

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, president of the Canadian Mining Institute, left Toronto last week for England. He expects to return in good time for the annual meeting in Toronto, March 3-5.

Dean Ellis of the Faculty of Applied Science, University of Toronto, lectured on "High Explosives" at a meeting of the Royal Canadian Institute in Toronto on Jan. 9th.

Mr. Thomas B. Allen is in Toronto.

Mr. Wm. B. Joyce has been elected a director of the Kerr Lake Mining Co., to succeed the late Wm. G. Nickerson.

Mr. Claud C. Hoover, is at the head of the American Belgian Relief Commission.

Mr. Harold Whittingham, who a few years ago was in the employ of the Nipissing Mining Co. at Cobalt, has returned from Sardinia to England, and enlisted as a lieutenant in the artillery service.

The friends of the late Dr. Samuel Franklin Emons have established a fund whose income may be used in support of a fellowship to promote investigations in the branches of geology which were cultivated by him, more especially on the economic side. The funds have been placed in charge of the trustees of Columbia University, but the choice of the fellow and the expenditure of the income are entrusted to a committee consisting of Professors James F. Kemp, John D. Irving and Waldemar Lindgren.

Mr. T. H. Rea has returned to Toronto from Porcupine.

Mr. James McEvoy, who was one of those nominated for the office of vice-president of the Canadian Mining Institute, has declined the nomination.

Mr. Thomas Gibson has been elected president of the Lake Superior Corporation, succeeding Mr. J. Frater Taylor.

Mr. W. E. Segsworth is at Porcupine.

Dr. Eugene Haanel, director of the Mines Branch, has been elected vice-president of the Faraday Society.

Mr. Herbert Carmichael, for many years until his retirement two years ago, Provincial Assayer for British Columbia, recently returned to Victoria, B.C., from a long visit to Great Britain.

Mr. S. Duncan Ellis who early last year left Toronto to fill a position on the engineering staff at the Braden Copper Co.'s mines in Chile, has gone to England to enlist for active service in the British army on the European continent.

Mr. Thomas Graham, Chief Inspector of Mines for British Columbia, has returned to his headquarters in Victoria, after having spent two weeks investigating matters in connection with the death of District Mine Inspector Evan Evans on January 2, at the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.'s colliery in Southeast Kootenay.

Mr. Douglas Lay, formerly superintendent for the Van-Roi Mining Co., with silver-lead-zinc mine and concentrating mill near Silverton, Slovan, B.C., is now in charge of the Josie group of mines and concentrating mill of the Le Roi No. 2, Ltd., at Rossland, during the absence of Mr. Ernest Levy, manager, who left British Columbia about the middle of January on a visit to England.

Mr. Dudley Michel, instructor in first aid to the injured among metalliferous miners in British Columbia, will this month follow up the good work he last summer inaugurated at the Granby Consolidated Co.'s big mines at Phoenix, Boundary district of British Columbia, and afterward will proceed to Hedley and Prince-

ton, in Similkameen district, to arrange for the instruction in first aid of miners in those parts of the province.

Mr. Paul Johnson, a metallurgist who for many years operated in North America, in Mexico, United States, British Columbia and Alaska, just before the breaking out of war in Europe returned to his home at Lund, Sweden, from an extended tour through Germany and other parts of the continent.

THE COLLIERS.

Great interest was taken in the doings of the war concert party of "stars," who went out to the front to entertain the wounded soldiers in the base hospitals. A correspondent in the Wigan Observer points out that the opening performance of "That National Theatre at the Front," as Mr. Seymour Hicks called his party, was given in the Casino Hospital, at Boulogne, two and a half hours after the party's arrival. "Surely," adds the correspondent, "no member of the party can ever before have faced so strange and yet so sympathetic an audience. A temporary stage, draped with and surmounted by the flags of the Allies, had been erected at one side of the room, and in front of it were rows and rows of beds, each with its wounded occupant. Some were so seriously injured that they could not even raise their heads to see their entertainers, but none were so bad that they could not enjoy the all too short programme. Here and there groups of convalescents in their blue uniforms, and of nurses in their scarlet caps, made splashes of color that relieved the vista of white counterpanes. All the artists appeared in the dresses in which they travelled." After describing the contributions of the various artists to the entertainment programme the writer goes on to say that the house liked Mr. Will Van Allen's violin and banjo playing, but they roared when he went on to funny stories, and the beds shook over his story of how one of the Kaiser's spies, seeing the miners come up near Wigan, wired "Stop the war; the English are bringing up men from Hell."

TO MINE LIGNITE.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 22.

In order to develop the immense fields of lignite coal in the southern part of Saskatchewan, the formation of a company, composed of Regina business men, is being proceeded with.

Experimental work to test the value of such an undertaking has been carried out in association with the Government of the Province, and the preparatory steps of installation have been taken.

The company proposes to erect plants where the lignite can be carbonized and briquetted and prepared generally for industrial and household use.

The immediate necessity was obvious, of putting to use the immense quantities unmined in the Province, and of preparing a plant to convert the coal to proper industrial form, so as to compete with Eastern and Western coals now imported, while local deposits were lying intact.—Journal of Commerce.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PUBLICATIONS.

The Geological Survey has issued three bulletins of its Museum Bulletin series. These are: No. 6. Prehistoric and present commerce among the Arctic Coast Eskimos, by V. Stefansson; No. 7. A new species of *Dendragapus* from Southern Yukon Territory, by P. A. Taverner; The Huronian formations of Timiskaming region, Canada, by W. H. Collins.