

PERSONAL.

MESSRS. T. T. WILSON, J. B. PHILLIPS, W. YOUNGMAN, R. WHITSIDE, and F. MINNVILLE, are engineers recently appointed to positions on the staff of the Manitoba Highway Commission.

G. GORDON GALE, since 1907 connected as a superintendent with the Hull Electric Company, has recently been promoted to the general managership of the company. Mr. Gale graduated from McGill University; and, previous to his connection with the Hull Electric Company, he was assistant engineer of the electric plant of the Canadian Rubber Company. His positions as superintendent with the former company during the past seven years have been superintendent of power, acting superintendent, and for five years, general superintendent.

J. A. RUDDICK, chief engineer of the Dominion Coal Company, Sydney, N.S., has resigned his position to accept a similar one in Canada. While in charge of the construction department of the Dominion Coal Company during the past two years, Mr. Ruddick supervised the building of the new pier for the I.C.R., the coal-washer at Whitney pier—the only one of its type in Canada—as well as several large structures in connection with the company's different collieries. No details have been announced relative to Mr. Ruddick's new appointment.

M. A. LYONS, a graduate of 1910 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been appointed to the office of Chief Engineer to the Highway Commission of Manitoba. Mr. Lyons is to have general supervision of survey, design and construction of roads and bridges under the recent "Good Roads Act" in that province. His headquarters will be in the Parliament Building, Winnipeg. In 1911, Mr. Lyons became assistant engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the irrigation department; in 1912, drainage district engineer for the Manitoba department of public works; and since 1913, bridge engineer for the latter department.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred on August 25th of Roderick J. MacDonald Parke, consulting electrical engineer, member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers as well as of the Canadian Society of Electrical Engineers, member of the Board of Trade, and at the time of his death managing director of the Automatic Electric Cook Co., Limited, Toronto. Mr. Parke is noted as the designer of the first long distance transmission plant in Canada, viz., from the Ragged Rapids, on the Severn River, to Orillia. He was chosen by Mr. Urquhart, former mayor of Toronto, to report upon the cost of distributing electricity throughout the city; and this report was used in part when the design now in operation was being prepared. He prepared plans for the Dominion Government and supervised the lighting construction of the old Welland Canal. He was formerly head of the firm of Parke & Leith, an agency for the British Aluminum Company, Limited; and, as a result of his labors in this industry, he founded the Canada Wire and Cable Company, Limited. The firm with which Mr. Parke was connected at the time of his death was promoted to exploit a patent invented by the deceased.

ADVANCE PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL PAVING BRICK MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

Part of the program to be undertaken at the annual meeting at Buffalo, N.Y., September 9th, 10th and 11th, of the National Paving Brick Manufacturers' Association, has been given out by W. P. Blair, secretary of the association. Sept. 9th will be utilized by the members for their business

meeting. A discussion with the brick committee of the American Society of Municipal Improvements over specification questions will be held on the evening of the 9th. The itinerary and program on the 10th will include a trip through the city and out into the country over the older as well as the newer highways, observing those under construction. On September 11th a trip will be taken over the Niagara Boulevard to Fort Niagara. Details may be obtained from W. P. Blair, secretary, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Building, Cleveland, O.

FORT WILLIAM CONVENTIONS CANCELLED.

Notice has been received from Fort William, Ont., to the effect that, due to the unsettled conditions caused by the European war, it has been necessary to cancel the annual meeting of the Canadian Public Health Association, which was to have been held in that city during the month of September.

Due to the same cause, the 1914 convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Western Canada, which was arranged to convene at Fort William on September 8th, 9th and 10th, has been postponed for an indefinite period.

CONVENTION POSTPONED.

The convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, to be held at St. John, N.B., has been postponed until November 17th and 18th.

COMING MEETINGS.

INTERNATIONAL WATER-POWER CONGRESS.—Under the auspices of the Ministers of Public Roads and Agriculture. Second international congress, Lyons, France, September 7th to 10th.

NATIONAL PAVING BRICK MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.—Secretary, Will P. Blair, 832 B. of L.E. Building, Cleveland, Ohio. Eleventh annual convention and paving conference, Buffalo, N.Y., September 9th, 10th, 11th, 1914.

NEW ENGLAND WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION.—Secretary, Willard Kent, Narragansett Pier, R.I. Annual convention to be held at Boston, Mass., September 15th to 18th.

ROYAL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA.—Seventh Annual Meeting to be held at Quebec, September 21st and 22nd, 1914. Hon. Secretary, Alcide Chausse, 5 Beaver Hall Square, Montreal.

CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.—To be held in Boston, Mass., on October 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1914. C. C. Brown, Indianapolis, Ind., Secretary.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.—Charles Carroll Brown, Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind. Meets at Somerset Hotel, Boston, Mass., October 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

AMERICAN HIGHWAYS ASSOCIATION.—Fourth American Road Congress to be held in Atlanta, Ga., November 9th to 13th, 1914. I. S. Pennybacker, Executive Secretary, and Chas. P. Light, Business Manager, Colorado Building, Washington, D.C.

AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION.—11th Annual Convention; 5th American Good Roads Congress, and 6th Annual Exhibition of Machinery and Materials. International Amphitheatre, Chicago, Ill., December 14th to 18th, 1914. Secretary, E. L. Powers, 150 Nassau St., New York, N.Y.