

PERSONAL.

PARK VERNER, Superintendent of Brantford Municipal Railway, has handed in his resignation, taking effect April 1st.

GORDON SHANKS, C.E., a graduate of the University of Manitoba, has been appointed municipal engineer for Rockwood, the largest municipality in Manitoba.

F. L. MACPHERSON, municipal engineer of Burnaby, B.C., read a paper before the Vancouver branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, on modern paving methods.

PROF. J. WATSON BAIN, Department of Applied Chemistry, University of Toronto, addressed the Royal Canadian Institute on March 27th, his subject being, "The Supply of Raw Material for the Explosive Industry and its Relation to the Present War."

F. McARTHUR is not resigning his position as city engineer of Regina, Sask., as stated in this column in our issue of March 18th, and City Commissioner Thornton has not taken over the duties of city engineer as well as that of Commissioner. Mr. McArthur writes us to that effect, and we desire our readers to note that the personal was in error.

OBITUARY.

The president of the French Chambre de Commerce in Montreal, Mr. Joseph Obalski, who was for many years director of the Quebec Bureau of Mines, died in Montreal on March 25th. Born in France, 1852, Mr. Obalski took his course for a mining engineer in Paris, beginning his professional career in 1877. He was appointed to the position under the Quebec Government in 1881, and held the office till six years ago. Mr. Obalski published many reports and monographs on the mining resources of the province. At one time he occupied a professorial chair at the Polytechnic of Laval University. He was also vice-president of the Canadian Mining Institute for a term.

The death occurred in Toronto on March 28th of Mr. John Gemmell, A.R.C.A. The deceased was an associate of the Royal Canadian Academy, and a former president of the Ontario Society of Architects.

While on his way to attend the American Railway Engineering Association convention in Chicago, death came suddenly to Mr. George W. McMullen, of Picton, Ont., a prominent railway builder and inventor. He was one of the builders of the Central Ontario Railway, and took a great interest in Canada's transportation development.

Mr. Adam Beatty, for many years a general contractor in Toronto, died last week at the age of 79.

The death occurred in Kingston last week of Mr. Thos. W. Nash, in his 89th year. The deceased was a pioneer railway surveyor of Canada, which service he entered in 1849. His early work was with the Boston, Ogdensburg and Lake Huron Railway and later with the Belleville and Peterborough Railway. He was chief engineer on the preliminary survey of the Kingston and Frontenac, Kingston and Madoc and Kingston and Napanee Railways, and was for many years in the employ of the Grand Trunk.

TORONTO BRANCH, CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

A monthly meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers is being held to-night (Thursday, April 1st) in the Chemistry and Mining Building, University of Toronto. An illustrated address with lantern slides is being given by Dr. John A. Amyot, Director of Laboratories, Ontario Provincial Board of Health, his subject being Sewage Disposal.

DIVISIONAL ROAD ENGINEERS, MONTREAL.

Last week the following engineers were appointed to positions in the road department, city of Montreal, the appointments being of such duration as is found necessary to complete the work in hand: Theo Lanctot, north division; Jos. Blanchard, east division, and W. Matheson, west division. The appointments date from April 1st.

CORRECTION.

In the article, entitled "New City Reservoir, Regina, Sask.," a number of our readers have called to our attention the fact that the mixer illustrated on page 284 is a Smith machine, whereas on page 287 it is stated that a Ransome mixer was used. We learn from the author that the story which the illustration tells is correct.

COMING MEETINGS.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION.—Annual meeting to be held at the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, June 22nd to 25th, 1915. Secretary, F. L. Bishop, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.

TORONTO ELECTRICAL SHOW.—The second annual exhibition, to be held in the Arena, Toronto, April 12th to 17th. Secretary, Mr. E. M. Wilcox, 62 Temperance Street, Toronto.

AMERICAN WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION.—The 35th annual convention, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 10th to 14th, 1915. Secretary, J. M. Diven, 47 State Street, Troy, N.Y.

Fifteen indictments have been returned by the grand jury in the Court of King's Bench, Montreal, in connection with the celebrated Notre Dame de Grace sewer. It is alleged the city was defrauded out of \$75,000 in connection with its construction.

According to a recent report on Canadian telegraph systems, the wire mileage in 1912, 1913 and 1914 was distributed among the following classes:—

	Miles. 1912.	Miles. 1913.	Miles. 1914.
Galvanized	116,974	122,168	126,886
Copper—overhead	50,100	29,417	21,606
Copper—underground	254	698	737
Copper—submarine	680	636	653
Multiple	36,218	39,794	43,395