

PERSONAL

Judge H. A. ROBSON, public utilities commissioner for Manitoba for the past five years, has resigned.

J. L. DOUPE, chief surveyor, Western Lines, Canadian Pacific Railway, Winnipeg, has been elected a member of the American Railway Engineering Association.

E. T. WILKIE, chief engineer of the Toronto Suburban Railway, has resigned. Mr. H. T. Hazen, formerly consulting engineer to the company, succeeds him.

C. E. BROOKS has been appointed superintendent of motive power for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Mr. Brooks, who was previously acting superintendent, has his headquarters at Transcona.

GEO. L. GOUILLET, formerly assistant professor of mechanical engineering in McGill, Montreal, has been appointed acting professor of mechanical engineering in Queen's Faculty of Applied Science.

W. J. GILMORE, assistant professor in the department of agriculture of the Manitoba Agricultural College, has resigned to take charge of the engineering department of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, Ore.

E. V. NEELANDS, B.A.Sc., manager of the Cobalt Comet, and formerly manager of the Hargraves mine, Cobalt, Ont., has been appointed manager of the Peters mine, New Guiana, and is leaving for South America next week.

WILLIAM ROGER, elevation draftsman, Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal, read a paper at the September meeting of the Canadian Railway Club on 14th inst. entitled "Hydraulic Presses vs. Power Presses in Connection With the Manufacture of Cartridges and Shells."

JAMES HAMILTON, assistant engineer, sewer department, Edmonton, Alta., who designed the new sewage disposal plant, is now superintending its construction. In our issue of August 19, we mentioned Mr. J. Ryan as superintendent, but Mr. Ryan, we are corrected, is one of the inspectors.

JOHN L. FEENEY has been appointed road engineer to the provincial government of New Brunswick. Mr. Feeny, who graduated five years ago from the civil engineering department of the University of New Brunswick, has had some valuable experience in road and municipal engineering in Western Canada. He has recently been in the service of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa. The New Brunswick government has created the new position, after much consideration, and while the appointment is understood to be only temporary, a permanent appointment will follow later.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred in Montreal on September 11th of Sir William Van Horne, one of the most prominent of Canadian railroad men, at the age of 72. The deceased was in large measure responsible for the speedy construction and successful development of the Canadian Pacific Railway, of which he became general manager in 1882. He was made president in 1888 and occupied the position for 11 years, resigning to become chairman of the Board of directors, in which capacity he served until 1910. He remained a director of the company until his death.

He received his early railroad training with the Illinois Central, the Michigan Central and the Alton. In 1874 he became general manager of the Southern Minnesota, and president three years later. In 1880 he became associated with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul as general superintendent, which he resigned two years later to become general manager of the C.P.R.

Among his other business connections the following may be enumerated: President, Laurentide Paper Co., Canadian Salt Co., Cuba Railway Co., and Demerara Electric Co.; vice-president, Dominion Steel Corporation; Director, Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railway, Dominion Iron and Steel Co., St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway, Dominion Coal Co., Mexican Light and Power Co., and Winnipeg Electric Street Railway. He was also formerly a director of the Mexican Consolidated Electric Co., Havana Electric Co., Commercial Cable Co., Postal Telegraph Cable Co., Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Co., and Port of Para Dock Co.

ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.

The reorganized St. John & Quebec Railway Company held their first meeting in Fredericton on September 8th. The following officers were elected by the directors: President, I. R. Todd, St. Stephen; first vice-president, R. A. O'Leary, Richibucto; second vice-president, W. S. Fisher, St. John; treasurer, John D. Palmer, Fredericton; secretary, E. Girouard, Moncton.

COMING MEETINGS.

AMERICAN ELECTRO-CHEMICAL SOCIETY.—Twenty-eighth annual general meeting to be held in San Francisco, Cal., September 16th to 18th, 1915. J. M. Muir, 239 West 39th Street, New York City, Chairman of Transportation Committee.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.—Convention to be held in San Francisco, Cal., September 16th to 18th, 1915. Secretary, Calvin W. Rice, 29 West 39th Street, New York City.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.—Convention to be held in San Francisco, Cal., September 16th to 18th, 1915. Secretary, F. L. Hutchinson, 29 West 39th Street, New York City.

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.

AMERICAN ELECTRIC RAILWAY ASSOCIATION.—Annual convention to be held in San Francisco, Cal., October 4th to 8th, 1915. Secretary, E. B. Burritt, 29 West 39th Street, New York.

NATIONAL PAVING BRICK MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.—Annual convention to be held in Dayton, O., October 11th and 12th, 1915. Secretary, Will P. Blair, B. of L. E. Building, Cleveland, O.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.—Annual convention to be held in Dayton, O., October 12th to 14th, 1915. Secretary, Charles Carroll Brown, 702 Wulsin Building, Indianapolis, Ind.