Detailed water-supply and sewage-treatment proposals for large mental hospitals are being prepared. Plans of two 750,000-gallon reservoirs for Cherry Farm Hospital are almost complete. Plans of the sewage-treatment plant at Cherry Farm are well advanced.

A series of plans of small sewage-treatment plants for hydro-electric substations, a prison, an Air Force station, and departmental camps and depots, to serve populations ranging from 20 to 250, are in hand.

## STAFF

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of my predecessor in office, Mr. T. G. Beck, and of Mr. A. P. Grant, Engineer to the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council. Both officers passed away while in the prime of life; their gentlemanly personalities and the professional knowledge and ability they displayed during long years of service in the Public Works Department were outstanding.

During the year a most respected officer in the person of Mr. T. A. Johnston, District Engineer, Wellington, retired from the Department's service. This officer has left his monument in the many important works which came under his charge in many parts of the Dominion.

I desire, too, to place on record my appreciation of the loyal and efficient service given by my staff during the past year.

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F. LANGBEIN, M.I.C.E., Engineer-in-Chief.