

CURRENT NEWS.

Ottawa, Ont.—After tests made simultaneously in Canada, the United States and England at the instance of the board of engineers who prepared plans for the super-structure of the Quebec bridge, the engineers have reported to Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, that the plans are satisfactory. The engineers came to the conclusion that the cantilever principle is better than suspension. The tests demonstrated that a suspension bridge might not be practicable. The engineers do not contend that other plans might not be as good or in some respects better, and they are open yet to consider other plans, but they claim that from the approved plans a safe bridge can be constructed. Mr. Graham states that tenders will be advertised for in a few days. The successful tenderer will have to accept full responsibility for the bridge.

Winnipeg, Man.—By an order-in-Council the board of examiners for architects in this province was appointed, in accordance with an Act passed at the last session of the legislature incorporating the architects of Manitoba. The board is as follows: Wm. Fingland and J. H. Russell, to act for four years, H. Matthews and W. Percy Over, to act for two years, and Prof. Brydone-Jack representing the university, who will act for two years. The Act does not interfere with a man drawing his own plans for a building, but hereafter no one can practise the profession without satisfying the board as to his qualifications.

Lethbridge, Alta.—The city council decided to purchase an automobile for the use of the mayor and the superintendent of the waterworks department.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—The first civic elections for mayor and aldermen for the city of Prince Rupert, will be held about 19th May, and after that date a city engineer will be required. Applications stating salary, etc., should be sent to the city clerk.

Vancouver, B.C.—Council is considering the appointment of a waterworks engineer.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Walter Craig Kerr, president of the Westinghouse Church, Kerr & Company, a well-known construction engineer, of Rochester, Minn., died on May 9th. Some of the greatest undertakings in the United States are a part of his work, the most notable being the Pennsylvania terminal, now in course of construction, in New York City. For nearly twenty years he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Cornell, from which he was graduated in '79.

Mr. Herbert S. Fierheller, B.A., Sc., a graduate of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, Toronto University, of the class of 1906, died at his home, Toronto, May 3rd, 1910. Since graduation, Mr. Fierheller has been a member of the staff of the Faculty of Applied Science, holding at the time of his death the position of demonstrator in electricity.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Ottawa Branch, C. S. C. E.—On Wednesday, May 18th, the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Society will discuss Mr. H. S. Hancock's paper on the "Fort William Water Supply."

Canadian Railway Club.—Mr. A. A. Mayer, master mechanic of the Grand Trunk Railway, was elected president of the above club at the annual meeting held on Tuesday week at Montreal. Other officers are as follows:

Vice-president—A. A. Goodchild, auditor of stores accounts, C.P.R.

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