

PERSONALS

WILLIAM STORRIE, who recently resigned as chief engineer and director of the John ver Mehr Engineering Co., Ltd., Toronto, in order to enter private practice, was born October 4th, 1883, in Paisley, Scotland. Mr. Storrie was educated at the Grammar School and Technical College at Paisley, and subsequently at the Glasgow and West of



Scotland Technical College. He became an articulated pupil to James Lee, city engineer of Paisley, and from 1899 to 1907, was engaged chiefly on water works construction. In 1902, he won the Brough scholarship and in 1905 the Glasgow Building Trades Exchange prize. In 1907, Mr. Storrie was appointed chief assistant to Crouch & Hogg and was engaged with them for the following two years on water works, bridge,

canal and harbor construction. In 1909 he came to Canada and was appointed resident engineer on the construction of the slow sand filtration plant for the city of Toronto. In 1912, during the second typhoid epidemic in Ottawa, Ont., Mr. Storrie was appointed in charge of the water works of that city. A year later Mr. ver Mehr induced him to become chief engineer of the John ver Mehr Engineering Co., Ltd., in charge (jointly with Mr. Gore) of the design and construction of the drifting sand mechanical filtration plant at Toronto. During the past few years, in collaboration with Mr. Gore, Mr. Storrie also designed and constructed small filtration units for the Collingwood fisheries, the Dominion Bank building at Toronto, and the Sun Life building at Montreal. He and Mr. Gore also designed and recently completed a filtration plant of 1,728,000 Imperial gallons daily capacity for the town of Oshawa, Ont., and an effluent disposal works for the Robson tanneries at Oshawa, and also designed a small filtration plant for Rockland, Ont. Early in 1918, Mr. Storrie went to England to take charge of the construction of several reinforced concrete ships of 1,000-ton capacity, returning again to Canada in July last. Mr. Storrie is an associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Great Britain and a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada. He is also a member of the American Water Works Association.

J. P. HARVEY has resumed his duties as town engineer of Vermilion, Alta., after having been overseas since August, 1914.

W. C. MILLER, assistant city engineer of St. Thomas, Ont., has been appointed city engineer, succeeding M. Ferguson, who recently resigned.

K. S. MACDONNELL, who returned from overseas two weeks ago, has resumed his work as town engineer of Barrie, Ont. Capt. Macdonnell was in the army for four years and seven months, serving twenty-seven months in France. After the armistice he was in charge of the prison camp at Abbeville, France.

D. H. WEIR has been appointed to a position on the teaching staff of the Technical School at London, Ont. Mr. Weir is a graduate of the University of Toronto, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, and was formerly assistant to the engineer of the counties of Dundas and Stormont,

Ont. He was with the First Canadian Engineers for three years and was later appointed educational officer in connection with the Khaki University, with the first division.

PAUL E. MERCIER, consulting engineer to the Public Works Department of the city of Montreal, who recently tendered his resignation, may not leave the service of the city after all, as a new proposal has been made to him by the city commissioners and Mr. Mercier has taken it under consideration. He intends, however, to join the staff of L'Ecole Polytechnique as a professor in engineering, so even if he retains his connection with the city as consulting engineer, he will not be able to devote his whole time to the municipal work.

ROBERT B. MURDOCK, who has recently returned from military service in France, has been appointed executive engineer with the Asphalt Association of New York and Toronto. He will directly assist the secretary of the association in developing the organization and operating policy. Capt. Murdock has had an extensive experience in practical highway work, during the course of which, as resident engineer, he had charge of the construction of one of the most difficult portions of the Columbia river highway, including the famous figure "8" section at Crown Point, near Portland, Ore. Later he was appointed assistant state highway engineer of Oregon and held that office until he enlisted.

WALTER E. ROSENGARTEN has resigned as highway engineer in the United States Bureau of Public Roads, to accept the position of traffic engineer with the Asphalt Association of New York and Toronto. He will deal with the co-ordination of the design of the various highway types with the requirements of modern traffic. Since his graduation from the engineering department of the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Rosengarten has had a combination of practical highway construction experience and research study with both the University of Pennsylvania and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. He was with the federal bureau about eight years, during which he spent about four years in practical highway construction, and about two and a half years in the research and testing division in connection with laboratory and field work.

OBITUARY

WM. DALE HARRIS, formerly well-known as a civil engineer, died last Sunday at his home, 263 McLaren St., Ottawa, Ont. Mr. Harris was born in England, but came to Canada at the age of twelve, graduating in 1872 with the degree of B.Sc. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was engaged upon the construction of the Brookline, Mass., water works, and later surveyed and assisted in the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, Nova Scotia Railway, Montreal and Western Railway and Gatineau Valley Railway. After having served five years as president of the Montreal Terminal Railway, he retired in 1901, although for the following few years he engaged in a certain amount of private practice.

Gore, Nasmith & Storrie, consulting engineers, have obtained offices at 409 Confederation Life Building, Toronto. This firm was recently organized with the intention of specializing in public health engineering.

The Public Utilities Commission of Manitoba has granted permission to the city of Brandon to increase its water rates by 20%. At a consultation between the commission and members of the city council, it was pointed out by Geo. L. Guy, engineer of the commission, that the city is losing considerable money on the water works, and that he would support the application for increase in rates. Mr. Guy also stated that there is considerable leakage in the Brandon water works system. It is understood that the increase in rates is to relieve the city temporarily, in a financial way, pending the completion of an exhaustive survey of the entire system.