

MAJOR HENRY A. GRAY, M. Inst. C.E., the well-known Dominion Government engineer, was married at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, last month, to Miss Norma Victoria Merrick, daughter of the late Sheriff Merrick, of Prescott and Russell, Ont.

GEO. H. TAYLOR, of the Gurney Foundry Co., who has gone to England to manage the branch of the company's business there, was banqueted at Webb's by the members of the company and the travellers before leaving. A gold watch and an illuminated address were presented Mr. Taylor.

THE Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, England, is a close corporation, admission to which is obtained by examination. Two Canadian solicitors of patents, John G. Ridout and J. Edward Maybee, of the firm of Ridout & Maybee, Toronto, have recently been made foreign members of the Institute.

THE lumbermen of the northern district of Ontario recently, at Allandale, Ont., presented James Webster, for the past twelve years superintendent of the Northern and Midland Divisions of the Grand Trunk Railway, with a large open cabinet and a set of silver comprising 105 pieces, accompanied by an illuminated address

MINING CONVENTION AT MONTREAL.

As these pages go to press an inter-provincial conference of mining men is being held at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, under the patronage of the Governor-General. It is expected that the



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attendance will range from 100 to 150, and the discussions will be of considerable interest. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next number.

The following is the programme of proceedings:—

Wednesday Morning, 3rd Feb.—Chair to be taken at 10.30 a.m. Business Session:—Presentation of reports for the year. Election of chairman. A National Bureau of Mines. Amendments to Legislation, etc. Only members in good standing in their respective organizations will be permitted to vote. *Afternoon.*—“The Economics of Joint Stock Mining Companies and the Laws Relating to their Incorporation,” by Mr. J. Bawden, Kingston, Ont.; “The Responsibilities of the Mining Engineer,” by Dr. H. B. Porter, Professor of Mining Engineering, McGill University. “Initial Payments on Bonds and Options,” by Howard West, A.R.S.M., New Denver, B.C.; “A New Use for Scrap Mica,” by C. H. Mitchell, Toronto. *Evening*—Topic for discussion.—“Air Compressors.” Introduced by Mr. James F. Lewis, vice-president

of the Rand Drill Co., Chicago; also a description of the Taylor Hydraulic System of Air Compression, by Mr. C. H. Taylor, M.E., the inventor. “Coal Washing Plant at the Drummond Colliery,” by Mr. Charles Fergie, M.E., Westville, N.S.; “Louisbourg: Its Importance as an Imperial Coaling Station,” by Mr. Wm. Blake-more, M.E., Glace Bay, C.B.; “Underground Photography Illustrated by Calcium Light,” by Mr. G. R. Mickle, M.E., Sudbury, Ontario.

Thursday Morning, 4th Feb.—“Notes on the Western Ontario Gold Field,” by Dr. A. P. Coleman, Toronto, and Mr. F. Hille, M.E., Port Arthur, Ont.; “Gold Quartz Mining in Canada and Victoria, Australia,” by Dr. A. R. C. Selwyn, C.M.G., Ottawa; “The Gold Bearing Deposits of the Eastern Townships,” by Mr. Robert Chalmers, Geological Survey, Ottawa; “The Gold Bearing Tailings of Nova Scotia,” by F. H. Mason, F.C.S., Halifax. *Afternoon.*—“Notes on Some Mining Districts in British Columbia,” by Mr. John E. Hardman, S.B.M.E., Montreal; “The Gold Bearing Lodes of Cayoose Creek, B.C.,” by G. F. Moncton, M.E., Vancouver, B.C.; “The Utilization of the Mill Refuse and Peat Mosses of the Ottawa,” by Ernest A. Sjøstedt, M.E., Bridgeville, N.S.; “Notes on Moss Litter,” by Mr. T. W. Gibson, Bureau of Mines, Toronto; “Mines and Mine Management,” by Robert Archibald, C and M.E., Joggins, N.S. *Evening.*—First annual dinner of the Federated Canadian Mining Institute.

Friday Afternoon, 5th Feb.—“The Mechanics of Mining Engineering,” by D. W. Robb, C.E., Amherst; “The Metalliferous Rocks of the Kingston District, Ont.,” by Dr. W. L. Goodwin, School of Mining, Kingston, Ont.; “On the Occurrence of Iron Ore in the Interior of Labrador,” by A. P. Low, B.A.Sc., Ottawa. *Evening.*—Any papers unread at previous sessions, or adjourned discussions on papers presented, will be discussed at this session.

EDWARD GURNEY.

Edward Gurney, president of the Toronto Board of Trade, was born in Hamilton, Ont., in 1845. He received his early education at the Central School and Phillip's Academy. When his education was completed, Mr. Gurney entered his father's foundry, and there learned the business which he has since carried on with such great success. In 1869 Mr. Gurney removed to Toronto, where he conducted business under the style of E. & C. Gurney, on Yonge street, where the Musée now stands. At the present the business is known all over the world, and branches are carried on in Boston, New York, Chicago, and London, England. At present the Canadian firm is known as the Gurney Foundry Company, and occupies extensive buildings erected specially for it on King street, Toronto. Mr. Gurney became a member of the Board of Trade in 1882, and was elected to the council of that body in 1888. In 1896 he was first vice-president and chairman of the manufacturers' section, and was elected president in 1897.

LITERARY NOTES.

P. S. Gibson & Son, Willowdale, Ont., issue their annual report to the township of York, Ont., for which they are engineers, in a recent pamphlet.

The *Electrical World*, New York, is placing itself very prominently before the scientific readers of the continent as the exponent of the newest ideas in matters electrical. Its New Year's number contained 164 pages.

The *Electrical Engineer*, New York, celebrates its fifteenth year in January, 1897, and heads its special number “Crystal Anniversary.” The *Engineer* is to be congratulated on its age and the fine growth it has attained. We wish it a golden anniversary in equal prosperity.

The *Hardware Trades Journal* began its 43rd volume in January under new auspices, its new publishers being Hazel, Watson & Viney, Ltd., Creed Lane, Ludgate Hill, London. Our contemporary also makes a change of editorship, the new incumbent being Thomas F. G. Coates, for the past three years editor of *Ironmongery* and the *Machinery and Hardware Trades Journal*. Our interesting contemporary is increasing the number of its correspondents, and still further improving what was already a valuable hardware paper.