## PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. Eric Brower has succeeded Mr. Thomas Morris, who has resigned as assistant city treasurer of Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. G. RAYMOND SMITH, Great-West Life, Halifax, has been appointed secretary of the Halifax Life Underwriters' Association.

CAPTAIN A. W. DEACON, M.C., will succeed Mr. E. W. Tobin on June 1st next, as secretary of the Stratford, Ont., Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. WILLIAM H. MERRITT, of St. Catharines, Ont., has been elected vice-president of the Imperial Bank of Canada, succeeding the late Elias Rogers. Dr. Merritt has been a director of the bank since 1908.

DR. W. A. RIDDELL has resigned his position as Deputy Minister of Labor for Ontario, and has accepted the offer of a position in the International Labor Office of the League of Nations. He will be in charge of the immigration and employment section, and his headquarters, he expects, will be in Geneva, Switzerland.

SIR JAMES MCKECHNIE, K.B.E., managing director of Vickers, Ltd., the big British shipbuilding concern, and one of the greatest naval architects and engineers in the world, arrived at Quebec on May 10. Sir James' mission to Canada is to inspect the shipbuilding plants of the companies involved in the new steel merger in the interests of the British Empire Steel Corporation.

Mr. Albert J. Ralston was elected president of the National Life Assurance Company of Canada at a meeting of the board of directors held on May 6th, succeeding the



late president, Mr. Elias Rogers, whose death occurred recently. Mr. Ralston assumed the office of general manager of the company sixteen years ago. Two years later he became managing director, and on the death of the Hon. J. J. Foy, who was then first vice-president, Mr. Ralston was elected to that office. In addition to the office of president, Mr. Ralston still retains the managing directorship of the company. Mr. George W. Beardmore, who has been a director of the company since its inception and for the past few years second vice-president, has been elected first

vice-president, succeeding Mr. Ralston in that office. The vacancy on the board of directors of the National Life has been filled by the election of Mr. A. H. Beaton. Mr. Frederick Sparling, who has been secretary of the company for the past twenty-one years, has been appointed assistant-general manager and secretary, and Mr. Wm. C. Wait, for eighteen years accountant, has been appointed assistant secretary.

MR. J. H. CASTLE GRAHAM, general secretary-treasurer of the Life Underwriters' Association of Canada, was elected president of McMaster University Alumni Association on May 10. Miss A. M. Udy, who is with the actuarial department of the Imperial Life, was elected first vice-president, and V. Evan Gray, superintendent of insurance in Ontario, second vice-president.

MR. HAROLD A. JOSELIN, for the past nine years special agent for the New York Underwriters' Agency for the Western Canadian provinces, has been appointed superintendent for Canada, in succession to Mr. T. D. Richardson, who has now become associated with the New York office. For eleven years previous to his career with the New York Underwriters, Mr. Joselin was actively engaged in the fire insurance business in Toronto.

Mr. W. A. BARRINGTON has been appointed assistant general manager of the General Accident Assurance Com-

pany of Canada. Mr. Barrington was born and educated in Montreal and entered the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company there in 1900 as clerk in the office of the general manager and later went to the Canada Car Company as chief clerk in the office of the general superintendent. In 1908 he joined the General Accident Assurance Company, at its head office in Toronto and has been chief inspector of claims for that company since



1910. He is well known and highly regarded in insurance circles from one end of Canada to the other, and his appointment as assistant general manager is a well-earned promotion.

## OBITUARIES

Mr. B. D. Rogers, president of the British Columbia Sugar Refinery, Vancouver, B.C., died last week from heart disease at the age of 27 years.

MR. G. S. MINTY, eastern superintendent for Canada of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, died this week. Before becoming associated with the Union Insurance Society, Mr. Minty served with the Rochester Underwriters. He received his early insurance training with the Western Assurance Company.

MR. ROBT. W. TRAVERS, London, Ont., was accidently killed on May 5th. The late Mr. Travers was born in Peterboro, Ont., in 1860. He had spent his entire business life in the service of the Bank of Montreal, and for the past five years was manager of the main branch in London.

MR. J. SHORT MCMASTER, treasurer of McMaster University, Toronto, died at Clifton Springs, New York, this week at the age of 90 years. Born in Ireland, Mr. McMaster came to Canada about 30 years ago, was one of the original partners of the firm of A. R. McMaster Bros., wholesale dry goods dealers, and for a time was manager of the London, England, office of the company.

MR. C. W. N. KENNEDY, well known in Winnipeg real estate, banking and financial circles, died last week at the age of 55 years. Mr. Kennedy was born in Peterboro, Ont., October, 1865, going to Winnipeg in 1871. He was the president of the Victoria Beach Company, vice-president of the Commercial Loan and Trust Company, a director of the British Northwest Fire Insurance Company, the City Investment Company, the North American Investment Company, the Winnipeg Securities Company and several other concerns.