

George Foster, however, in a recent interview in London said:—

"Much work has been done already and more must be done yet before the proposed Business Men's Convention in Canada can profitably meet. Meanwhile, public attention has been drawn to the objects for which the convention would meet. At present everybody is very busy and no one knows when the war will stop or what will be the conditions when it does stop. Everybody is thinking what can be done, but it is no good getting together until we have something definite to discuss, but in the meantime the matter has been brought to public attention and no ground has been lost."

Sir George is misled if he believes that many business men in Canada are doing any work in preparation for such a business convention or even thinking about the convention at all. The initiative, the preliminary plans and even the detailed plans of a successful national convention of this kind must—and should—all come from the government.

PERSONAL.

WILLIAM FORBES, of Woodstock, Ont., has been appointed superintendent of good roads in Oxford county.

GORDON MCGREGOR was elected chairman of the Essex Border Utilities Commission at the recent inaugural meeting.

Lieut. PERCY VERE BINNS, a graduate in engineering of the University of Toronto, 1914, has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery.

JOHN ROBINSON has been appointed foreman of the eastern division of the county road system in McGilivray township to succeed J. D. DRUMMOND, who has resigned.

GEORGE H. DUGGAN, past president of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, has been elected a director of the Wayagamack Pulp and Paper Company, Montreal. Mr. Duggan left last night on a business trip to England.

J. G. CAMERON, C.E., of Berwick, Ont., has been appointed county superintendent over the extensive good roads scheme adopted by the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Ont.

Major V. L. MARSH, president of the Marsh, Hulton, Powers Co., contractors, New Westminster, B.C., has been appointed commanding officer of the railway construction corps to be raised in New Westminster.

RICHARD BELL, for many years head of the Sarnia waterworks system, was very seriously injured at the pumping station on January 23rd when his overcoat became caught in the revolving shaft of the big pumping engine.

B. G. MICHEL, A.M.Can.Soc.C.E., recently engineer for the town of Carleton Place and the corporation of the county of Lanark, Ont., has opened offices in the Bank of Toronto Building, Kitchener, Ont., for consulting practice in civil and sanitary engineering.

Major CHARLES FRANCIS HANINGTON, Mem. Can.Soc.C.E., of the 257th Railroad Construction Corps, has left Ottawa for St. John, N.B., where he will endeavor to raise a company of two hundred and fifty men in his native province and then proceed overseas with his regiment.

Dr. FRED. ADAMS, epidemiologist in the medical health laboratories, Toronto, has taken out a commission in the Canadian Army Medical Corps and has received

orders to report for duty on February 1st. Dr. Adams was head of this division of the public health department during the absence of Dr. G. G. Nasmith in France.

GEO. H. PEGRAM, chief engineer of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad, was elected president of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the annual meeting in New York last week. He was born December 29th, 1855 at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and graduated from Washington University in 1877.

Major L. C. THOMSON, railway contractor, has been appointed recruiting officer in Montreal of the 257th Railway Construction Battalion, being raised by Lieut.-Col. L. T. Martin. Major Thomson has been engaged in railway construction work in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ontario.

GEORGE T. DOUGLAS, of Amherst, N.S., until recently manager of the Amherst plant of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Limited, has been appointed assistant to the vice-president and managing director of that company, and has left for England and France in connection with the company's export orders.

S. B. BENNETT, municipal engineer of South Vancouver, has resigned, and will leave for England about the end of February, where he has been appointed chemical engineer in a munition factory. Mr. Bennett went to British Columbia six years ago and was appointed city engineer of Nanaimo, but in 1914 was appointed to his present position in South Vancouver.

Lieut. C. S. L. HERTZBERG, A.M.Can.Soc.C.E., of Toronto, was wounded in the shoulder on January 21st. He was recently awarded the Military Cross for digging trenches under fire. He is a graduate of the School of Practical Science and went overseas with the Canadian Engineers. Lieut. Hertzberg is a son of Mr. A. L. Hertzberg, divisional engineer of the C.P.R.

OBITUARY.

ROBERT McBRIDE, of Vancouver, B.C., for the past ten years road superintendent for the province of British Columbia, passed away on January 22nd at the age of 58 years. He was born in Woodstock, Ont., and went to British Columbia 28 years ago.

CORRECTION.

Equation 14, page 52, January 18th issue of *The Canadian Engineer*, read $Md = + wL/120$. This should have been $Md = + WL/120$.

COMING MEETINGS.

TENTH CHICAGO CEMENT SHOW, Coliseum, Chicago, Ill., February 7-15. Secretary, Blain S. Smith, 210 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE. Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Ill., February 8-10, 1917. Secretary, Harold D. Hynds, 1418 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE NATIONAL BUILDERS' SUPPLY ASSOCIATION. Annual meeting at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, February 12-13, 1917. Secretary, L. F. Desmond, 1211 Chamber of Commerce, Chicago.