGE THOMSON, one of British Columbia's pioneer legislators, died in Vancouver last week at the age of 65 years. The late Mr. Thomson sat in provincial parliament for Nanaimo from 1896 to 1900, and was afterward government agent at that city. He retired several years ago.

FRANK S. LESLIE, late of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has joined the staff of Bryant, Isard & Co., Toronto stock brokers. Mr. Leslie has made a special study of the pulp and paper industry, and will give chief attention to that phase of the work in his new position.

MAJOR DAVID DRUMMOND has succeeded Andrew H. Allan as European freight manager of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services. He was formerly with the Canadian embarkation staff in England, and latterly became secretary to Sir Thomas Fisher, manager of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services in Europe.

HON. L. A. TASCHEREAU, who succeeds Sir Lomer Gouin as premier and attorney-general of the province of Quebec,



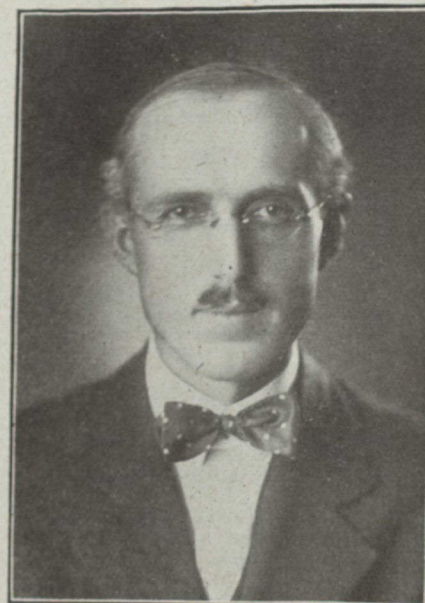
was previously minister of public works and labor for the province. Born in Quebec City in 1867, he was educated at the Quebec Seminary and Laval University. From the latter institute he received the degrees LL.L. in 1889, and LL.D. in 1908. He was called to the Quebec bar in 1889, and began professional career as partner with Sir Charles Fitzpatrick. He was elected to the Quebec legislature for Montmorency in 1900. In 1904 he was re-elected

and in 1907 accepted the portfolio of minister of public works and labor.

W. W. PERKINS, who has been for over nine years with the Guardian Assurance Co., of London, Eng., has joined the staff of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., as Ontario inspector. Mr. Perkins has had a wide connection in the field, and received his early training in the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association.

LIEUT. A. M. WISEMAN, M.C., has joined the staff of Major Edwards, Senior British Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland, and taken up his duties as chief assistant to Major Edwards at Montreal. Lieut. Wiseman, after demobilization, entered the service of the Board of Trade, London, England, and his meritorious work there has led to his being sent to Canada as assistant to the British Trade Commissioner.

GEORGE H. ROSS, the newly appointed treasurer of Toronto, Ont., took up his duties on July 19th. In regard to his new position he made the following statement: "One of the greatest assets which I hope to take with me in my new task is the experience I gained as inspector of the 100 strong branches of the Bank of Ottawa between Montreal and Vancouver. In that capacity I became familiar with the manner in which all the important Canadian municipalities conduct their financial business and I also had the opportunity of making the acquaintance of agents of the large banks in Chicago, New York and other places. It was a wonderful opportunity to get information that will be valuable in my new task."



When asked what financial policy he intended to pursue and whether he intended to follow that instituted under Mr. Bradshaw, the former city treasurer, he stated that the point was not at all debatable. "The success of that policy is shown in the reports for the past three or four years," he said.

TAXATION OF LEASED FEDERAL PROPERTY

An action in which an important legal point affecting the right of a city to tax leased federal property is to come up before the Privy Council, according to a cable from London. The Privy Council has given permission to the city of Montreal to appeal the action, which was brought originally against the attorney-general in Montreal, decided in favor of the city, and thrown out by the Supreme Court at Ottawa, which held it had no jurisdiction in the matter. The city authorities do not contend that they have the right to tax federal property in general, but they submit that when this property is leased to private individuals, and should be taxed, which the city of Montreal is authorized to do by the city charter.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

The following are the approximate gross earnings of Canada's transcontinental railways for the first two weeks in July:—

Canadian Pacific Railway			
	1920.	1919.	Inc. or dec.
July 7	\$3,773,000	\$3,120,000	+ \$ 653,000
July 14	3,854,000	3,325,000	+ 529,000

Canadian National Railways			
July 7	\$1,932,961	\$1,713,404	+ \$ 219,557
July 14	2,000,993	1,659,083	+ 341,910

Grand Trunk Railway			
July 7
July 14	\$2,138,945	\$1,688,850	+ \$ 450,095