

### PERSONAL.

J. W. PURCELL has been appointed manager of the branch office just opened at 1206 Union Trust Building, Winnipeg, by the firm of F. H. Hopkins and Co., Montreal.

CHAS. SHERGOLD, second Lieutenant in the corps of the Royal Canadian Engineers, has been the recipient of a medal for distinguished service in the field at Tour de Passy.

S. B. WASS has just been appointed assistant superintendent of the St. John and Quebec Railway, in charge of station service, train service and track, with office at Fredrickton, N.B.

E. A. STONE, Ma. E., M. Can. Soc. C.E., consulting engineer, with offices in Vancouver, B.C., has recently accepted a professorship in structural and municipal engineering at the School of Mines, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

A. P. COLEMAN, professor of geology in the University of Toronto, has been elected president of the Geological Society of America, which met in Philadelphia last week in connection with the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

J. J. McMANUS has been appointed assistant superintendent of the National Transcontinental Railway, between Harvey Junction and Parent, Que., in charge of station service, train service and track, with office at Harvey Junction, P.Q.

GRANT HALL has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Winnipeg, of lines west of Port Arthur. Since 1911 he has been assistant general manager of western lines of the C.P.R., previous to which date he was for some years superintendent of motive power of western lines.

E. V. BUCHANAN has been appointed to take full charge of the work of the Public Utilities Commission of London, Ont., relieving General Manager H. J. Glaubnitz and Assistant Manager Hunt of their duties while the latter are engaged in a special investigation. Mr. Buchanan has been attached to the Commission as electrical engineer.

CLIFFORD SIFTON, chairman since 1909 of the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, Canada, has received the title of Knights Bachelor from the King. He has spent many years in public service, and in 1903 was agent for the British Government before the Alaska Boundary Tribunal.

J. W. LEONARD, assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, is resigning the position to become superintendent of the Toronto Terminal Company, the organization in charge of the construction of the proposed Union Station and terminal developments for the city of Toronto. Mr. Leonard has been in railroad work since 1872.

GEORGE JOSEPH DESBARATS, deputy minister and comptroller of naval service, and formerly deputy minister of marine and fisheries, Canada, has been honored by the King with the rank of C.M.G. (Companion, St. Michael and St. George). The recipient of this distinction is a graduate of Laval University, and holds the degree of B.A.Sc. He has had an extended experience in public service as engineer on canal construction and other works. In 1901 he rebuilt and enlarged the Government shipyards at Sorel, Que.

HERBERT SAMUEL HOLT, M. Can. Soc. C.E., president of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, and President of the Royal Bank of Canada, has had the title of Knights Bachelor conferred upon him by the King. Sir Herbert came to Canada as a civil engineer in 1875, and has acted successively as engineer for the Credit Valley, Victoria, Lake Simcoe Junction, Ontario and Quebec and

other railways in Ontario. In partnership with Messrs. Ross, Mackenzie and Mann he built in 1889-92 the Regina, Qu'Appelle and Long Lake and the Calgary and Edmonton Railways, aggregating 550 miles. Since 1892 he has devoted his time largely to finance and banking, becoming associated with many successful enterprises.

### OBITUARY.

The death is reported from Vancouver, B.C., of Mr. George Herbert Webster, civil engineer, formerly with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and a member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers since 1887.

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

The annual meeting of American Institute of Consulting Engineers, Inc., will be held Tuesday, January 19th, 1915, at the City Club, 55 West 44th Street, New York City, at 8 p.m. Three members of the Council will be elected. Reports of the Council and of special committees will be presented. Ballots will be canvassed also for the adoption of amended constitution and by-laws as prepared by the special committee appointed at the last annual meeting. Eugene W. Stern, C.E., 101 Park Avenue, New York, is Secretary of the Institute.

### AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the American Forestry Association will be held at the Woolworth Building, New York City, on Monday, January 11th. Dr. Henry S. Drinker is President, and Mr. P. S. Ridsdale, Washington, D.C., is Secretary.

### ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

Section D—Engineering, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held its annual convention in Philadelphia, December 30th and 31st. Dr. Fredk. W. Taylor, Vice-President of the Section, presided. Prof. Arthur H. Blanchard, of Columbia University, New York City, is Secretary.

### CANADIAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

The 16th annual business meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association for the consideration of reports, passing of accounts, dealing with business arising out of the same, the election of officers, etc., will be held in the assembly hall of the Carnegie Public Library, Ottawa, on Tuesday, January 19th, at 8 o'clock p.m. Though the war takes up most of the national attention and energy, yet work so vital to the continued well-being of the nation as the protection of our natural resources should be pressed forward as vigorously as circumstances permit, so that after the war our people will have the raw material out of which to build up renewed prosperity. That all who can attend and take part will do so is the request of Mr. William Power, M.P., President, and Mr. James Lawler, Secretary.

The Commission of Conservation holds its annual meeting on the mornings and afternoons of January 19th and 20th, in its offices opposite the Carnegie Library, so that those attending can participate in both meetings.