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The preparation of the material in this report, excepting that relating to the Winnipeg river, was commenced by Mr. D. L. McLean, chief engineer of the Manitoba Hydrographic and Power Surveys, but owing to his resignation from the department in October last, to accept a position with the engineering staff of the city of Winnipeg, most of the work has developed upon Mr. S. S. Seovil, assistant chief engineer, to whose energy and resourcefulness is due a great measure of credit for the compilation of the material in the short time available.

It might seem pertinent to put on record more complete data bearing on the hydrology and other natural phenomena of the river basins of Manitoba which the engineers of the Water Power Branch have collected, collated and compiled, but these data will shortly be published in a forthcoming report of the work of the Manitoba Hydrographic and Power Surveys, and, furthermore, the limited time available for the completion of this report prevents satisfactory deductions therefrom. It has therefore been considered advisable to furnish general hydrographic data only, and to suggest that persons desiring to pursue questions of water supply further should either communicate with the chief engineer of the Manitoba Hydrographic and Power Survey or await the issue of the report referred to.

It is regretted that the limited time available for the preparation of this report--due to the necessity of having it placed in your hands by the 15th of December--has prevented a more complete and careful compilation of the available material regarding the physical features of power in Manitoba.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. CHALLIES,

*Superintendent of Water Power Branch.*