

CITY ENGINEER

MANY APPLICANTS

Mr. R. M. Scott Appointed

On the recommendation of the committee to a special meeting of the Adelaide City Council this afternoon Mr. R. M. Scott, B.E., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.E., was appointed to the position of City Engineer and Surveyor.

Many applications were considered by the committee, including several from Sydney and one from Perth. After exhaustive enquiries the members decided to recommend Mr. Scott.

Nearly 38 years of age, Mr. Scott has been connected with the Engineer-in-Chief's Department for many years. His present position is that of estimating engineer. His work includes estimates for the railways and the Hydraulic Engineer's Department. He has made a special study of reinforced concrete and steel work construction.

Born at College Park, Mr. Scott was educated at Prince Alfred College, the Adelaide University, and the School of Mines. In 1910 he graduated as Bachelor of Science in engineering.

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ployed by contractors for the construction and installation of the Municipal Tramways Trust power station at Port Adelaide. In 1912, when he joined the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, he was employed as assistant surveyor to the late Mr. C. J. Sanders. Mr. Scott was engaged in connection with the drainage works in the South-East, the construction of No. 1 lock and weir, Blanchetown, and he also plotted the ocean and foreshore survey from Victor Harbor to Port Elliot in connection with the proposed River Murray port.

In the same year Mr. Scott gained the diploma in applied science at the Adelaide University and a fellowship at the School of Mines. In 1913 he was admitted as a Bachelor of Engineering in lieu of the B.Sc. in engineering, and in 1915 was admitted as an associate member of the Institute of Civil Engineers. Last year he became an associate member of the Institute of Engineers (Australia). He also qualified as a municipal surveyor, Victoria.

Mr. Scott went on active service in 1916. He subsequently gained a commission in the Field Company Engineers and passed through a school of military engineering in England. He was wounded in France and spent much time in hospital. He rejoined the department as estimating engineer in 1921, and in addition to other work has since been concerned with the preparation of plans and schemes for the control of the Torrens and Sturt floodwaters.

Mr. Scott, who is popular among his associates in the service, is well known in business circles.

NEW CITY ENGINEER.

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A Brilliant Career.

At a special meeting of the Adelaide City Council on Wednesday which followed a meeting of the general purposes committee, Mr. Ronald Melville Scott, now Estimating Engineer of the Engineering Department, was appointed City Engineer and Surveyor in succession to Mr. J. R. Richardson, who resigned to engage in private practice.

Mr. Scott is a son of the late Mr. P. T. Scott. Born at College Park, 38 years ago, he was educated at Prince Alfred College. In 1912 he gained the diploma in applied science at the Adelaide University, and the Fellowship of the South Australian School of Mines. He was admitted as bachelor of engineering in 1913, and in 1915 was accepted as an associate member of the Institute of Civil Engineers (London). The Institute of Engineers (Australia) appointed him an associate in 1923, and he is on the committee of that organization. Mr. Scott began his practical work as an engineer on the construction of the Tramways Trust power station at Port Adelaide in 1911, and in 1912 he was assistant surveyor in the employ of the late Mr. C. J. Sanders. In that year he joined the Government service in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, and was engaged on the south-eastern drainage works, and on the surveys of the No. 1 lock and weir at Blanchetown and other engineering sur-



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veys for three years. He was next appointed assistant to the engineer in charge of the ocean and foreshore survey from Victor Harbour to Port Elliot in connection with a port for the River Murray. In 1906 he enlisted for active service with the A.I.F., and gained a commission in the field company engineers. He passed through a school of military engineering in England, and was seriously wounded in France, which kept him in hospital for three and a half years. He rejoined his department, and was appointed to the position of Estimating Engineer in 1921. In this position he has been responsible for checking all the schemes and making out estimates of cost for the most important public works of the State, including railways, and he recently took an active part in planning the scheme for the control of the Torrens and Sturt floodwaters. He has made a special study of reinforced concrete and steel work construction. Mr. Scott is an active member of the Returned Soldiers' Club.

Mr. Hugh Thomas Moffitt Angwin, B.E. (Resident Engineer) has been appointed assistant constructing engineer in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Class 1.

THE CITY ENGINEER.

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The successor to Mr. J. R. Richardson as City Engineer is Mr. R. M. Scott.

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday to consider the report and recommendation of the general purposes committee, which had sat just previously in regard to the appointment of a successor to Mr. J. R. Richardson, who recently resigned his position as City Engineer. The Lord Mayor (Mr. C. R. J. Glover) presided.

The report stated that a special committee appointed to consider the applications for the position had reported that twenty-three were received and the committee, after most careful consideration, had recommended the appointment of Mr. Ronald Melville Scott, B.E., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.E., to the position. Mr. Richardson was appointed City Engineer and Surveyor in September, 1910, and throughout the period during which he had occupied that position, had carried out his duties to the complete satisfaction of the council. Recognising that the special committee had submitted the following resolution for adoption by the council:—

"This council, having accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. J. R. Richardson, of the position of City Engineer and Surveyor, which he has filled for nearly 14 years, places on record its appreciation of the able and conscientious manner in which he has carried out the varied and responsible duties of that office. Among the more important works carried out in pursuance of the council's progressive policy of the city improvement under his direction, may be mentioned the laying down of improved paving in the principal thoroughfares of the city, the whole of which, with the exception of a small section of wood block paving in King William-street, has been constructed to his specifications and under his supervision; the establishment of complete tar distilling and tar and metal mixing plants, and of the corporation workshops. In addition to these, Mr. Richardson designed and erected the extensive plant required for the preparation of bituminous paving materials, which have been used so largely in improving the streets of the city during the past two years. Mr. Richardson has proved a loyal and efficient officer of high attainments in his profession, and carries with him the best wishes of the council for his future success and happiness." The special committee recommended the council to grant Mr. Richardson three months' leave of absence on full salary from the date that his resignation took effect. The committee had also given consideration to the official title of Mr. Sedgely, of the City Engineer's Department. At present he was designated draftsman and building inspector, which it was recommended be altered to the draftsman and assistant building surveyor. The special committee had received a letter from a member of the council with reference to the salary paid to that officer, and was of the opinion that that was not a matter for its consideration, but for the special committee, which, following the council's practice for many years, would doubtless be appointed later on to consider all such questions.

The general purposes committee recommended the adoption of the report and recommendation of the special committee, after an amendment by Councillor Lundie, seconded by Councillor Edwards, that instead of three months' leave on full pay Mr. Richardson be granted a bonus of £50, had been defeated.

At the meeting of the council Alderman Forwood moved the adoption of the recommendation of the general purposes committee. He said during the ten years in which he had been chairman of the works committee he had been brought in close contact with Mr. Richardson on many occasions and had always found him a very capable officer. Taking into consideration the Building Act, under which Mr. Richardson had to work, he had done excellent work for the council. Alderman Entwistle seconded the motion.

Councillor Lundie moved an amendment that instead of voting Mr. Richardson three months' leave on full pay, equal to about £200, he be granted a bonus of £50. His reason was that when they lost a competent assistant in Mr. E. F. Eberbach, a short time ago, a special committee had come to the conclusion that a bonus of £50 was sufficient recognition for the good work done by him. In his opinion Mr. Eberbach had done more good than Mr. Richardson and had stood shoulders above Mr. Richardson in regard to practical road work. Councillor Edwards seconded the amendment.

The amendment was defeated on a division, only Councillors Lundie and Edwards supporting it, and the recommendation for Mr. Scott's appointment and the granting of three months' leave on full salary to Mr. Richardson was adopted.

NEW SCHOOLS INSPECTOR

Mr. Hosking Appointed

Mr. Herbert Clifton Hosking, Vice-Principal of the Adelaide High School, was on Wednesday, on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner, appointed by the Government an inspector of schools. Mr. Hosking, who was born at Mount Gambier, January 30, 1886, is a son of Mr. W. Hosking, of that town. He began his career as a teacher at the Mount Gambier primary school in October, 1899. He received his appointment as monitor in January, 1900. The following years and 1902 he spent training at the Teachers' Pupil College, at Adelaide. During that period he passed the junior and senior public examinations. From the college he went to Mount Gambier primary school as a pupil teacher for two years, and in 1903 and 1906 attended the University Training College. Later he was sent to one of the newly formed continuation schools. From 1908 to 1923 he was in charge of the Mount Gambier High School, and twelve months ago was appointed vice-principal of the Adelaide High School. Mr. Hosking, who has had more than 20 years' practical school as teacher, graduated B.A. at the University of Adelaide in 1905. He also took an interest in affairs outside the department, and while at Mount Gambier was for twelve years a trustee of the Institute, being for three years president of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Hosking was secretary of the Bowling Club for four years, and for two years was president of the Mount Gambier Philharmonic Society. Since coming to Adelaide he has been a playing member of the Sturt Bowling Club.



Mr. H. C. Hosking, whose appointment as an inspector of schools was announced in "The Advertiser" yesterday.

REDUCING THE DEATH RATE.

WELFARE WORK A FACTOR.

The important bearing of regular individual medical examination on the health of the community was stressed at a meeting of the Adelaide branch of the Public Health Association at the Lister Hall, Hindmarsh-square, on Thursday evening.

The president (Dr. F. S. Hone) said individual examination was a new development of welfare work, and one of which the great life insurance companies of the world had been quick to realise the value. (Applause.)

Mr. J. Anderson, representing the Colonial Mutual Life Insurance Company, said periodical medical examination was almost a necessity of modern life. The human body was a complex piece of machinery, and like any valuable motor, needed an occasional thorough overhauling by an expert. An examination often revealed incipient troubles, which could be checked by early treatment. People might some day realise that it was better to pay to

Mr. L. F. H. Reichstein, who has been appointed head of the mechanical and electrical engineering department at the Gordon Institute of Technology at Geelong, took up his duties last week. There were 21 applicants for the position. Mr. Reichstein is a graduate of the Adelaide University in mechanical engineering, and a fellow of the South Australian School of Mines. He is the younger son of Mr. J. W. Reichstein, of Darich.