

STATE IRONWORKS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

In pursuance of its policy for the establishment of industries for the requirements of the state, instead of purchasing the materials from local manufacturers or importing from abroad, the government of New South Wales has formulated a proposal for the erection of state ironworks. At present the government has in operation several brick and lime works. A state coal mine (like that in Victoria) is proposed and negotiations have been commenced for the establishment of a timber depot and building yards. All these services are intended for state requirements only (railways, public works, etc.), and not to compete with private enterprises for public demand. One of the leading British experts in iron and steel is now in New South Wales, under engagement to the government, to report upon the following matters:

(a) the suitability of Australian ores for the manufacture of iron and steel, and

(b) the cost at which the various sections of iron and steel required by the state could be produced from local ores.

(c) Whether the existing arrangement with the Lithgow, N.S.W. ironworks is a beneficial one in the public interest.

(d) The approximate cost of a plant capable of producing the iron and steel likely to be required by the Commonwealth and state governments, including rails and bridges for the Transcontinental Railway, plates for vessels, &c.

It is understood that in view of the high status of the British expert, it was found necessary to pay him a large fee for making the necessary exhaustive investigations.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. R. Safford has been appointed chief engineer of the Grand Trunk, with headquarters at Montreal.

Mr. F. A. Yerbury, of the Canadian Boving Company, has returned to Toronto this week from a two months' trip through the West.

Mr. Grant Hall has been appointed assistant to Mr. George J. Bury, the new vice-president and general manager of the C.P.R.

Mr. H. B. Greening, who has been managing director of the B. Greening Wire Company, of Hamilton, for the last twelve months, was appointed president at a meeting of the directors held on September 28th.

Mr. Howard G. Kelley, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway, has been appointed vice-president in charge of construction, transportation and maintenance departments on the Grand Trunk.

Mr. William Wainwright, formerly second vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway and Grand Trunk Pacific, has been appointed senior vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway and second vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. George J. Bury, general manager of the C. P. R. Western line, succeeds Sir William Whyte as vice-president and general manager. Mr. Bury began as a clerk in the Purchasing Department and has gradually worked his way up. He is a native of Montreal.

Mr. M. M. Reynolds, formerly third vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific, has

been appointed vice-president of the Grand Trunk, in charge of financial and accounting departments, and third vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF UNION MUNICIPALITIES OF SASKATCHEWAN.

Over fifty mayors, commissioners, aldermen, municipal officers and prominent citizens, representative of all parts of the province, assembled in Yorkton for the opening of the sixth annual convention of the Union of Saskatchewan Municipalities.

In the course of his presidential address, ex-Mayor Clark of Yorkton pointed out that several of the recommendations made at the Union's last annual gathering at Saskatoon have since become embodied in the Municipal Act. Among these was the single tax amendment. Saskatchewan has the honor of being the first province to take a forward step in this direction, and old Ontario seems to be following in our wake.

T. N. Bayne, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, read a paper on municipal development in Saskatchewan, and in course remarked:

"The wisdom of your association continuing the discussion of sewage disposal cannot be questioned. I do not need to repeat that this is one of the great problems which will be before our prairie provinces for some time to come. We need the brains and experience of the best qualified experts on this important subject; for, in our level areas where streams of any great volume are not too common, a proper method of dealing in an inexpensive manner with sewage disposal is not the easiest thing in the world to find. I am glad to note that you are to have a lengthy discussion on this important subject."

Mayor Bee, of Lemberg, and Mayor Clinkskill, of Saskatoon, were unanimously elected president and vice-president respectively for the coming year, President Clark being returned as an honorary member.

The following executive committee was elected: Ald. Matheson, of Prince Albert; Mayor Craig, of Rouleau; Ald. Doerr, of Regina; Mayor Paul, of Moose Jaw; Mayor Dafee, of Francis, and Secretary-treasurer Hilton, of Leross. Secretary-treasurer Heal, of Moose Jaw, was reappointed to this office on the union executive.

The next annual convention of the Union of Saskatchewan Municipalities will be held in 1912 in Prince Albert. This was decided by a vote at the closing session of the Union's two days' gathering in Yorkton.

ANNUAL MEETING OF OTTAWA BRANCH AND ELECTIONS.

Mr. Nolan Cauchon presided over the annual meeting of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, held in the offices of the society, 177 Sparks street, Ottawa, Ont.

The annual report presented by the secretary, Mr. Victor Brayley, showed that the membership was at present 251 as against 212 at the same time last year. There had been