

ENGINEERS WILL OFFER SERVICES.

In our issue of last week under the heading "Engineers Will Offer Services," we reported an open meeting that had been held at the Engineers' Club, Toronto, of members of the local branches of the technical societies in that city. At that meeting a committee was appointed composed, in the main, of one member of each of the various technical organizations having members in Ontario.

This committee met on Tuesday evening, January 2, and discussed at length various lines of action that seemed to offer promise of real and useful results in the way of hastening our victory in the war. Professor J. C. McLennan, who is also a member of the recently appointed Industrial Research Advisory Council, outlined the work that body is planning and expressed the belief that the committee of engineers could work best through this Advisory Council, at least for the present. This plan commended itself to the committee and in all probability developments will follow along that line.

PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAY BRIDGES.

In our issue of December 21st, 1916, an article appeared under the above title. This dealt with the proposed recommendations of the Committee of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers on Highway Bridge Specifications. As the article might be construed as outlining the final recommendations of the committee, we desire to correct that impression. The discussion, a report of which we published in the article in question, was precipitated by a paper which was prepared by Mr. P. L. Pratley and read by Mr. G. H. Duggan, which contained certain suggestions as to highway bridge design. These suggestions, however, may and may not be adopted by the committee. The draft of the specifications as proposed by the committee is still subject to revision, and is quite different from those embodied in our article of December 21st.

PERSONAL.

A. C. GARDEN has been elected chairman of the Hamilton Harbor Commission for 1917.

A. A. COLE, president of the Canadian Mining Institute, has been nominated for re-election.

A. INGRAM, superintendent of the electric light and water commission, Kincardine, Ont., has resigned.

ROBERT PARKER, a contractor of Windsor, Ont., has been appointed building inspector for that city.

D. M. MAWHINNEY, formerly with the Winnipeg, Selkirk and Lake Winnipeg Railway, has been appointed engineer for Rockwood municipality, with offices at Stonewall, Man.

Lieut. JAMES CAMERON ARMER, of the Commercial Press, Limited, Toronto, has been appointed recruiting officer for the Canadian Engineers in Military District No. 2, Toronto, vice Lieut. M. B. DUTHIE.

LAWRENCE T. MARTIN, a member of the firm of O'Brien & Martin, railway contractors, Renfrew, Ont., has been appointed commanding officer of the Railway

Construction Battalion to be formed in Canada for service in France.

LORD COWDRAY, formerly Sir Westman Pearson, president of S. Pearson & Sons, Limited, contractors, London, England, has been appointed chairman of the Army and Navy Airplane Service Board, in succession to Lord Curzon.

W. W. BUTLER, heretofore senior vice-president of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Limited, Montreal, has been elected vice-president and managing director, and W. S. ATWOOD, heretofore chief engineer and general works manager, has been appointed operating manager.

Lieut. CUTHBERT P. COATSWORTH, son of his Honor Judge Emerson Coatsworth, Toronto, has been awarded the Military Cross. He is 22 years of age, and was a second year student at the School of Practical Science when he joined the 2nd Canadian Pioneer Battalion, with which he went overseas.

JOHN I. REID has been appointed superintendent of the Longue Pointe plant of the Canadian Steel Foundries, Limited, Montreal. He was formerly works manager of the American Steel Foundries' plant at Chester, Pa., and recently sales agent for the company at 30 Church Street, New York City.

Major LINDSAY MALCOLM, A.M.Can.Soc.C.E., of the Canadian Engineers, who at various times acted as city engineer at Guelph, Ont., in the absence of the regular engineer, and who went overseas in command of an engineering company from Queen's University, Kingston, received honorable mention in the latest dispatch of General Sir Douglas Haig.

Lieut. ROBERT L. DUNSMORE, of St. Thomas, Ont., who was wounded last July, has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery under fire. He is a civil engineer by profession, and a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. He volunteered for active service four days after the declaration of war, and went overseas with an engineering unit in the Second Division. Since he has been at the front he has suffered from an attack of typhoid fever.

Lieut. C. AUSTIN BELL, son of Chas. H. Bell, 427 Sumach Street, Toronto, is reported to have been awarded the Military Cross for bravery in action. Lieut. Bell, who is 25 years of age, enlisted as a private in the Engineers, and won his commission on the field. He was twice wounded, once at Langemark and once at Ypres. After convalescing in a Boulonge hospital he returned to the front. He is a graduate of the School of Practical Science and before enlisting was employed as a mines maintenance engineer with the Canadian Copper Co.

OBITUARY.

Lieut. CHARLES THURSTON BOWRING, of the Canadian Machine Gun Company, a member of the late firm of Bowring & Logan, electrical engineers, Winnipeg, was killed in action on December 29.

Lieut. GERALD GALT, a graduate of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, and who for many years prior to enlisting was a mining engineer in Chile, South America, is reported to have been instantly killed on Christmas night. Lieut. Galt went to the front early last year with the 3rd Tunnelling Corps. He was about 29 years of age.