

PERSONAL.

A. K. GRIMMER, City Engineer of Medicine Hat, is at present on an extended trip through eastern Canada.

GEORGE T. CLARK, City Engineer of Saskatoon, Sask., has, it is announced, placed his resignation, to take effect February 1st, in the hands of the city council.

M. R. SHAW, B.A.Sc., is assistant superintendent for the Muskogee Refining Company, refiners of illuminating and lubricating oils and paraffine, Muskogee, Okla.

W. E. SKINNER, of Winnipeg, has been retained as consulting engineer for the town of Kenora, and will make a report upon the cost of producing power at the municipality's hydro-electric plant.

P. P. VON WEYMORN, civil engineer of the water power department of the Russian Government, is at present in Canada, to investigate the regulations of water power now in force in this country and the system of administration. For the past month Mr. Von Weymorn has been carrying on an investigation in the various cities of the United States, and is now visiting Canadian cities. He is very much impressed with the results of his investigations so far, and thinks that the regulations of water power of the Dominion Government are the best he has seen so far.

OBITUARY.

The death was recently announced in London, Eng., of Sir William H. Bailey, a prominent British engineer. Among his many accomplishments was the design and promotion of the Manchester Ship Canal.

The death occurred in Kingston last week of Mr. John Hazlett, well known in marine engineering, having been for years chief engineer of the Calvin and Hepburn Companies.

Mr. Oswald Gurney Carscallen, the Toronto representative of the Asphalt and Supply Company, Limited, died last Sunday at his home in Toronto after two months' illness. Mr. Carscallen was born in Hamilton and educated at the University School, Port Hope, and at Upper Canada College. Until three years ago he was vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Gurney-Tilden Foundry Company at Hamilton. Mr. Carscallen had become very popular among the municipal and highway engineers and road contractors in Ontario during the three years that he was interested in paving work, and his death at the age of only forty-five years will be greatly regretted.

REVISION OF UNITED STATES ROAD LAWS.

A committee of the American Highway Association has been appointed to assist in the revision of the road laws of the various states in an endeavor to codify and simplify them and render them more uniform. The comprehensive plan which has been evolved will eventually result in a more uniform system of laws dealing with road matters. It is well recognized that most of the road legislation in various states is antiquated, and in many instances, obsolete. Many of the road laws are one hundred years old. There is little uniformity in the laws among the states. These facts appear as serious obstacles in the way of those who are seeking to give the entire country a network of improved highways.

It is probable that as a result of this movement the Governors of the various states will co-operate to urge upon the legislatures the appointment of commissioners, who will revise and simplify the laws.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL GOOD ROADS EXHIBITION.

The Public Roads and Highway Commission of Ontario will have an exhibit at the Good Roads Exhibition of the American Road Builders' Association, which is being held in Philadelphia, December 9th to 12th. In addition to some eighty-five commercial exhibits, which had been assigned before the end of November, and which figure will likely assume a materially larger dimension before opening day, there will also be extremely interesting and instructive exhibits from a large number of the state highway departments, leading cities, engineering schools and colleges. The United States Department of Agriculture will show the road models prepared by the Office of Public Roads.

The Ontario Highways Commissioners, Messrs. McGrath, McLean and Rankin, and Mr. Wagner, Secretary of the Commission, will be in attendance. Mr. A. T. Laing, Department of Highway Engineering, University of Toronto, and numerous road engineers throughout Ontario, Quebec as well as representatives from Western Provinces, have signified their intention of being present.

The officials in charge of the convention arrangements state that from present indications the forthcoming exhibition will be by all odds the largest and most complete that has ever been held. Every effort has been made, so far as possible, to include in this exhibition all the newest labor-saving machinery, methods and appliances, so that altogether, the exhibition will be an accurate and striking record of progress. Several important departures are promised by manufacturers in their respective lines, and the exhibition will afford those interested in the purchase and use of road machinery and materials an excellent opportunity for inspection and comparison.

A detailed programme of the technical features of the Convention appeared in *The Canadian Engineer* for November 20th.

COMING MEETINGS.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.—Forty-seventh Annual Convention, to be held in New Orleans; La., December 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Secretary, Glenn Brown.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF REFRIGERATING ENGINEERS.—Annual Meeting will be held in New York, December 2nd to 5th. Secretary, W. H. Reed, 154 Nassau Street, New York City.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.—The Annual Meeting will be held in New York, December 2nd to 5th, 1913.

AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION.—Tenth Annual Convention to be held in First Regiment Armory Building, Philadelphia, Pa., December 9th to 12th. Secretary, E. L. Powers, 150 Nassau Street, New York, N.Y.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS.—Annual Meeting to be held in New York, December 10th to 13th. Secretary, C. D. Odsen, Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS.—Seventh Annual Convention will be held at Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, December 29th to 31st. Secretary, I. W. Dickerson, Urbana, Ill.

AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE.—Tenth Annual Convention to be held in Chicago, February 16th to 20th, 1914. Secretary, E. E. Krauss, Harrison Building, Philadelphia, Pa.