

PERSONALS

HOWARD G. KELLY, president of the Grand Trunk Railway System, has gone to England to confer with his board of directors.

RONALD G. STARR, of Toronto, has been appointed engineer of the Orillia Water and Light Commission, in succession to the late W. K. Greenwood.

ANDREW MCCULLOCH, chief engineer of the Kettle Valley Railway Co., in British Columbia, has been appointed acting superintendent in place of J. W. Mulhern, resigned.

WM. STORRIE, chief engineer of the John verMehr Engineering Co., Ltd., is now in charge of the rebuilding of the mole at Zeebrugge, Belgium. His firm has secured contracts from the British government for considerable reconstruction work in that part of Belgium.

J. H. PARKIN, University of Toronto, this evening will give an illustrated lecture on the "Developments of Aeronautics," before the Ontario Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the Engineers' Club.

E. L. COUSINS, chief engineer and manager of the Toronto Harbor Commission, will give an illustrated lecture this evening in the Conservatory of Music, Hamilton. Mr. Cousins will describe the improvements to the Toronto harbor, and will indicate to what extent similar improvements could be made at Hamilton.

W. WALKER has been appointed division engineer, Eastern Lines, Grand Trunk Railway System, succeeding Major Bond, who is now chief engineer. Mr. Walker entered the Grand Trunk service in 1908 as assistant in the office of the engineer of maintenance-of-way. He was transferred to the chief engineer's office in 1909, and since 1917 has been acting division engineer of Eastern Lines. Before joining the Grand Trunk, Mr. Walker had a number of years' experience in railway and dock construction in Scotland and Brazil.

OBITUARIES

D. W. B. REID, formerly a member of the contracting firm of Reid and Archibald, died last week at his home in Halifax at the age of 76.

JAMES MACFARLANE, who was superintendent of the Beach waterworks pumping plant at Hamilton, Ont., for over half a century, died last week at the age of 90. Mr. MacFarlane was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and came to Canada at the age of 25. After spending a short time in Hamilton and Toronto, he went to Dundas, where he was employed by John Gartshore and Sons in the erection of pumps for the city of Hamilton. When the work was finished, the Waterworks Commissioners placed Mr. MacFarlane in charge of the plant, which position he held until his retirement in 1911.

At the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors, held January 16th at Winnipeg, H. G. Beresford was elected president; Lieut. H. W. R. Gemmel, vice-president; R. H. Avent, secretary-treasurer. Executive council: G. A. Warrington, John Reid, H. G. Beresford and Allan Findlay.

The Ontario government is receiving numerous requests for the construction of colonization roads, and Hon. F. G. MacDiarmid says that the government will most likely increase the expenditure this year to \$500,000, which has been the average yearly expenditure for some years past. Last year, however, it was only \$200,000.

The total consumption of city water in Regina, in 1918, was approximately 50 million gallons less than in the previous year, the figures being, respectively, 870,699,473 gallons and 921,695,728 gallons. On a population basis of 35,000 this is equivalent to a reduction of 1,430 gallons per head, or 4 gallons per capita per diem. During December the consumption was only 61,595,167, as compared with 86,682,747 in the corresponding month in 1917.

TORONTO EXCHANGE TO MERGE WITH ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN BUILDING INDUSTRIES

WHEN the newly-formed Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries obtains its charter, the Toronto Builders' Exchange will become the Toronto branch of that Association, a resolution to that effect having been passed last Monday afternoon at the adjourned session of the annual meeting of the Toronto exchange.

President A. D. Grant was in the chair, and a large number of members were present. The secretary read the annual report, covering the work of the committees and finances. George Stocker, seconded by A. H. Dancy, presented the following resolution:—

"Be it resolved that the Toronto Builders' Exchange become amalgamated with the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries following forthwith upon its adoption of a constitution and by-laws, and the granting of its government charter."

W. E. Dillon read several communications from the president of the association, J. P. Anglin, Montreal, and gave a brief outline of the aims of the new organization. George Oakley, Jr., and others spoke in favor of the new association.

Mr. Gander moved an amendment to Mr. Stocker's motion in an effort to specify the representation which Toronto would have in the new association and also to limit the fees. Mr. Kirby moved an amendment to Mr. Gander's amendment, tending to lay the whole matter on the table for the time being. Mr. Dillon further amended the motion and suggested a four months' "hoist" for the motion and for both of the other amendments. After considerable discussion, all of the amendments were withdrawn excepting Mr. Kirby's, and that was voted upon and was defeated.

Mr. Stocker's original motion was then voted upon and carried. W. F. Evans explained that Toronto is now well represented upon the national council of the new association, and that he felt certain that these Toronto representatives can be entrusted to look after the city's interest and to see that the annual fees are not too high.

George Oakley, Jr., on behalf of the other members of the exchange, presented a silk umbrella to the retiring president, Mr. Dillon, and also made a similar presentation to Mrs. Dillon, who was not present but who had helped in the work of the exchange, it was thought, by permitting her husband to devote so much time to it.

As the Montreal Builders' Exchange passed a similar "merger" resolution several weeks ago, the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries will begin with several hundred members in Toronto and Montreal. Moreover, a movement is under way in Sherbrooke, Ottawa, London, Windsor, Winnipeg and several other cities, to have the builders' exchanges in those cities follow the lead of Toronto and Montreal and become part of the new national association.

Engineer Talbot, of Middlesex County, Ont., is preparing a report on the proposed construction of highways and bridges.

David Spence, Toronto, has been elected chairman for the current year of the Toronto and York Highways Commission. W. H. Pugsley, Richmond Hill, is vice-chairman.

At the annual meeting of the Builders' Exchange at London, Ont., held January 20th, all of the officers were re-elected, as follows: President, Harry Hayman; first vice-president, L. A. Boss; second vice-president, Ed. Gerry; treasurer, Thos. A. Jones; honorary secretary, Geo. S. Gould; directors, B. Noble, Geo. Hyatt, A. C. Nobbs, John Whit-tacker and T. R. Wright.

A. Campbell, who is reporting to the Dominion government on the advisability of federal aid for highways, will also advise regarding the best methods of obtaining co-operation between federal and provincial authorities and will recommend legislation necessary to secure greater uniformity. Mr. Campbell has held a number of conferences with provincial ministers of roads.