

now part of the law. On the 1st day of the coming July we put the pension law into full operation. We have a sinking fund of \$600,000 invested in city bonds. There are strict provisions as to the investment of the money. The administration is by three elective trustees of the employees. The city treasurer and controllers are ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees. Our payments last year amounted to \$135,000 and the city's payment is equal to that, making \$270,000. Our interest account will now be \$24,000 on our present accumulation. Thus we start out with an annual income of \$284,000 and a sinking fund accumulated of \$600,000. The beauty of this last amendment was the provision whereby the city must put in an amount equal to the contribution of the employees. If, after a lapse of years, we find that our contributions are not enough, it will be a very easy proposition to go to Springfield and ask a further amendment by which we can tax ourselves another fifty cents. That will go through, and under the present amendment in the law the city will have to equal that. We do not pretend to have a scientifically correct law, but we do feel that we have accomplished a whole lot. We had nothing; we had nobody but ourselves to look to for results, and one of our fellows said the other day that we simply reached up to the blue sky and in five years have pulled down \$600,000 and an annual income of \$284,000. We are going to take care of our superannuated employees for a while anyway.

WAR PERSONALS.

E. L. Smith, of the Department of Trade and Commerce and the 74th Field Battery, is rapidly recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Lieut. Stanley W. Scott, 95th Battalion, killed in action, was a son of W. H. Scott, a Government official at Moose Jaw.

Lieut. W. W. Brookfield, of the Welland Canal staff, wounded while serving with the 75th Battalion on the Somme, has been invalided home.

Lieut. C. Griffin, Royal Artillery, wounded, was Marconi wireless operator attached to one of the stations taken over by the Canadian Government. He has won the Military Cross.

Cables refer to Capt. Haworth Trefusis, Northamptonshires, killed in action, and Lieut. Colin Cooper, Royal Engineers, wounded, as having both been engaged on Canadian Government surveys. *The Civilian* has been unable to learn by what department or branch they were employed. Lieut. Cooper is said to be from Banbury, Eng., and to have been educated at McGill.

Capt. H. A. Riffenstein, wounded, is a son of J. H. Riffenstein, of the Irrigation Branch, Department of the Interior.

Capt. W. R. McGee, wounded, is a brother of the late Capt. Charles McGee and of the late Lieut. Frank McGee, both killed in action.

Private Edwin Sowter, wounded in the back and legs, is a son of T. W. E. Sowter, of the Survey Records Branch, Department of the Interior.

Capt. Thos. H. Byrne, wounded, is a son of T. H. Byrne of the Printing Bureau.

Lieut. Cuthbert Robinson, wounded and in hospital in England, has been awarded a medal for distinguished service at the front. He is an Ottawa boy and a nephew of Miss Lucy Robinson of the Post Office Department.

Leslie W. Tubman, of the Department of Customs, who was one of the first civil servants to volunteer when the war broke out and who went overseas with the 2nd Battalion as sergeant, has been awarded a commission. "Les." was well known as a star paddler with the New Edinburgh Canoe Club.