

Personal.

The employees of the I.E. & D.R.R. presented mechanical superintendent Austin with a Morris chair and an address a short time ago.

Jas. McGregor, British Columbia inspector of metalliferous mines, was reported to be in the Greenwood, B.C., hospital seriously ill with pneumonia recently.

Robert Surtees, C.E., late city engineer, Ottawa, Ont., has been appointed consulting engineer of the Government Commission appointed to expend \$60,000 annually in beautifying the city.

T. B. Hart, one of the best known contractors in Ontario, died at his home in Toronto recently, aged 71 years. Mr. Hart was the contractor for the crib-work at the Eastern Gap, Toronto harbour.

J. R. Adamson, manager of a department in the Vancouver, B.C., Hardware Co.'s store, who was formerly in the employ of the Rice Lewis & Son, Ltd., Toronto, was fatally shot while out hunting, January 13th.

The Grand Trunk Literary and Scientific Institute has been made the recipient of a handsome large portrait of Frank W. Morse, the superintendent of motive power, which will adorn the walls of the institute alongside those of other officials of the company.

H. J. Somerset, operating manager of the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway, has received and accepted a position as general manager of the tramways, Perth, West Australia. He is a son of W. B. Somerset, business manager of the Winnipeg Free Press.

Alfred Rubbra, who has been for many years manager for H. W. Patrie, Toronto, has removed to Montreal to take charge of the sales department of the Laurie Engine Co., succeeding Charles Bethell, who has been appointed manager of the Northrop Loom Company's works at Valleyfield, Que.

Samuel Walker, who for seventeen years has been foreman and general foreman at the shops of the Grand Trunk system, at Point St. Charles, having been selected general foreman of the Dominion Bridge Company's works at Lachine, has received a handsome parting presentation from his late fellow employees.

The Cataract Power Company has appointed H. R. Leyden, manager of the Hamilton Electric Light Company, in place of Gordon Henderson. Mr. Henderson and Mark Thomas, late manager of the Hamilton and Dundas railway, have been offered other positions by the company. C. K. Green is manager of the consolidated lines.

The following changes in the staff of the Grand Trunk Railway shops consequent upon the resignation of Samuel Walker are announced: Foreman of erecting shop, J. Farrar; assistant pro tem. to Mr. Farrar, R. Cowan; foreman of machine shop, J. Millington; assistant to Mr. Millington, F. Dalrymple; foreman of wheel shop, A. W. Dutton.

Napoleon Savard, 23 years of age, a telegraph lineman, died from an electric shock which he received while at work in Montreal, January 2nd. He and his brother were replacing and coupling wires at the top of a pole. Napoleon Savard was in the act of splicing two ends of wires. He had no rubber gloves on, and received a strong shock. He grasped the wires convulsively with both hands, and was badly burned, the shock proving fatal.

A. D. Benjamin died in Toronto of heart failure last month. Until about a year ago he was senior partner in the well-known firm of M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co. Mr. Benjamin was born in Melbourne, Australia, 1848, and in 1854 removed to England with his father. He graduated from the University of London in 1865, receiving the degree of B.A. with honors. He first located in Montreal, then returned to England, but finally settled in Toronto about the year 1878, and became a partner in the business already mentioned.

W. A. Carlyle, late Government mineralogist of British Columbia, and a most distinguished graduate of McGill University, Montreal, left London, Eng., for Spain about the 1st of Jan., to assume a position which is the best obtainable in the mining profession, namely, the managership of the Rio Tinto

mines, Spain, where his salary will be \$25,000 a year. In an interview before leaving London he denied the report that his resignation of the managership of Le Roi mine in British Columbia was due in any way to a disbelief in its future. It was simply a question of accepting an infinitely better position. The mining future of British Columbia, he said, was very bright. He spoke of the incalculable harm which he said had been done by the eight-hour law, which checked mining work at a very important time in its history.

J. R. Roy, son of Rouer Roy, Q.C., Montreal, whose appointment as secretary to the Public Works Department was announced a short time ago from Ottawa, received very pleasing testimony to the esteem in which he is held in British Columbia before he gave up his position as Dominion resident engineer there. The New Westminster city council unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this council desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered this corporation, from time to time, by J. R. Roy, Esq., C.E., during the four years he has been at the head of the Public Works Department in British Columbia, and, while gratified to learn that his removal to headquarters at Ottawa is in the line of promotion, it cannot but express regret at the departure of an official so painstaking and courteous, and with whom the council's relations have been invariably pleasant and satisfactory." Mr. Roy was also tendered a dinner, which was attended by a large number of well known people.

Electric Flashes.

The Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway Company will build an electric railway to Hamilton.

The Belleville, Ont., city council has refused an unlimited franchise to the Trenton Electric and Water Company.

The Woodstock, Ont., council, has refused a 50-year franchise to an electric railway between that town and Ingersoll.

An electric line is spoken of to connect the graphite mines near Calabogie, Ont., with the Kingston and Pembroke Railway.

We have received a handsome steel letter opener with bone handle from the well-known electrical firm of Ahearn & Soper, Ottawa.

The right of way granted the Preston and Berlin Railway expired on 15th ult., but it was extended for six months by the Berlin, Ont., council.

Jos. Hughes, formerly employed by the Montreal Street Railway Co., is now superintending the construction of San Paulo Railway, Brazil.

The Electrical Construction Co., of London, Ltd., has recently installed a 500-light dynamo for the North America Bent Chair Co., of Owen Sound.

The London Printing and Lithographing Co., has recently installed a 150-light dynamo, the Electrical Construction Co., of London, Ltd., having the contract.

Alfred Fairbairn, who for a number of years has been paymaster of the Montreal Street Railway, is now comptroller of the West India tramway, Kingston, Jamaica.

Young Bros., iron founders and machine builders, Almonte, Ont., have installed a plant to light their works. They built most of it themselves, and it is most successful.

The Ottawa and Dundas Electric Railway is applying for a charter to build a line from Ottawa, Ont., to the St. Lawrence River in Dundas county, and to build branches.

The Renfrew Electric Light Company has been incorporated and is getting their plant ready. The authorized capital is \$75,000. A. A. Wright is president and manager.

The returns at the Interior Department at Ottawa show that the receipts for the first two months that the Yukon telegraph line was in operation amounted to over \$13,000.

The Fire and Light Committee of Woodstock, Ont., has been authorized to obtain figures for the purchase of the electric lighting plant and the introduction of an all-night lighting service.