

TRACTION ENGINE COMPETITION IN BELGIUM.

According to its weekly report the Department of Trade and Commerce, Canada, is informed that the Belgian Minister for the Colonies has organized an international competition of traction engines and other ploughing machines. A sum of 70,000 francs will be appropriated for the best machines, and indemnities up to 15,000 francs will be granted to the competitors who have received no orders.

Canadian manufacturers are invited to take part in this competition, which will be held at Chassart, near Fleurus, Belgium, from the 24th to the 27th of September next.

PERSONAL.

FRANK BARBER, C.E., bridge and structural engineer, Toronto, has recovered from an illness extending over several months and is at his office again.

ERNST POENSGEN, general manager of the tube department of the Phoenix Steel Works, Dusseldorf, Germany, arrived this week in New York City. He will make a tour of United States and Canada in his firm's interests.

A. WOODROFFE MANTON, M.I.C.E., B.Sc., resident engineer in Constantinople for the engineering firm of S. Pearson & Son, Limited, with headquarters at London, England, is in Toronto at present forming a Canadian office for his firm.

W. B. STOKES, formerly of London, England, has opened a store on Notre Dame Street, Montreal, for the sale of engineering and surveying instruments. He has the sole Canadian agency for Cassella's instruments, and also for Watson's microscopes.

H. V. HUTCHINSON, of Baldry, Yearberg & Hutchinson, contractors, Westminster, London, England, is visiting Canada to determine the possibilities in this country for profitable contracts for his firm. He is making arrangements for Canadian representation.

WM. GIBBS BAIN, contracting engineer and metallurgist, of Philadelphia, is at present in Toronto. Mr. Bain was a student at the University of Toronto in the early eighties, but has resided since then in the United States. He is making a tour of the Dominion, and is particularly interested in the hydro-electric development.

H. T. ROUTLY, B.A.Sc., has this summer severed his connection as engineer of the Township of Coleman, after having had charge of the highway and other engineering work during the past four years. In the course of that time the standard of high-class road construction which he set in Coleman township has been an object lesson for other and older parts of the province. Mr. Routly has established an office in Toronto.

JAMES D. ROBERTSON, formerly sales manager for the Pittsburg Valve, Foundry and Construction Company, has again assumed charge of the sales of this company, returning as second vice-president after two years' absence. Mr. Robertson in the meantime has successfully completed the organization, plant, and launching in business of the Warren Tool and Forge Company, of Warren, Ohio. He began his business career with Atwood & McCaffrey, and when that concern was absorbed by the Pittsburg Valve, Foundry and Construction Company, he continued his services, and up to the time of his withdrawal had completed his twenty-first year with the company.

In last week's "Personal" column we made mention of a trip west of Gustave Kahn, of the "Trust" Concrete Steel Company, of Canada, Limited. The Trussed Concrete Steel Company is so widely known that it seems superfluous to

call attention to the typographical slip in the item as it appeared. We mention it, however, just to remind ourselves of its occurrence.

OBITUARY.

JOHN C. BAYLISS, a well-known contractor of Toronto, died at his summer residence at Dixie on August 17th. Mr. Bayliss came to Toronto some twenty years ago from Islington, England, and was engaged in contracting work in this city for the past eighteen years, his firm having built many of Toronto's public schools, the latest one being the Duke of Connaught School. The firm also built St. Anne's Anglican Church, and is at present working on the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Mr. Bayliss also had charge of construction work in Meaford and Walkerton, Ont.

JACOB SERSON, Provincial Superintendent of Bridges for British Columbia, and a resident of Kootenay, died in Nelson, B.C., on August 12th, at sixty-nine years of age. Mr. Serson joined the construction forces of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Pembroke, Ont., thirty-eight years ago, when the first great transcontinental line was in its infancy. A greater part of his connection with the company was in the building of bridges throughout the West. About eight years ago Mr. Serson left the railway service to accept the position which he held with the province at the time of his death.

COMING MEETINGS.

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto, August 28th and 29th. Secretary-treasurer, Mr. K. W. McKay, County Clerk, St. Thomas, Ont.

THE NEW ENGLAND WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION.—Annual Convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1913. Secretary, William Kent, Narragansett Pier, R.I.

THE ROYAL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA.—Sixth General Annual Assembly will be held at Calgary, Alberta, September 15th and 16th. President, J. H. G. Russell, Winnipeg, Man.; Hon. Secretary, Alcide Chaussé, 5 Beaver Hall Square, Montreal, Que.

CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.—Third Annual Meeting in Regina, September 18th, 19th and 20th. General Secretary, Major Lorne Drum, Ottawa; Local Secretary, R. H. Murray, C.E., Regina.

AMERICAN ROAD CONGRESS.—Annual Session will be held in Detroit, Michigan, from September 29th to October 4th. Secretary, J. E. Pennybacker, Colorado Building, Washington, D.C.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.—Twentieth Annual Meeting to be held in Wilmington, Del., October 7th to 10th. Secretary, A. Prescott Folwell, 15 Union Square, New York.

UNITED STATES GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.—Convention will be held at St. Louis, Mo., November 10th to 15th. Secretary, J. A. Rountree, Lo21 Brown-Marx Building, Birmingham, Ala.

AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION.—Tenth Annual Convention to be held in First Regiment Armory Building, Philadelphia, Pa., December 9th to 12th. Secretary, E. L. Powers, 150 Nassau Street, New York, N.Y.

AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE.—Tenth Annual Convention to be held in Chicago, February 16th to 20th, 1914. Secretary, E. E. Krauss, Harrison Building, Philadelphia, Pa.