

Eugene Elwin Haskell

Dean of the College of Civil Engineering and Professor of Experimental Hydraulics

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RETIREMENT STATEMENT

On the retirement of Eugene Elwin Haskell, Dean of the College of Civil Engineering, from administrative and educational work in the University, the members of the Board of Trustees and of the University Faculty desire to record their appreciation of the services he has rendered to the University, and their regret at the loss of his courteous, gracious personality in the community's life.

Professor Haskell became Dean of the College of Civil engineering in 1906, giving up his position as Director of the U.S. Lake Survey to fill the office left vacant by Professor Fuertes in 1902. His long experience in executive work, his capacity for detail and his uninterrupted adherence to the duties of his position, have made themselves plainly felt in the growth of the College. Under his direction the energies of the Civil Engineering Faculty have been centralized, the course of study improved and the equipment of the College renovated and greatly increased. His final contribution to the progress of Technical Education at Cornell has been his assistance in bringing about the union of all the Colleges of Engineering in the University.

Few members of the Faculty have devoted their lives so generously to State and Nation. As a member of the International Waterways Commission to which Professor Haskell was appointed by President Roosevelt, he participated in the delicate matter of establishing accurately the boundary line between the United States and Canada from its intersection with the St. Lawrence River through the Great Lakes and communicating waters to the mouth of the Pigeon River, Lake Superior, a task finally settled to the mutual satisfaction of both countries in 1915.

As one of the Consulting Engineers of the New York Barge Canal Board, Professor Haskell passed judgment on such matters as the dam and power development at Seneca Falls, the repairs to the serious break in the canal prism at the Lockport Basin, the possibility of ice control at the Schenectady lockgates, and the failure of the canal banks at the Morrison Swamp.

As a member of the Board of Public Works of the City of Ithaca, he gave freely of his experience and engineering judgment to such problems as were involved in the improvement of the inlet, the construction of the dykes along

Six Mile Creek and the dredging of the Lake Front.

His term of office as director of the American Society of Civil Engineers, 1912-1916, reflected honor on the College of Civil Engineering and the University.

The Ritchie-Haskell Current Meter, invented and constructed for the special needs of his work on the Great Lakes, is well known in engineering work for the precise measurement of sub-surface currents.

As head of the Lake Survey, long before coming to Cornell, Dean Haskell had made for himself a place deep in the hearts of such Cornell students as were then working under him. As their personal benefactor, through whose aid a college course was made possible, many other Cornell students have for him grateful memories. During these past fifteen years his earlier opportunities for giving help to young men have been multiplied many times, and his constant and invariable interest in all his student relations has been unwearied.

The trustees and Faculty wish Dean Haskell health and happiness as he takes up a new field of work, hoping that he may through many more years continue his valuable services to his fellow citizens.

Source: Fac. Records, p. 1195, 1778 Resolutions of the Trustees and faculty of Cornell University, February 8, 1933

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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF DEATHS OF STAFF MEMBERS

Records p. 1778, February 8, 1933

The President announced the death of Leon Reynolds Streeter, Professor and Chief in Research at the Geneva Experiment Station on December 26, 1932; of Professor Othon Goepp Guerlac, World War Memorial Professor of the Romance Languages and Literatures, on January 16, 1933, and of Emeritus Professor Eugene Elwin Haskell, one-time Dean of the College of Civil Engineering, on January 28, 1933.

Fac. Records, p. 1195, 1778