

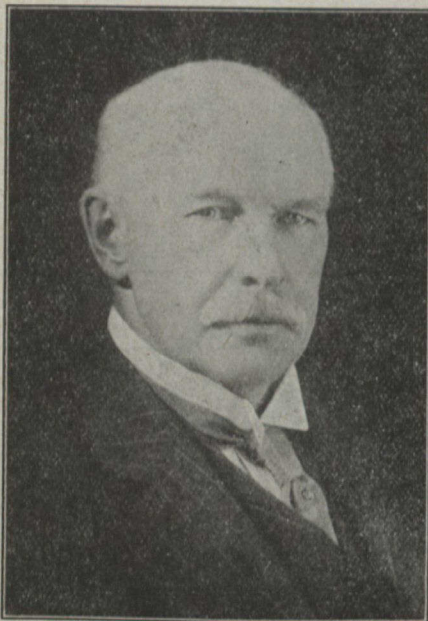
PERSONAL NOTES

MR. C. E. WATTS, secretary of the Canadian Millers' Association, has gone to Winnipeg to place before the grain men the situation regarding the distribution of wheat.

MR. JAMES E. JOHNSTON has been admitted to partnership in the firm of O'Brien and Williams, members of the Montreal Stock Exchange. The other partners are Messrs. W. P. O'Brien, M. E. Williams and R. E. MacDougall.

LORD READING and LORD NORTHCLIFFE will pay an official visit to Ottawa on October 4, 5 and 6. Lord Reading has full powers to act for Great Britain in matters of finance. It is probable that, while he is here, he will meet with Canadian bankers for the purpose of discussing exchange and other financial subjects.

MR. PHELPS JOHNSON, president of the St. Lawrence Bridge Company, is the designer of the K-truss system used for the new Quebec bridge completed last week. He was the organizer of the St. Lawrence Bridge Company, and the man who decided that there should be at least one bid from a Canadian company for the building of such an important



Mr. Phelps Johnson.

Canadian structure. He evolved the idea of floating and hoisting the suspended span into position, and he was the executive head of the whole big organization that planned and carried out the great undertaking. Mr. Johnson is president of the Dominion Bridge Company, having succeeded the late Mr. James Ross about four or five years ago. He joined the Dominion Bridge Company as vice-president thirty-five years ago, after having had several years' experience with three different United States bridge companies.

After having acted for some years as vice-president of the Dominion Bridge Company, Mr. Johnson undertook the duties of chief engineer, and was for a considerable period very active in the design and erection of many of Western Canada's most important structures. Subsequently he returned to Montreal as vice-president and general manager of the company, which office he filled until he succeeded to the presidency.

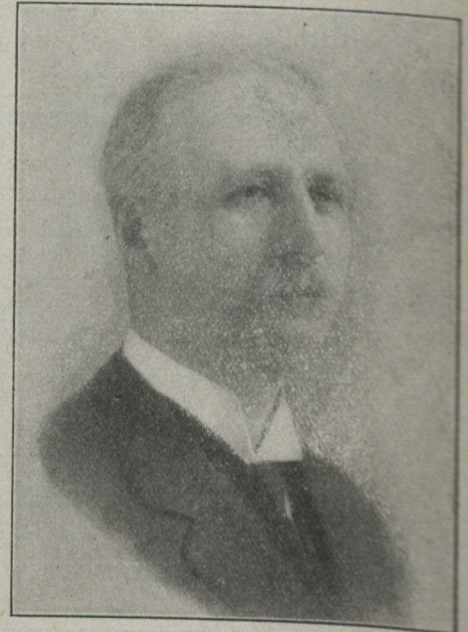
SIR THOMAS WHITE discussed with the executive officers of the Life Underwriters' Association on Wednesday, the preparations for the flotation of the fourth domestic war loan and received from them a promise of co-operation in issuing it. Those who were present at the conference were Messrs. T. B. Macauley, of Montreal, H. C. Cox, of Toronto, J. B. McKechnie and J. B. Kilgour.

MR. A. W. McLIMONT, one of the leading traction experts of the continent, has been appointed general manager of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company. Mr. Wilford Phillips, who has occupied the position of general manager for some 15 years, is retiring. Mr. McLimont was employed as engineer under the New York public service commission in New York and was also appointed engineer of the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway. Mr. McLimont is a Canadian and was born in the city of Quebec.

MR. J. E. HALL has been elected president and MR. CHAS. E. MEEK, vice-president of the Vancouver Grain Exchange. Mr. Hall was formerly president of the Vancouver Milling and Grain Company. The Vancouver Grain Exchange has taken on new activity with the opening of the Vancouver route for Canadian wheat and there is every hope that Vancouver will prove a grain port.

MR. GEORGE H. DUGGAN, chief engineer of the St. Lawrence Bridge Company, is also vice-president of the Dominion Bridge Company. He graduated at the School of Prac-

tical Science, Toronto University, about 1883, and a few years later entered the employ of the Dominion Bridge Company, becoming chief engineer in 1891. In 1902 he resigned to become assistant to the president of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, and in 1904 was appointed second vice-president and general manager of the Dominion Coal Company. About six years later he rejoined the Dominion Bridge Company as general manager. Mr. Duggan is also a director of the Royal Bank of Canada, the Montreal Trust Company, the Hillcrest Collieries, and many other engineering and business concerns. Some interesting information as to the new Quebec bridge appears on another page.



Mr. Geo. H. Duggan.

ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA

Another important insurance organization of the United States has decided to do business in Canada. The Alliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia, which has built up an excellent business and reputation during its 12 years' career, has just established a Canadian department. This will be in charge of Robert Hampson and Son, Limited, 1 St. John Street, Montreal, one of the best-known insurance firms in the Dominion. Messrs. Hampson and Son invite applications for Canadian agencies.

The Alliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia, which has agents throughout the United States and settling agents in all the principal foreign countries, writes the following forms of insurance: Fire, marine, rent, tornado, automobile, inland, baggage, leasehold, use and occupancy, parcel post, salesmen's samples.

How the company has grown in the past few years is shown in the following table, which is a strong tribute to its business methods and prompt and satisfactory loss settlements:—

Jan. 1st.	Assets.	Reserve.	Net surplus.
1913	\$2,238,629	\$668,154	\$ 642,591
1914	2,288,274	672,858	691,160
1915	2,399,489	673,641	773,097
1916	2,678,459	690,335	975,876
1917	3,060,371	796,119	1,151,852

Since its organization, the Alliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia has paid losses of \$6,324,955. Its surplus to policyholders is \$1,901,852. The company's liabilities, according to the latest annual statement, are as follow: Capital stock, \$750,000; reserve for reinsurance, \$796,119; reserve for unpaid losses, \$316,396; all other liabilities, \$46,004; contingent fund, \$401,852; surplus, \$750,000; total, \$3,060,371.