

## PERSONAL NOTES

MR. H. N. DEWITT, of Armstrong, DeWitt and Crossin, general insurance agents, Toronto, has returned from a visit to England.

MR. LEWIS LAING, assistant manager for Canada of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, is visiting England on a holiday trip.

MR. G. F. R. HARRIS, manager for Manitoba for the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, has resigned, after serving 35 years with that company.

MR. W. T. FERRY, Canadian manager of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, has returned to Toronto after spending a month visiting the western agencies of the company.

MR. C. M. SAUNDERS, treasurer of the Canada Life Assurance Company, sailed for England on May 14, where he will join Mr. H. C. Cox, president, and inspect the company's English investments.

COLONEL W. GRANT MORDEN, M.P., is the central figure in the promotion of the \$500,000,000 British Empire Steel



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Corporation, the consummation of which is considered one of the greatest economic developments in the inter-imperial history of the Empire. The principal interests involved include the Dominion Steel Corporation, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and the Canada Steamship Lines, and several other enterprises. The project has been favorably received in business and financial circles, and though some criticism has been directed against it in parliament, the general opinion is that the government

has no reason to prevent it. Col. Morden spent his early life in Toronto, is now a member of the British House of Commons, and is actively identified with several large industrial enterprises.

MR. JOHN AIRD, JR., has been appointed Canadian manager of W. B. Richards and Company, Limited, whose head office is in New York. Canadian headquarters are at 107 St. James Street, Montreal.

MR. J. G. RICHTER, alderman, of London, Ont., has accepted an offer to act as assistant to Mr. Stephen Grant, assessment commissioner. Mr. Richter was for many years manager of the London Life Insurance Company, and has a reputation as an actuary and an expert at figures. He will begin work when the assessment now being made for 1921, is completed.

MR. A. F. MITCHELL, Montreal manager of the New York brokerage firm of Laidlaw and Company, who has been visiting England, has returned. Mr. Mitchell states that the problem which faces the world to-day, is the depreciation of European credit and currency, due to the fact that gold is the standard of value, and the greater the supply of paper money, the greater its depreciation. "Europe with its enormous paper debts, has lost its gold paying strength," he said, "holdings of the metal having passed to the United States, and, to a lesser degree, to several of the countries neutral in the war."

MR. HEDLEY C. WRIGHT, formerly assistant manager and secretary of the General Accident Assurance Company of Canada, has rejoined the London Guarantee and Accident Company, to assist the manager for Canada, Mr. Geo. Weir. Mr. Wright joined the London Guarantee Company, as a junior at the head office in London, England, coming to Canada in 1911 to take charge of the personal accident de-



partment, and in 1912 went to Calgary as special representative for Alberta. He held other positions till 1917, when he joined the General Accident Company, as assistant manager. Mr. Wright was recently elected president for 1920 of the Western Casualty Underwriters' Association.

## OBITUARIES

MR. GILBERT CARTIER, assistant comptroller of the city of Montreal, died on May 16th, at his home in that city.

MR. THOMAS ESMONA PECK, president of the Peck Rolling Mills, Limited, died at Montreal last week at the age of 41 years. Mr. Peck was born in Montreal.

MR. JOHN S. MEREDITH, aged seventy-six years, former manager of the Merchants Bank in London for more than fifteen years, died at his residence, 565 Talbot Street, London, Ont., on May 26th.

MR. JOHN F. KELLEY, managing director of Kelley's, Limited, the large wholesale and retail leather house of Halifax, N.S., dropped dead at his home on May 22nd. Mr. Kelley was about seventy years of age.

MR. JOHN MCKERGOW, ex-mayor of Westmount, Que., and well known in Montreal business circles, died at his home at 343 Kensington Ave., Montreal, from pneumonia on May 16th. Mr. McKergow was born in Scotland about 75 years ago, and received his public and high school training in Montreal. He started his career as a junior in the wholesale provision business of A. A. Ayer Company, becoming vice-president of that firm several years later. At the time of his death he was president of the Montreal Lumber Company, Limited, and director of the Sun Life Assurance Company, the Crown Trust Company, and the Peter Lyall and Sons Construction Company.