

PERSONAL NOTES

PROF. W. J. BLACK, of the agriculture department, has been appointed chairman of the Soldiers' Settlement Board.

SIR CLIFFORD SIFTON, who has been chairman of the Commission of Conservation since its organization, has resigned.

MR. H. J. DALY, head of the H. J. Daly Company, of Ottawa, has been appointed director of reconstruction and repatriation.

MR. K. W. MCKAY, treasurer of the county of Elgin, has resigned. He has performed the duties of treasurer, in conjunction with his other work, for nearly thirty years.

SIR EDGAR BOWRING, who represented Newfoundland on the Dominions Royal Commission before the war, has been appointed high commissioner for the colony in London.

MR. CHARLES F. ROLAND, commissioner for the Soldiers' Land Settlement Board, Winnipeg, has resigned. He will become western secretary of the Dominion Reconstruction Board.

MAJOR R. F. MASSEY, president of the Dominion Fire Insurance Company, was this week presented with the D.S.O. by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Major Massey served with the Canadian artillery in France and was badly wounded.

MR. R. S. MCLAUGHLIN, of Oshawa, president of the McLaughlin Motor Car Company, Limited, has been elected a director and member of the executive of General Motors Corporation, a three hundred million dollar corporation, with main offices in New York.

HON. WALTER SCOTT, former premier of Saskatchewan, will return to the editorship of the Moose Jaw Evening Times. Since his retirement from public life Mr. Scott has lived at Victoria, B.C., where he will remain for the winter, but will return to Saskatchewan in the spring and resume his permanent residence.

MR. W. E. BELL has been appointed acting division superintendent of telegraphs (lines in Alberta and British Columbia). Mr. Bell has been associated with the Grand Trunk Pacific telegraphs at the headquarters in Montreal since 1915. He succeeds Mr. W. J. Rooney, who has been granted leave of absence.

C. W. I. WOODLAND, manager for Canada and Newfoundland of the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited, has been elected to the presidency of the Casualty Underwriters' Association of Canada. The annual meeting of the International Association of Casualty and Surety Underwriters will be held in New York, December 4th, and Mr. Woodland will attend the gathering as representing the casualty underwriters of Canada.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK CHARLES WATSON, private banker, broker and realty man at Sarnia, is dead at the age of sixty years from heart failure. He has been mayor of the city, warden of the council, and at the time of his death was United States vice-consul at that city.

HON. E. H. C. HAY died at Winnipeg on November 23rd of heart disease. He was seventy-seven years old, one of Manitoba's pioneer citizens, and a member of its first legislature in 1870. Four years later he was made minister of public works and agriculture of Manitoba. He took an active part in pioneer legislation in that province.

MR. JOHN MAUGHAN, of Toronto, after being ill for more than one year, died on November 27th at his residence, Tyn-dall Avenue. Toronto loses a prominent figure in commercial, financial and insurance circles for upwards of sixty years. The deceased gentleman, who was in his eighty-fourth year, was a pioneer in fire insurance business, and was the oldest established broker in the city.

SIR CLIFFORD SIFTON HAS RESIGNED

Sir Clifford Sifton has placed his resignation as chairman of the Commission of Conservation in the hands of the government. He has been chairman of the commission since its organization, and has been personally responsible for the conservation policies of that important body since its inception.

Sir Clifford's reasons for resigning from the chairmanship of the commission are not known. He is now en route to England after spending several weeks in Canada.

MORE APPOINTMENTS ON CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE

As a result of the co-ordination of the various Canadian Northern Railway lines, and for the purpose of effectively consolidating the management and operation, the following appointments have been made in addition to those announced recently from Ottawa:—

Mr. S. J. Hungerford, formerly general manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, eastern lines, has been appointed assistant vice-president, with headquarters at Toronto.

Mr. W. A. Kingsland, heretofore general superintendent of the Canadian Northern Railway lines in the province of Quebec, is appointed assistant general manager of eastern lines, with headquarters at Montreal.

Mr. E. Langham, who for many years has satisfactorily filled the position of general purchasing agent for the Canadian Northern Railway Company, will have his jurisdiction extended to cover the entire system.

Mr. Louis Lavoie, who has been purchasing agent for the department of railways and canals at Ottawa, and who has rendered most effective service in that capacity, has been appointed assistant general purchasing agent for the system.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS

The following are the bank clearings for the weeks ended November 24th, 1917, and November 21st, 1918, respectively, with changes:—

	Week ended Nov. 21, 18.	Week ended Nov. 24, '17.	Changes.
Montreal	\$104,812,295	\$ 81,065,009	+ \$23,747,286
Toronto	83,456,214	57,985,769	+ 25,470,445
Winnipeg	72,720,582	75,708,426	— 2,987,844
Vancouver	12,607,370	10,046,308	+ 2,561,062
Ottawa	9,657,453	5,749,906	+ 3,907,547
Calgary	8,053,596	10,598,371	— 2,544,775
Hamilton	7,090,915	5,264,838	+ 1,826,077
Quebec	5,857,322	4,975,461	+ 881,861
Edmonton	3,711,349	3,768,806	— 57,457
Halifax	6,075,843	3,101,750	+ 2,974,093
London	3,431,204	2,098,598	+ 1,332,606
Regina	5,334,314	4,645,050	+ 689,264
St. John	2,777,418	2,063,207	+ 714,211
Victoria	2,933,808	1,864,456	+ 1,069,352
Saskatoon	2,319,273	2,651,604	— 332,331
Moose Jaw	3,001,641	1,792,547	+ 1,209,094
Windsor	1,774,490
Brandon	1,025,724	832,394	+ 193,330
Brantford	1,118,206	960,201	+ 158,005
Fort William	936,454	1,002,512	— 66,058
Lethbridge	1,074,478	1,139,115	— 64,637
Medicine Hat	510,800	718,869	— 208,069
New Westminster	614,018	394,064	+ 219,954
Peterboro	1,064,381	766,460	+ 297,921
Sherbrooke	1,118,928	842,641	+ 276,287
Kitchener	806,130	754,582	+ 141,548
Prince Albert	427,734
Totals	\$343,501,949	\$280,790,944	+ \$60,508,781

The Toronto bank clearings for the current week are \$66,065,912, compared with \$53,841,647 for the same week in 1917, and \$56,634,145 in 1916.

The Lethbridge bank clearings for the month of October totalled \$4,649,387.

The Calgary clearings for the same period amounted to \$34,442,575.