PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. G. Bell has been appointed to succeed Mr. C. W. Bolton as manager of Canada National Insurance Company, Saskatoon.

Mr. W. D. Clark has been appointed as manager of The Molsons Bank at Exeter, Ont., succeeding Mr. N. D. Hurdon, who recently retired.

Mr. J. W. Woods has been elected president of the Toronto board of trade, and as first vice-president, Mr. Arthur Hewitt was elected, the second vice-president being Mr. J. G. Kent, and the treasurer, Mr. Chas. Marriott.

Mr. W. P. Rodgers has been elected president of the Metropolis Securities, Limited; Mr. J. B. Martin, first vice-president; Mr. J. A. Rodgers, second vice-president, and Mr. Wm. McBride, managing director and secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Just, Canadian trade commissioner at Hamburg, is a prisoner on parole in that city, but may be allowed to return to England shortly. He has a brother in Montreal, while Sir Hartmann Just, of the British colonial office, is another brother.

Mr. G. S. Gamble has been appointed manager of the Regina branch of the Prudential Trust Company, of Montreal. Mr. W. S. Gordon will be in charge of liquidations, assignments and estates, and Mr. E. E. Canney in charge of the insurance department at this branch.

Mr. G. G. Le Mesurier, who has been acting manager of the Imperial Bank since Mr. O. F. Rice became ill, a year ago, has been appointed permanently to the position. The directors have also appointed Mr. G. D. Bolton as chief inspector, to succeed Mr. William Moffat, who a short time ago became assistant general manager.

Mr. Harold Wallace, late manager of the London, England, branch of the Dominion Securities Corporation, has been appointed manager of the bond department of Messrs. Æmilius Jarvis and Company, bankers and brokers, Toronto. Mr. Wallace, who has been with the Dominion Securities Corporation for the past ten years, is a Toronto man, and a graduate of the University of Toronto.

Mr. N. D. Hurdon, manager of the Molsons Bank at Exeter, Ont., retired at the end of December. On his retirement the local staff of the bank presented him with a gold-headed cane as a token of the esteem in which he was held by them. Mr. Hurdon has had a banking career of 52 years. At the age of 17 Mr. Hurdon was engaged as clerk in the National Provincial Bank of England, Barnstaple, North Devon, England, remaining two years there, when he was transferred to the head office in London, England, where he served six years, leaving there for the Molsons Bank, Montreal. On his arrival in Canada he joined the Montreal branch of the Molsons Bank, and remained there several years. He was also connected with various other branches, Brockville, Toronto, London, Ridgetown, and finally Exeter. It was in 1885 that he was ordered to Exeter, and with the exception of one year at Ridgetown Mr. Hurdon lived there 28 years.

Mr. W. H. Rowley, president of the E. B. Eddy Company, Ottawa, and one of Canada's leading manufacturers, died suddenly this week while talking to friends in Toronto. Mr. Rowley was born at Yarmouth, N.S., on March 21st, 1851. A descendant on his mother's side of the United Empire Loyalists, he was a son of Lieut.-Col. J. W. H. Rowley. He graduated from the Royal Military School at Halifax, N.S., in 1866, and was a lieutenant of artillery. Mr. Rowley started his business life at the Bank of Yarmouth. He was manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada at Ottawa and other large centres. He organized the E. B. Eddy Company, of Hull, Que., in 1887, and was secretary-treasurer until Mr. Eddy's death in 1906, when he became president of the company. For many years Mr. Rowley was a prominent member of the executive committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and after being vice-president twice was elected president of the association, 1910-11.

Sir James Aikins, counsel of the Great West Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg, says in the company's bulletin: "The financial depression in Western Canada cannot be attributed so much to the war as to the widespread, reckless speculation in urban properties in recent years, too easy money and consequent extravagance. Thanks to our British supremacy on the seas and the industry of our people, business in sane channels is peacefully going on. Now is a time for thoughtful thrift and provident care for the future interest of our families. A safe and easy investment is life insurance." Sir James is of the legal firms of Aikins, Fullerton, Foley and Newcombe, and Aikins, Loftus and Aikins, Winnipeg. He is president of the General Assets and Agency Corporation; director, Northern Trusts Company; director, Canadian Fire Insurance Company; director, Canadian Indemnity Company; director, Imperial Bank, and Canadian director of the Gresham Life Assurance Company. He was born at Grahamsville, Peel county, Ont., December 10th, 1851, son of Hon. J. C. Aikins, P.C., and Maria Elizabeth Aikins. Called to Ontario Bar, 1878, he went to Winnipeg and was called to Manitoba Bar in 1879, and then to Northwest Territories Bar, now Saskatchewan and Alberta Bars, 1882. Other events in his career are as follows: Created Q.C., 1884; counsel at Winnipeg for Imperial Bank of Canada, Bank of Ottawa, Great-West Life Assurance Company, Standard Trusts Company; counsel for Canadian Pacific Railway, Western Canada, 1881-1911; counsel for Government of Manitoba, drafting Manitoba Liquor Bill, 1900; president, Canadian Bar Association; president, Manitoba Bar Association; Bencher, Manitoba Law Society, since 1880, and has served as its secretary, treasurer and president; counsel for Department of Justice, 1879-1896. Elected to House of Commons for Brandon, 1911; appointed by Dominion Government one of Royal Commissioners to investigate and report on administration of justice in Northwest Territories, 1880; appointed by Dominion Government to represent Canada at International Congress on Moral Education at The Hague, 1912; appointed by Manitoba Government, member of Royal Commission concerning Agriculture Education, 1902. Created Knight Bachelor, June, 1914. Director, Wesley College; councillor, Manitoba University; honorary bursar, since 1887; chairman, Royal Commission, Manitoba University, 1906; director, Manitoba Agricultural College; member of Wesley College Board, since 1890; president, Young Men's Christian Association, Winnipeg, 1879-1882. Presented silver cup to Manitoba Mounted Rifles for general efficiency, 1907; has presented numerous other cups and medals for various military and other organizations; appointed honorary lieutenant-colonel, 90th Regiment, Winnipeg Rifles, 1910; appointed honorary colonel, 99th Regiment, Brandon, 1911.

NANAIMO COAL MINES ARE WORKING

(Staff Correspondence.)

Vancouver, January 11th.

At Nanaimo general conditions are satisfactory, and, despite the strike which existed for some months after May 1st, 1913, there has not been much fluctuation. The coal mines there are working, and there is prospect of operations being extended. Mr. Thomas Stockett, manager of the Western Fuel Company, which has extensive coal properties at Nanaimo, says 1915 will be a good year.

In the lumber line many inquiries have come in during the past two or three weeks for shingles, and it is probable that some of the larger mills will be resuming operations. There is a feeling that the millmen should wait until at least the end of the month to give the market time to gather more strength. It is understood that the Cameron Lumber Company, of Victoria, has secured a large contract in competition with coast firms on both sides of the line which will keep its large plant going for several months. The list of exports does not disclose any particular feature, but they amount to more than a year ago. It is noticeable, too, that the amount of logs scaled in December was larger than in November, the figures being 40,000,000 and 29,000,000, respectively, in round numbers. It is probable that coast lumber companies will secure some of the pit-prop and railway tie trade from Great Britain and France.

The returns of the British Columbia Telephone Company are an indication of general conditions. The first of this month shows a gain over the first of January a year ago in the number of telephones in British Columbia. The gain is, perhaps, only slight, but that there should be a gain at all is encouraging. Long distance telephone business shows an increase of about ten per cent. in all its territory in the province. The inference is that business interests are progressing. Such advancement speaks well for this company, which is British Columbian in every aspect, being controlled and managed by residents of the province.