

## OBITUARY.

On April 10th the death occurred at Windsor, N.S., of J. W. Churchill, one of the pioneers of the shipbuilding industry in Nova Scotia.

The death occurred in Halifax on April 12th of Mr. Charles F. Mott, whose activity in manufacturing and mining circles some years ago was extremely well known, particularly when gold mining had created considerable interest in the province of Nova Scotia. At that time he owned the Dufferin mine at Salmon River.

On April 18th Mr. A. J. Wilson, manager for the past 18 years of the Linde Canadian Refrigerator Company, Toronto, died suddenly during an attack of heart trouble. The deceased was 39 years of age.

The death has been announced of Lieut.-Col. Lacey R. Johnson, general welfare agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Deceased was in his 60th year. He had been connected with the C.P.R. since 1882 and was for some time general superintendent of the Angus shops. Col. Johnson was to have addressed the Canadian Railway Club last week on "Modern Heavy Guns, as Used in the Present War," had not his serious illness, due to peritonitis, confined him to his bed. The deceased was a native of Berkshire, England.

## OTTAWA BRANCH, CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The last luncheon meeting for this season was held on April 15th. It was addressed by Hon. Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

## EDMONTON BRANCH, CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

At the regular meeting of the Edmonton Branch, Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, held on the 7th inst., Mr. W. F. Ferrier, B.A.Sc., F.G.S., mining engineer and geologist, addressed the engineers on "A Mining Trip to Prince William Sound, Alaska, in the Early Stages of Development." Mr. Ferrier illustrated his address with a large number of interesting views taken on his trip into that country, including photographs of Latouche Island, Prince William Sound, the objective of Mr. Ferrier's visit. This island was supposed to contain a large deposit of copper ore, and Mr. Ferrier's visit was to investigate the value of this deposit. Numerous open-cuts were made and a cross-cut driven through the ore body for 64 feet. Owing to the very deep snow and unskilled labor, work was attended with considerable difficulties, but the examination was finally successfully accomplished. It might be mentioned also that as the result of Mr. Ferrier's examination, the mine was developed and proved to be an extremely profitable investment.

Not the least interesting part of the lecture were the descriptions and photographs of the methods of transportation in the early days of the development of that country.

The following have been elected to the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers: Active member, Mr. Gutches, Forest Supervisor for Alberta, and for associate membership, Mr. Geo. Tunstell, Mr. Davis W. Lusk, Jr., Mr. Geo. S. Smith and Mr. W. J. Boyd, all of the Dominion Forest Service.

## TORONTO BRANCH, CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers is being held to-night (April 22nd) at the Engineers' Club, and is being addressed by Mr. H. S. Van Scoyoc, chief engineer of the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission, his subject being "Concrete Highway Construction." The address is to be illustrated with lantern slides. Mr. J. R. W. Ambrose is chairman of the Branch.

## PAN-AMERICAN ROAD CONGRESS.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Pan-American Road Congress, held in New York, N.Y., April 16, it was definitely decided to hold the congress at Oakland, Cal., during the week of September 13. This date was fixed upon because it was felt that it would enable engineers who would attend the International Engineering Congress to attend the Pan-American Road Congress as well.

It is expected that this congress will bring together those interested in highway improvement—not only from all parts of the United States and Canada, but also from the South American countries—all of whom will be invited officially to participate. The Pan-American Road Congress will be held under the joint auspices of the American Road Builders' Association and the American Highway Association.

## COMING MEETINGS.

AMERICAN WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION.—The 35th annual convention, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 10th to 14th, 1915. Secretary, J. M. Diven, 47 State Street, Troy, N.Y.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION.—Annual meeting to be held at the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, June 22nd to 25th, 1915. Secretary, F. L. Bishop, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS.—Annual meeting to be held in Atlantic City, N.J., June 22nd to 26th. Secretary, Prof. E. Marburg, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

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.

The Nova Scotia Engineering Society will be addressed on April 23rd by Mr. George Henderson, of Brandram-Henderson, Limited, the subject being "Paints for the Protection of Structural Steel."