

Mr. Godfroi Langlois, M.P.P., for St. Louis division, Montreal, has been appointed secretary of the Canadian branch of the International Waterways Commission by the Federal Government. Mr. Langlois for the past seven years has been managing director and editor of *Le Canada*.

Mr. W. L. Lawson, B.A. Sc., a graduate of Toronto University, who has been manager of the Stirling Sugar Factory for some years, was recently appointed to the management of two other factories under the control of the Great Western Sugar Company, of Denver, Colo., in addition to that which he already holds. Mr. Lawson's address is Stirling, Colo.

Mr. J. W. Coyle, who was connected with the Best American Caloric Company until they retired from business, is now with the Rockwell Furnace Company, making a specialty of oil and gas furnaces for railroad work. Mr. Coyle is an experienced railroad man, having formerly been master blacksmith for the "Lehigh" at Wilkes-Barre, and later in charge of the drop hammer and machine department at the forge shops of the "Reading" at Reading, Pa.

Mr. W. H. Biggar, K.C., formerly general solicitor for the Grand Trunk Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific, becomes general counsel through changes recently made in the legal department of those roads. The office of general solicitor is abolished. Mr. D'Arcy Tait is appointed solicitor of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Winnipeg. Other appointments in the legal department of the Grand Trunk Railway are:—Mr. M. K. Cowan, K.C., solicitor; Mr. W. E. Foster, assistant solicitor.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Basil D. D. Rorison, aged 26 years, a civil engineer on the Detroit River tunnel construction, was instantly killed on Saturday morning, January 8th, by falling down shaft No. 1, at the Canadian approach to the M. C. R. tunnel.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY NOTES.

Canadian Forestry Association.—The annual convention of the above society will be held at Fredericton, N.B., on Wednesday and Thursday, February 23rd and 24th. James W. Lawlor, secretary, Toronto.

The Nova Scotia Society of Engineers.—The regular monthly meeting of this society was held at Halifax, N.S., on Thursday, January 13th, in the Nova Scotia Technical College, when transportation in relation to Nova Scotia was discussed by members from the different parts of the province.

Central Railway and Engineering Club of Canada, Toronto.—The regular monthly meeting of the above club will be held in the Assembly Room, Prince George Hotel, on Tuesday, January 18th, at 8 p.m., when a paper will be read on "Heat Regulation" by J. Bannon, chief engineer, City Hall, Toronto.

Engineers' Club, London, Ont.—Graduates of the School of Practical Science, Toronto resident in or near London, Ontario, have organized a society for engineers in that city. Those interested include:—E. I. Sifton, city electrical engineer, C. Talbot, W. C. Cooper, W. Ferguson, A. C. Spencer, B.A.Sc.; J. A. Stiles, B.A.Sc.; C. Moore B.A.Sc.; L. S. O'Dell, J. Nash, P. G. Delford, B. Haymen, R. H. Cunningham, F. Brickenden, H. Roblin, W. Lawrence, H. Eckert, L. P. York, C. Smith, W. Kellev, R. Pickard, Mr. Fiddes, H. McKenzie, J. McKenzie, C. Flynn and D. Harvey.

Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, Toronto Branch.—The annual meeting of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers was held last Thursday evening, January 6th, when the following officers were elected for 1910: Chairman, Mr. A. W. Campbell, Deputy Minister of Public Works, Ontario; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Peter Gillespie, lecturer in applied mechanics, Toronto University; councilors, Mr. T. S. Scott, assistant city engineer; Mr. T. C. Irving, jun., Mr. O. W. Smith, Mr. N. H. McLeod, and Mr. A. W. Connor. Mr. Cecil B. Smith presided at the meeting, prior to which a dinner was held at the St. Charles.

Engineering Society, Toronto University.—The Ontario member of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association connected with industries pertaining to engineering are to be entertained at the 21st annual dinner of the Engineering Society at the Faculty of Applied Science of the University of

Toronto, to be held on Wednesday, January 19th, in Convocation Hall Annex. It is interesting to note the growth of the Engineering Society since its organization. Professor H. E. T. Haultain, C.E., was its first student president. It had then a membership of 36. Mr. W. D. Black, '09, the present president, reports an enrolment of over 600 hundred members.

Royal Astronomical Society.—The Royal Astronomical Society at the annual meeting last Tuesday evening in Toronto, elected the following officers:—Hon. president, Dr. W. F. King, C.M.G., Ottawa; president, Professor Alfred T. De Lury, Toronto; first vice-president, Professor Louis B. Stewart, Toronto University; second vice-president, Mr. J. S. Plaskett, Ottawa; secretary, Mr. J. R. Collins, Toronto; treasurer, Mr. Charles P. Sparling; recorder, Miss Elsie A. Dent, Toronto; librarian, Mr. A. Sinclair, M.A., Ottawa; curator, Mr. R. S. Duncan. Council, Messrs. Joseph Pope, C.M.G., Ottawa; Rev. I. J. Cavanagh, Montreal; R. M. Stewart, Ottawa; H. B. Collier, Peterborough; Wm. Bruce, Hamilton and A. F. Miller, Toronto; G. Parry Jenkins, Hamilton; Dr. Otto Klotz, Ottawa; Rev. Dr. Marsh, Peterborough; Andrew Elvins, John A. Paterson, K.C., R. F. Stupart, Director, Dominion Meteorological Service, Toronto; Professor Chant and W. B. Musson.

Engineers' Club, Toronto.—A meeting of the Engineers' Club was held last Thursday evening, January 6th, when the resignation of Mr. Willis Chipman, C.E., president-elect, was accepted, Mr. C. M. Caniff succeeding. Mr. A. F. Macallum, city engineer, of Hamilton, was elected first vice-president. Editorial representatives of the Canadian technical press discussed the relations of the engineer to the technical press. The speakers unanimously agreed that there had been a marked improvement in the character of technical literature in Canada during the past few years. The technical press had been a great educational factor, and it was only by the earnest co-operation of the profession that the standard of the literature published could be maintained. The Canadian journals were recognized in other countries as a live force in engineering journalism. The text-book of to-morrow was practically a rehash of the technical press of to-day. K. A. Mackenzie, B.A.Sc., editor of *Applied Science*, thought the press should lead, not follow, its general object of placing before the engineering world reports and investigations of importance. Others taking part included George Keith, Ivan S. Macdonald, J. C. Armour, E. A. James and A. E. Uren.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sydney, N.S.—Ratepayers almost unanimously favored the establishment of rolling mills here. The company which proposes to commence construction work in the spring, includes Henry McArel of Glace Bay, C. V. Wetmore and Henry Mitchell of Dominion, and F. A. Crowell of Sydney. Their buildings and plant will probably cost about \$550,000.

London, Ont.—Negotiations for the acquisition of the Southwestern Traction line, or the London & Lake Erie Transportation Company, as the new concern is called, by the Grand Valley Railway are under way. Mr. Murray A. Verner of Brantford is president of the Grand Valley.

Toronto, Ont.—A new company, known as the International Tool Steel Company, Limited, was recently incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act to manufacture high grade steel for tools, planes, lathes, drills, cutlery and dental and surgical instruments. The company, which is capitalized at \$750,000, has offices in the Traders Bank Building, Toronto, and Mr. John J. Main, vice-president and general manager of the Polson Iron Works is said to be a provisional director. It is thought the works will be located at Welland, Ontario.

Ottawa, Ont.—Engineers representing two big German bridge-constructing firms are now examining the Quebec bridge plans with a view of tendering.

Ottawa, Ont.—Justice Cassels recently awarded compensation amounting to \$47,216, with interest, to James W. Brown, who sued the Dominion Government for damages caused by the flooding of some 1,277 acres of land belonging to him on the Qu'Appelle River in Saskatchewan by erecting a dam at Craven, below the junction of the Qu'Appelle River and the outlet of Long Lake, or Last Mountain Lake, for the purpose of improving the navigation of Last Mountain Lake. The effect of the dam, which was erected in January 1906,