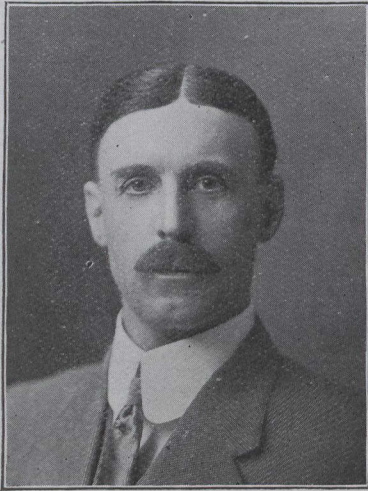


The Commissioners at Saskatoon, Sask.



COMMISSIONER RICHARDSON

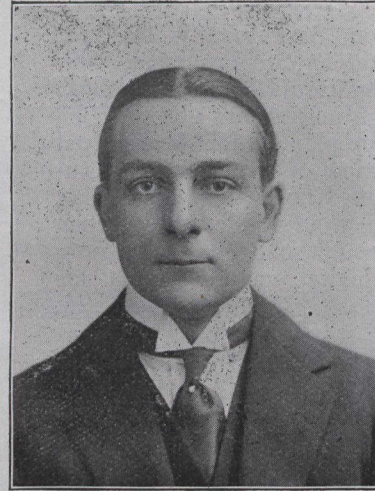
The appointment of Mr. E. A. Richardson last fall to the position of Commissioner as first choice, was the more remarkable on account of his comparatively short sojourn in the city. Like so many other residents he came from the Maritime Provinces—his home town being Sydney, where at the age of 25 he was elected a County Councillor.

In the early days, at the age of sixteen years, Commissioner Richardson started at the bottom of the ladder and without pull and with but an unfinished schooling, has worked his way up against great odds. He was first employed by the Dominion Coal Company, Sydney, but after two years he went to Boston and there learned the trade of carpenter for three years. At the age of twenty-two he was in charge of the construction of a number coke ovens for the United Coke & Gas Company of New York at Sydney for the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. After the completion of the work he went to Camden, N.J., for the same Company and worked there for three years and then on to Duluth for the same Company on a similar mission.

Commissioner Richardson then entered into a contract with the Curtin-Ruggles Company, New York, for whom he first erected a cement plant in Sydney, then a \$500,000 residence outside New York and immediately afterwards a cement plant in Monterey, Mexico.

He then came to Winnipeg for an old school friend, Mr. Geo. H. Archibald, for whom he constructed a flour mill at Kenora, which took three years to erect. He next enlarged the flour mill of the Western Canada Flour Mills in Winnipeg, making it an immense plant, combining both elevator and tanks; the Amphitheatre in Winnipeg, which is next in size to the Hippodrome in New York, was then erected. In 1910 he came to Saskatoon for the same Company, where he immediately commenced the erection of a flour mill for the Archibald Co., for Wilson Brothers; and he also built for the same Company the big departmental store for one of the fathers of Saskatoon, Mr. J. F. Cairns—a store that would be a credit to any of Canada's biggest cities (see further reference). He also erected the Central Chambers, the Barrie Hotel and the English church.

Last fall Commissioner Richardson was appointed by the Council and was the first choice out of the fifty applicants.



COMMISSIONER YORATH

The technical training of Commissioner Yorath, who has only recently been selected from a large number of applicants, is of interest to Canadians generally.

Mr. Christopher James Yorath gained his first experience in engineering in South Wales, where, after completing his education at the University College, Cardiff, he was articled to a big firm of engineering contractors, who, during his articles, carried out several large engineering contracts, including reservoirs, bridges, railways, main drainage schemes, etc.

At the termination of his training in 1908, Mr. Yorath was engaged as an assistant resident engineer on the construction of a large dry dock at Cardiff. In 1899 he was appointed, from among several applicants, on the engineering staff of Mr. W. Harpur, M.I.C.E., City Engineer of Cardiff, and, for the next three years, (one of the busiest periods in the growth of that interesting city), he was engaged upon work in connection with the main drainage, road widenings, and improvements, the electrification of horse tramways, the extension of city boundaries, etc.

In 1902, Mr. Yorath was appointed chief engineering assistant to the Acton Council, and for the next few years was engaged upon the preparation of plans, etc., in connection with them any improvements and building works carried out by the Acton Council. Between 1905 and 1909 the new main drainage scheme was carried out by Sir Alex. Binnie and Sons, and Mr. Yorath was on several occasions employed in taking gaugings and preparing plans and particulars of the old system of sewers, etc.

In 1909 he was promoted to the position of deputy engineer and surveyor, and, with the consent of the Acton Council, he was in the same year appointed by the London County Council to deliver lectures on municipal engineering at the Westminster Technical Institute.

During last year, upon complaint from the Port of London Authority that the filtered storm water discharging into the Thames was not sufficiently purified, Mr. Yorath initiated a scheme which has since been completed, whereby the whole of the storm water, before being passed on to the filter beds, has to pass through a detritus chamber, so as to extract, as far as possible, the silt and solids. The filters have been rearranged, and steps taken to secure the easier removal