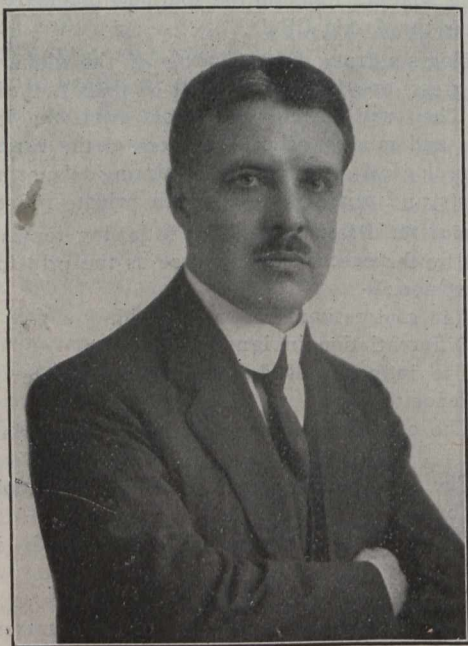


THE NEW CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE DOMINION RAILWAY BOARD.

Henry L. Drayton, K.C., one of Canada's representative attorneys, was born at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, April 27th, 1869. His father, Philip Henry Drayton, K.C., is of English birth and ancestry, and came to Canada as captain of the 16th Rifles of England, being stationed at Kingston, Ont. He retired from the Rifles in 1871, moving to Barbadoes, residing there until 1874, when he returned to England, and in 1877 moved to Toronto, entering the law firm of McMurrick and Drayton. He is at present official arbitrator of the city of Toronto. On the maternal side Margaret S. (Covernton) Drayton, is of Irish-Canadian lineage.

Henry L. Drayton was educated at the schools of England and Canada, and began his career as a law student in 1886, at Toronto, with the legal firm of Lount & Marsh. He was admitted to the Bar of Ontario in 1891, and at once entered in the practice of his profession. In 1893 he became assistant city solicitor, under C. R. W. Biggar, K.C., and subsequently under Sir William Meredith, K.C., and J. S. Fullerton, K.C. In September, 1900, he retired and went into partnership with Charles J. Holman, K.C. On the 29th of January, 1904, he was appointed county crown attorney for county of York, resigning from that office in November, 1909, to resume the practice of law with C. J. Holman, K.C. On January 20th, 1908, Mr. Drayton was appointed a K.C.



Mr. Henry L. Drayton, K.C.

April 25th, 1910, he was appointed counsel to corporation of Toronto, which position he now ably fills. He was appointed by the Ontario Government a member of the Toronto Power Commission on May 11, 1911.

He is a member of Toronto Club, Toronto Hunt Club, Ontario Jockey Club, Rosedale Golf Club, Glen Major Fishing Club, Toronto Racquet Club, and Engineers' Club, of Toronto.

Mr. Drayton was married to Edith Mary (Cawthra) daughter of Joseph Cawthra, of Toronto, September 14th, 1892, and they are the parents of three children, Grace Drayton, Nora Drayton and Margaret Drayton.

Mr. Drayton will take up his duties as chief commissioner of the Dominion Railway Board about September 1st.

WESTERN CANADA IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION. SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Western Canada Irrigation Association will hold its sixth annual convention in the city of Kelowna, Okanagan Valley, B.C., August 13, 14, 15 and 16. The meeting will convene on the evening of the 13th, at 8 o'clock.

An excellent programme of addresses has been arranged, papers having been promised by the following:—

Professor Alfred Atkinson, Department of Agronomy, Montana Agricultural College and Experimental Station, Bozeman, Montana, "The Irrigation of Alfalfa."

Rev. E. McQueen Gray, foreign secretary, National Irrigation Congress, professor University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M., "Foreign Government Reclamation."

William Pearce, former president of the association, and member of present executive.

Professor C. I. Lewis, State Agricultural College, Oregon, "The Relation of Irrigation to Fruit Growing."

P. H. Moore, superintendent Government Experimental Farm, Agassiz, B.C., "Stock and Dairying, with Special Relation to Irrigation Farming."

M. L. Dean, State Horticulturalist, Missoula, Montana, "Apple Culture and the Baldwin Spot."

A. E. Ashcroft, chief engineer, White Valley Irrigation and Power Co., Vernon, B.C., "Public Ownership and Irrigation Systems."

R. D. Prittie, superintendent Forestry, Department Natural Resources, C.P.R., Calgary, "Irrigation as Applied to Forestry."

R. M. Winslow, Provincial Horticulturist, Victoria, B.C., "Some Climatic Conditions Influencing the Duty of Water in British Columbia."

Professor Elliott, Superintendent of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, C.P.R., Strathmore, Alberta, "Irrigation and Intensive Farming."

F. H. Peters, Commissioner of Irrigation, Dominion Government, Calgary, "The Proper Duty of Water and the Necessary Irrigating Head in Western Canada."

N. E. Webster, with Messrs. Niles and Niles, public accountants, New York, "Irrigation Accounting."

John T. Burns, executive secretary, International Dry Farming Congress, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dr. Samuel Fortier, chief of irrigation investigations, Experimental Station Branch, United States Department of Agriculture, one of the foremost irrigation experts on the continent, whose advice in connection with administration of water matters in British Columbia has been solicited, will address the convention.

A list of delegates should be sent in to the secretary, P.O. Box 1317, Calgary, as early as possible, which list should contain, in addition to the names, the post office address and occupation of each delegate. Norman S. Rankin, permanent secretary.

OBITUARY.

CECIL B. SMITH, M.A.E.

By the death of Cecil B. Smith, Canada has lost one of her most promising civil engineers; taken suddenly just at the stage when his reputation in the special field of hydro-electric development was being recognized as international.

Mr. Smith was born at Winona, Ont., in 1865, his father, Sylvester Smith, being a respected farmer of Wentworth county. His first education was received at the Collegiate Institute, at Hamilton, whence he went to McGill University. He graduated in 1884, receiving first honors and being awarded the Governor-General's medal.