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**MONEY AND MAGNATES****New Montreal Harbour Board.**

THE appointment of Messrs. W. G. Ross, Farquhar Robertson and Lieut.-Col. A. E. Labelle as members of a new Montreal harbour board to succeed the old board, whose time ended on December 31st, 1912, was ratified, at Ottawa, by the Cabinet, on December 24th.

Mr. W. G. Ross, the chairman of the new board, is well known in business and financial circles. He was born at Montreal, in 1863, and was educated there. In 1880 he began his business career as a chartered accountant, and from 1888 to 1890 he was treasurer of Windsor Hotel Co., succeeding to post of assistant manager in 1890. This position he held till 1892. Mr. Ross now turned his attention to organizing street railways, and in 1896-9 we find him comptroller of Montreal Street Railway, and in 1899-1903 secy.-treas. of same company. He was appointed vice-president Montreal Heat and Power Co. in 1903, and managing director Montreal Street Railway in 1904. Besides these positions he has been managing director Montreal Park and Island Railway, Mutual Benefit Association, and general manager Suburban Tramway and Power Co. In 1904 he was elected president Canadian Street Railways Association, and Street Railways Accountants Association of America, also vice-president of American Street Railway Association. Mr. Ross is the first Canadian to hold this last mentioned office. His business activities do not end here, and a director of Dominion Iron and Steel



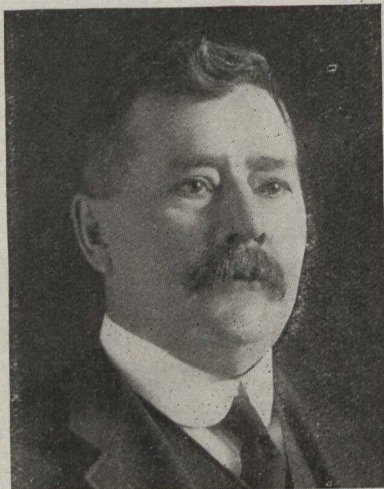
W. G. ROSS,
Chairman New Harbour Commission.

Co.; president of Quebec Railway, Light and Power Co.; vice-president Montreal Industrial Exhibition Association, and a director of Montreal-London Securities Corporation, and Pay-as-you-enter Car Corporation, his interests also extend to the athletic field. He has been president Canadian Amateur Skating Association, and in 1908 was a member of Canadian Olympic games committee.

Mr. Farquhar Robertson has been mentioned in a subsequent article. Lieut.-Colonel Labelle has been managing director of St. Lawrence Flour Mills Co. since 1910. He is well known in business circles, and among various other positions he is a member of Montreal Board of Trade, second vice-president of Chamber of Commerce, and vice-president Montreal Industrial Exhibition Association. Joining the 65th Regiment as a private in 1882, has served in North West Rebellion and is now in command of the regiment.

Merchants Bank Increase Board.

CHANGES in banking circles seem never ending. On December 18th, the Merchants Bank of Canada held its annual meeting, and at this meeting, among other items of business transacted, three new directors for the institution were elected. The shareholders voted for increasing the number



MR. FARQUHAR ROBERTSON,
New Director Merchants Bank.

of directors from nine to twelve, hence the appointments. The three gentlemen elected were Messrs. Farquhar Robertson, George L. Cains and Alfred B. Evans.

It sounds much like taffy to say the Merchants Bank are lucky to secure these gentlemen for its board or anything like that, so we shall say nothing of the nature, but give you facts, and let you find it out for yourself.

Mr. Robertson is a coal merchant, and a pretty big one, too. He promoted Alex. McArthur & Co.; is a director of Prudential Trust Co.; Parks and Playgrounds Association; Montreal Citizens League, and is one of the promoters of the Montreal Typhoid Emergency Hospital. In 1908 he was vice-president of the Montreal Board of Trade, of which he was elected president in 1909.

Mr. George L. Cains began his business career in 1874, with S. Greenshields, Sons and Co. (now Greenshields, Limited). In 1891 he was made a partner and represented the firm in the Maritime Provinces.

He has had experience on the Montreal Board of Trade, having been vice-president in 1909 and in 1910 president. Mr. Cains is a director of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Co., and of Montreal Canine Association.

Mr. Alfred B. Evans, of Montreal, is second vice-president of the National Drug Co. of Canada.

On and Off the Exchange.**New President for Prudential Trust Company.**

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Prudential Trust Co., on December 19th, Mr. B. H. Brown was appointed president of that institution in the place of Lieut.-Col. J. H. Burland, who has recently resigned from that position. Mr. Brown has been filling the position of

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