

ed, and that the trouble lies merely in the system of handling the tenders,—a wrong system that has been followed at Toronto for many years past.

Convinced of their own honesty, the Toronto officials are indignant at any suggestion of wrong-doing, and rightly so. But that is no excuse for their tolerating any longer a system which in future years might lead to unmitigated abuses should it fall into the control of men less honest than those now at the head of Toronto's affairs. The secretary of the Board of Control, in particular, is unnecessarily allowing himself to be put in a false position, for no reason whatsoever, when he accepts responsibility for the care of opened but unread tenders.

PERSONALS

LIEUT. HARVEY C. C. WALKEM, who won the Military Cross in France, has been appointed resident engineer at Petewawa Camp, Ont.

J. A. TOBIN, of the C.P.R. Co., has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Trenton Division in place of T. H. Hamilton, who has been transferred.

S. J. HUNGERFORD, formerly general manager of the Canadian Northern Railway government lines, has been appointed assistant vice-president, with headquarters at Toronto.

LOUIS LAVOIE, until recently purchasing agent for the Department of Railways and Canals at Ottawa, has been appointed Assistant General Purchasing Agent for the Canadian government lines.

LIEUT. GERALD MURPHY, a former engineering student at the University of Manitoba, has been repatriated after spending over two years as prisoner in Germany. His home is at Moosomin, Sask.

LIEUT. A. TOWER FERGUSSON, a Science graduate of 1911 from the University of Toronto, has been awarded the Military Cross. He went to England in December, 1917, in charge of a draft, and won his decoration in the Battle of Amiens.

CAPT. L. W. WYNNE-ROBERTS, R.E., is now stationed in Persia. His address is Field Officer, care of C.R.E. Persian Lines of Communication, Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force. Capt. Wynne-Roberts is engaged in macadamized road construction.

LIEUT. S. E. STOREY, of the R.F.C., is expected to arrive at Regina very shortly. Upon his return he will again become associated with the firm of Storey & Van Egmond, architects, McCallum-Hill Building. Lieut. Storey has been in France for over three years.

E. LANGHAM, who for many years has held the position of general purchasing agent for the Canadian Northern Railway Company, will have his jurisdiction extended to cover the entire Canadian Government lines which embrace the Canadian Northern, Intercolonial and National Transcontinental.

LIEUT. W. H. RICHARDSON (B.C.E. Man.) returned to Winnipeg on Nov. 23rd, after four strenuous years in France. He won his commission after two years in the ranks, and has been wounded three times and decorated by the King twice, receiving the Military Cross and bar. As Lieut. Richardson is with the Imperials, he will return to England in January for discharge.

MAJOR FREDERICK JAMES MULQUEEN, M.C., of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who was wounded in the September fighting, has been awarded the D.S.O. Graduating in Science

in 1913 at the University of Toronto, he joined the motor boat patrol of the navy at the outbreak of war and was promoted from 2nd to 1st lieutenant. He reverted to 2nd lieutenant to go to France a few months later with the Field Artillery, and in May was transferred to the Engineers. He is now O.C. of a Field Company of the Royal Engineers.

OBITUARIES

EDWARD BENNIS, managing director of Ed. Bennis & Co., Ltd., of Bolton, England, died October 29th in his 81st year. Mr. Bennis specialized throughout his career on the mechanical firing of boilers.

MAJOR LUNDY, R.E., D.S.O., was killed in action in France on October 14th. He was a civil engineer, and spent two years in Halifax in connection with the construction of the Woodside Refinery. He left Halifax two days after the war broke out and went to France almost immediately as a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers.

ALBERT JAMES HALL, C.E., of New Westminster, B.C., died recently at the age of eighty-two. He was one of the first members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers and a member of the Institute of Mining Engineers. For a number of years he was chief engineer of the New Westminster Southern Railway, and later was appointed city engineer for New Westminster. In 1880 he was engaged on construction work with the Canadian Pacific Railway, but four years later he began private practice.

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being made, the appointment was confirmed by the Conference.

Mr. Jennings accepted the appointment with the understanding that it would be without remuneration and that it would be very temporary, with the expectation that the executive would secure at the earliest possible moment an official who can devote his entire time to the work of the association. The man whom the executive committee have in mind for the position is now overseas and the president is taking steps to ascertain whether he will undertake the work and whether he can be released from military duty.

It was announced that owing to lack of time a resolution regarding memorial halls would not be presented, but that literature on this subject would be prepared and forwarded at a later date to the executive.

The treasurer reported that \$1,000 had already been subscribed toward the expense of the Conference, but that there would be further expenses and he would be pleased to receive additional subscriptions from any firms or individuals who might care to support the association pending the adoption of by-laws and the inauguration of stated fees for membership.

At 3.15 p.m. the Conference adjourned to visit the new Parliament Buildings, where the delegates expressed great pleasure at the excellent work done by Canadian architects.

The executive meeting which was held on Thursday evening (the proceedings of which are not available for publication), concluded the preliminary organization of the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries.