

The Montreal city council have received a report from Charles E. Phelps, chief engineer of the Electrical Commission of Baltimore, placing the entire cost of putting all wires in the city underground at \$1,205,100.

The electrical committee of the Toronto city council have adopted a by-law and agreement to govern the municipalities interested in the municipal power scheme. The agreement provides: 1. For the confirming of the commissioners in their appointment, R. A. Ross, electrical expert included. 2. For the payment to R. A. Ross a sum of not over \$1,500, the other four commissioners to serve free. 3. For the apportionment of the cost of the report, according to the assessment of the municipalities interested. 4. That the total cost of the report should not exceed \$15,000. 5. That in case of death or resignation of any of the commissioners their places could be filled by others. 6. That the agreement shall not come into effect until seven municipalities were pledged to the scheme, Toronto included. The combined assessment of the other six municipalities to be at least \$36,000,000. The by-law is merely to authorize the execution of the above agreement.



MR. GOSSLER RETURNS TO NEW YORK.

P. G. Gossler, general manager of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., will go to New York in the spring, where he will be general manager of the operating department of J. G. White & Co., the large electrical and engineering contractors, who are doing a part of the work of the big Pennsylvania Railway tunnel, and who operate electric lighting and power systems in Manila and Porto Rico, as well as in the United States. Mr. Gossler takes his new



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position at a considerable advance over the salary received in Montreal. Coming to Montreal in 1895, as engineer and superintendent of the power department of the Royal Electric Co., he was retained with increased powers when that company was amalgamated with the Canadian General Electric Co., and later merged into the present large corporation. His management of the larger concern, with its varied interests and intricate requirements, has been as signally successful, as in the case of the smaller company. This is a striking testimony to the abilities of so youthful a manager, when it is borne in mind that Mr. Gossler had not only to deal with many questions in the operating department that were new to Canada, but had recently to face serious labor difficulties which were settled with less than the usual irritation arising from wages disputes. In the Canadian Engineer for July, 1899, a biographical sketch was given of Mr. Gossler, from which it appeared that when only twenty years of age he had taken the responsibilities of assistant chief engineer for the United Electric Light and Power Co., of New York. Mr. Gossler, who is only now in his 33rd year, was last year president of the Canadian Electrical Association, being the youngest man, so far elected to that position. No successor has yet been decided upon to take his place in the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co.



General Francis V. Greene, of New York, has been appointed general manager of the Niagara and Ontario Power Company, Niagara Falls, Ont. He will have full power to direct the company's affairs at the new plant now building on the Canadian side of the border.

PERSONAL.

Albert A. Honey, of Chicago, inventor of the underground trolley, is dead.

J. W. Leonard, assistant C.P.R. manager for lines west of Winnipeg, has resigned.

Arthur M. White, civil engineer, of St. John's, Nfld., died suddenly in Boston last month.

H. S. Williams, Sarnia, has been appointed superintendent of the Guelph, Ont., gas works.

P. D. Brunnelle, a well known steamboat inspector, died last month at Quebec, aged 74.

Beuth Sims, recently engineer of the Ottawa and Northern, has been appointed resident engineer of the C.P.R., at Regina, N.W.T.

John Watson, sr., founder and president of the John Watson Manufacturing Co., died at Ayr, Ont., on December 14th, aged 84.

R. A. Ross, electrical expert, of Ross & Holgate, Montreal, has been appointed fifth member of the Ontario Municipal Power Commission.

Robert Grimes, formerly president of the Elmira Bridge Company, and one of the most noted bridge builders in the country, died on December 12th.

W. P. Roper, manager of the Charlottetown Light and Power Co., has resigned, to be assistant manager of the Montreal General Electric Co.

E. A. Williams, superintendent of rolling stock for the C.P.R., has accepted a position with one of the big American roads.

I. McMichael has been appointed general manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company. He was forty years in the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Frank T. Craven has resigned his position with the C. J. Field Conduit Company to represent the American Conduit Company of 170 Broadway, New York, Chicago, and California.

Capt. Albert H. Clinton, manager for twelve years of the large fleet of the D. B. I. and W. Ferry Company, died on Dec. 11th, aged sixty years. The deceased was born in Ancaster, Ont.

E. H. McHenry, engineer-in-chief of the C.P.R., has been appointed by Sir Thos. Shaughnessy to represent that company in connection with the new railway department, at the McGill College.

W. G. Ross, second vice-president and director of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company has resigned. Senator L. J. Forget is elected a director, and Rodolphe Forget second vice-president.

H. F. J. Porter, assistant manager of the publishing department of the Westinghouse interests for the past year, has been made second vice-president of the Nernst Lamp Company, of which enterprise George Westinghouse is president.

L. J. Forget has resigned the presidency of the Dominion Coal Company, and is succeeded by J. H. Plummer. It is also announced that H. M. Whitney, vice-president, has resigned, and retires from the board of directors. He is succeeded by J. Reid Wilson, of Montreal.

Sir Frederic Bramwell, F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., the eminent engineer, died on November 30th, at the age of 85. He was president of the British Association in 1877, and was one of the earliest advocates of the treatment of large steel forgings by hydraulic pressure.

Graham Fraser, recently a director and manager of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., is now general manager of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

F. W. Wanklyn has resigned the positions of vice-president and general manager of the Montreal Street and Montreal Park and Island Railways. K. W. Blackwell will, it is understood, replace Mr. Wanklyn as vice-president of these companies, while W. G. Ross, the present secretary, will become managing director. Duncan McDonald will be the manager of the two systems, and P. Dube, secretary.