

PERSONAL.

MR. M. K. ALLEN has resigned from the position of city engineer of Regina, Sask.

ALD. CHISHOLM has resigned his position as chairman of the Board of Works, Toronto, to become property commissioner of the same city.

MR. G. A. DUDLEY, of Windsor, N.S., has been appointed to a position on the engineering staff of the St. John Valley Railroad.

MR. A. S. RUNCIMAN, who was with the Canadian Westinghouse Company, at Calgary, is now assistant superintendent of the electric light department of Prince Albert, Sask.

MR. FRANK E. BELFRY, of the firm of Thomson and Belfry, has been selected for the position of architect assistant superintendent of buildings under the Board of Education for the city of Toronto.

MR. R. S. LEA, Mem. Can. Soc. C.E., Mem. Am. Soc. C.E., M.I.C.E., has recently removed his office from 405 Dorchester Street West, to Room 820 New Birks Building, Montreal. Besides conducting a consulting practice of his own, Mr. Lea is associated with H. C. Ferguson, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City, under the name of Lea and Ferguson, consulting engineers for paper and pulp mill equipment and hydraulic developments.

MR. ALEXANDER LESLIE BLACK has recently joined the firm of Ford, Bacon and Davis, 115 Broadway, New York, as engineer in charge of southern properties. Mr. Black graduated from the School of Mines, Columbia College, in 1890, leaving the college to go into mining work in Mexico. In 1894-5 he had charge of the reconstruction for electric operation of the St. Charles Street Railway, New Orleans, remaining with that company until 1901. Since that time he has been the engineer for the New Orleans Railway and Light Company.

OBITUARY.

MR. H. J. BEEMER is dead in England, according to a cable despatch. Mr. Beemer was born at Holmesdale, Pennsylvania, in 1848. He began business in New York with Smith and Ripley, who brought him to Canada over twenty years ago. His first work as a contractor was on the Ottawa Railway bridge, followed by portions of the Dufferin improvements at Quebec. Later, he constructed a number of railways, bridges and waterworks. He built the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge at Ottawa, the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway, the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway, the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, the Quebec and Montmorency Railway, now the St. Anne division of the Quebec Railway, the Light, Heat and Power Company's system in Quebec, a new water main for the city of Quebec, and the new St. Louis and Kent gates, also in Quebec.

MEETINGS.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities will be held at Windsor, Ont., on August 27th, 28th and 29th. Among the speakers and their subjects are the president, Mr. J. W. McCready, Fredericton; Ald. Harris, Halifax, "Capital Cities"; City Engineer Doarn, Halifax, "The Cleaning of Water Mains"; Ald. Cannon, Quebec, "Electric Franchises"; Mayor Hebert, Sherbrooke, "The Operation of Public Utilities in Sherbrooke"; Ald. Boyd, Montreal, "Metropolitan Parks"; Mayor Hopewell, Ottawa,

"The Georgian Bay Canal Water Powers"; S. Morley Wickett, Toronto, "Municipal Government by Commission"; G. A. Walters, Detroit, "Motion Pictures"; Controller Harvey, Winnipeg, "The Price of Cement"; Controller Cockburn, Winnipeg, "Winnipeg's Hydro-Electric Power Plant"; J. N. Bayne, Regina, "Municipal Progress in the West"; Mayor Spencer, Medicine Hat, "Good Roads and Their Effect Upon Rural Life"; Ald. Clarke, Edmonton, "Equable Municipal Taxation"; Ald. Hepburn, Vancouver, "Municipal Taxation"; Councillor Richardson, Point Gray, B.C., "Point Gray as a Model City."

CANADIAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

Mr. James Lawler, of Ottawa, secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association, has just returned from Montreal and the city of Quebec, where he was making arrangements for the Dominion Forestry Convention to be held upon the invitation of the government of British Columbia, in Victoria, B.C., on September 4, 5 and 6. He found great interest being taken in this convention, in which Sir Richard McBride and Hon. W. R. Ross will personally take part, and which will be held in the best time to see the Pacific Coast and the prairies. Hon. Jules Allard, Minister of Lands and Forests for Quebec, has consented to attend and he will be accompanied by some of the officers of his department. Eastern lumbermen and forest engineers will also be well represented. The railways have granted greatly reduced rates for the return trip to Victoria to delegates. Mr. Lawler, who is looking after the arrangements, states that everything is looking well for one of the largest conventions ever held on the coast.

AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

The invitation extended by the mayor and the Commercial Association of the city of Cincinnati to the American Road Builders' Association to hold its ninth annual convention in that city has been accepted. The convention of the American Good Roads Congress, which is always held in connection with the convention, will, therefore, be held in Music Hall, Cincinnati, December 3, 4, 5 and 6.

In connection with the annual convention of the association, there will be held, as usual, an exhibition of machinery, materials and methods of road construction in Music Hall in space which has been set aside for the purpose. The building has a floor space of over 50,000 square feet and it is expected that all this space will be required for the exhibits. Not only will the manufacturers of material and machinery be represented in this exhibition, but the several states will have booths set aside for them in which they will exhibit models of roads, photographs, drawings, road materials, etc. This feature will be especially attractive to road builders. It is proposed, in fact, to make the exhibition practically an exposition of everything that pertains to road building and street paving in all their phases.

The American Road Builders' Association was organized in 1902. The president of the association is Nelson P. Lewis, chief engineer, Board of Estimate and Apportionment of New York city; first vice-president, Harold Parker, ex-chairman of the Massachusetts State Highway Commission; treasurer, Major W. W. Crosby, consulting engineer of the Maryland State Highway Commission; secretary, E. L. Powers, editor and publisher of "Good Roads." Among the directors of the association are: W. A. McLean, provincial engineer of highways of Ontario; Arthur W. Dean, chief