

OBITUARY

As intimated in last week's issue, the disaster which befell so many prominent personages enroute for Europe on the "Lusitania" caused the death of Mr. James Barr, who, on leave of absence from the city engineering department of Toronto, was on the way, accompanied by Mrs. Barr, to visit his father, Mr. John Barr, managing director of Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy, Kilmarnock, Scotland, well-known hydraulic engineers. Both lost their lives.

Mr. Barr was born in 1885 and was educated at Kilmarnock Academy and the University of Glasgow, from which he graduated in 1907 with the degree of B.Sc. in engineering. He distinguished himself in engineering research and was awarded a research scholarship, which he devoted to a study of the hydraulics of the V-notch weir. The results which he obtained have received much well-merited publicity and praise in the engineering press of Europe and America.

After graduation, Mr. Barr spent some time in the employ of Komnick Elbing, an engineering firm in Germany, and in the works with which his father is associated, Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy, Kilmarnock. He came to Canada in July, 1910, and entered the employ of the John Inglis Co., Limited, Toronto. Toward the end of the year he joined the staff of the works department, City Hall, Toronto, as an assistant engineer. His distinguished ability and high intellectual gifts gained for him a series of promotions, and he became chief assistant to Mr. Milne, mechanical and electrical engineer for the city. In 1913, still retaining this position, he was placed

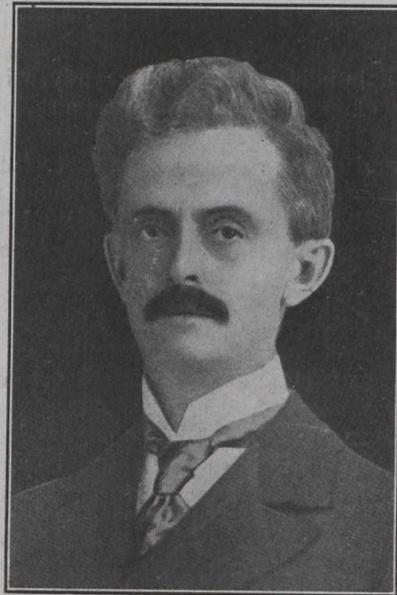


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in charge of the Victoria Park scheme for an additional water supply for Toronto. Last year he was elected a member of the American Waterworks Association.

Mr. Barr was one of the most brilliant young waterworks engineers of the American continent. He was full of energy, and took a keen delight in his profession. The son was worthy of the father.

A very prominent engineer and financier in the person of Dr. F. S. Pearson, of New York, was one of the victims in the sinking of the "Lusitania." Dr. Pearson was associated with a large number of interests, among which might be mentioned the Dominion Steel Corporation, Mexican Light, Heat and Power Co., Mexican Tramways, Barcelona Traction, and Brazilian Traction. Dr. Pearson was born in Lowell, Mass., and had devoted



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much of his career to engineering undertakings. He was the son of a contractor.

The attention of our readers is called to the fact that the late Dr. Pearson was not associated with the firm of S. Pearson & Son, Limited, as many believe. Both were responsible for much engineering development in Mexico and Brazil, but Lord Cowdray of S. Pearson & Son, Limited, is of English birth. He is also the son of a contractor, and in their careers the two Pearsons had much in common.

COMING MEETINGS.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CITY PLANNING.—June 7-9. This year's Conference to be held in Detroit, Mich. Secretary, Flavel Shurtleff, 19 Congress Street, Boston, Mass.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION.—Annual meeting to be held at the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, June 22nd to 25th, 1915. Secretary, F. L. Bishop, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS.—Annual meeting to be held in Atlantic City, N.J., June 22nd to 26th. Secretary, Prof. E. Marburg, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—Annual convention to be held in San Francisco, Cal., September 16th to 18th, 1915. Secretary, Charles Warren Hunt, 220 West 57th Street, New York.

INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CONGRESS.—To be held in San Francisco, Cal., September 20th to 25th, 1915. Secretary, W. A. Catell, Foxcroft Building, San Francisco, Cal.