

## OBITUARIES

**GEORGE M. McLEOD**, well known in railway circles throughout Eastern Canada, died at St. John, N.B., on August 21st, aged 65 years.

Sergeant **ROBERT H. DUFF**, officially reported as killed in action, was, previous to enlistment, resident engineer of the C.P.R. at Chapleau, Ont. He went overseas in July, 1916, and had been in France since March last. He was born in Bridgewater, N.S., 29 years ago.

**MARTIN N. TODD**, president of the Galt, Preston & Hespeler Railway, and general manager of the Lake Erie & Northern Railway, died suddenly at his home in Galt, Ont., on August 29th. He had been ill for some time, but lately his condition had shown improvement. He was in his 59th year, and had lived in Galt all his life.

Lieut. **GWYNN G. GIBBONS**, only son of Dr. Johnson Gibbons, of Vancouver, B.C., died at Saloniki, having previously been invalided for several months from severe wounds received in action in France. He was a mining engineer by profession, a graduate of McGill University, and was one of the engineers in charge of the erection of the C.P.R. viaduct, Toronto.

Lieut. **WM. DOUGLAS SCOTT**, of the Oxford Bucks Light Infantry, who has been reported killed in action, was graduated from the Science Faculty of McGill University in 1914, securing his degree of B.Sc. He was the class orator at the convocation that year, and was subsequently engaged by the government to survey the Rockies. He was a student member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

## Coast to Coast

**Aylmer, Ont.**—Work has started on installation of hydro-electric power system, which will be 13,000 volt, and served from St. Thomas station.

**Brantford, Ont.**—During the month of August a total of thirty-three building permits were issued for an aggregate value of \$10,945.

**Calgary, Alta.**—Work has been started on the large warehouse for the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company in the west end. The structure will be of reinforced concrete, one-story high, 100 by 300 feet.

**Chatham, Ont.**—Permits totalling \$75,300 were issued last month, as compared with \$26,219 in August last year. For the first eight months of the year the figures are \$291,472, as compared with \$243,849 for the first eight months of 1916.

**Gravenhurst, Ont.**—The National Potash Corporation are putting in concrete footings for new buildings and blast furnace to be erected here. The plant as planned includes evaporators, boilers, condensers, dust collectors, chemical towers and nitrate towers.

**Kingston, Ont.**—Last week surveyors, who have been working from Napanee, surveyed Princess St. The survey is preliminary for the new provincial highway which is to be built from the eastern provincial boundary to Toronto. A. M. Rankin, M.L.A., is making an appeal to have the road from Port Hope to the boundary taken over.

**Loretteville, P.Q.**—A macadam road is being constructed through the village and will be completed by the fall.

**North Vancouver, B.C.**—City Council will obtain a price from the B. C. Electric Co. for their light and power plant with a view to purchasing same.

**Olds, Alta.**—Letters of incorporation have been granted to the Olds Electric Co. The capitalization is \$20,000; head office, Calgary. The company will install and operate an electric lighting plant in this town.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—Among the sums voted at a previous session of parliament and now to be re-voted are \$1,020,000 for the construction of the Welland Ship Canal, and \$3,667,745 for the purchase of the Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix Railway, the Quebec and Saguenay Railway, and the Lotbiniere & Megantic Railway.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—Dominion Government voted \$91,600 for a bureau of industrial and scientific research.

**Port Arthur, Ont.**—The work of pouring concrete for the storage tanks at the Saskatchewan Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company's elevator at Current River, Port Arthur, is progressing. There are to be more than fifty large storage bins, as well as many smaller ones, in the first unit. The tanks will have a capacity of two million bushels, and the working house will take care of half a million, making a total initial capacity of two and a half million bushels. It is hoped that the elevator will be completed by November.

**Quebec, P.Q.**—It is expected that the addition to the Quebec Harbor Commissioner's grain elevator on the Louise Embankment, which is being erected at a cost of \$250,000, will be completed by December 1st. The present capacity is one million bushels, and when the addition is completed its capacity will be two million bushels. An extensive addition is also being made to Shed 29. This will be finished by June 1st, 1918, and will cost approximately \$350,000.

**Rockwood, Ont.**—It is reported that a prominent oil concern has leased an extensive tract of land here, and that drilling will be commenced at once.

**Ship Head, Nfld.**—Work on the new shipbuilding plant at Ship Head, Harbor Grace, Nfld., is going ahead well and it is expected that it will be completed even earlier than at first thought. The whaling factory which formerly occupied the site has been demolished and the new dock is rapidly assuming shape. Some 120 men are engaged at the construction work.

**St. Lambert, P.Q.**—The by-law covering the agreement between this town and the Dominion Textile Co., providing for the establishment of a large manufacturing plant has become operative without the necessity of a poll of the ratepayers.

**Toronto, Ont.**—During last month 301 building permits were issued, the total value being \$1,105,318, while 414 permits were issued during August last year, value \$850,801.

**Toronto, Ont.**—Ten thousand dollars' damage was done to machine shop owned by the Polson Iron Works, Esplanade East, when crane fell through roof.

**Toronto, Ont.**—The British Government representation reports the discovery of an eighty-foot layer of nickel and copper at the British-American Nickel Corporation's mine, near Sudbury, which will increase the present output five million tons annually.

**Toronto, Ont.**—The embargo on stone cars, which has tied up work on the Toronto-Hamilton Highway since the first of August, was lifted when a consignment of five fifty-ton loads of stone was received from the Dundas quarries. The Grand Trunk Railway has promised the Dominion Railway Board that everything possible will be done to hurry up shipments, and it is expected that at least five carloads per day will be forthcoming. Work on the highway has been recommenced.

**Victoria, B.C.**—City Engineer C. H. Rust is working on a scheme for the development of the coke and gas industry by the city.

**Victoria, B.C.**—Formal approval from a legal and engineering standpoint was recently given by City Solicitor Hainington and City Engineer C. H. Rust, to the Johnson Street bridge proposal.

**Victoria, B.C.**—The Whalen Pulp and Paper Co., which is engaged in establishing a large industrial plant on Vancouver Island, at the new town of Port Alice, near the head of the South-east Arm of Quatsino Sound, will lay down two keels at a time and will keep on building ships until it has enough of them to handle its export trade.

**West Lorne, Ont.**—The plant of the West Lorne Motors, Limited, is being enlarged.

**Woodstock, N.B.**—Ratepayers passed by-law authorizing installation of new water system. Tenders for the work, including a filtration plant and other repairs to the pumping station, closed on August 28th. The work will cost \$60,000.