

hearing was not asked for, and the applicant be ready to accept an order in accordance with the standard conditions and specifications for telephone crossings approved by the Board (see pg. 529, Sept., 1906), and provided the Board's Engineer approves of the plan, and profile filed, the application should be granted within three weeks of its being received by the Secretary of the Board. Should, however, a written consent to the crossing be filed on behalf of the railway company whose lines are to be crossed, then an order might issue within a shorter period, and in cases of urgency the order would be issued forthwith.

J. Barr, M.P., who asked the question in the House, subsequently introduced a bill to amend the section referred to, by authorizing the Board to make general regulations respecting the construction of telegraph,

telephone, power transmission or other wires across, or watermains under, railways. Sub-sections provide that any person desiring to do work under the regulations shall give notice in writing to the railway company, and in the event of the railway company not serving a restraining order from the Board of Railway Commissioners within ten days the work may be proceeded with. If a restraining order be obtained, plans must be submitted to the Board, which shall determine the terms and conditions under which the work may be done. The notice will be deemed to be properly served by delivery to any station agent of the railway company in the municipality in which it is proposed to undertake the work, or upon the nearest station agent. No fee for the supervision of the work shall be payable by any municipal corporation, telegraph or telephone company,

but \$3 a day shall be payable to the railway by any person or corporation carrying a watermain under the tracks for supervision by the company's engineer.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen elected the following officers for the current year at a meeting held Jan. 14, at Montreal: Chairman, G. McGovern; Vice-Chairman, C. Anderson, Brownville, Me.; Secretary, H. Dart, Smith's Falls, Ont.

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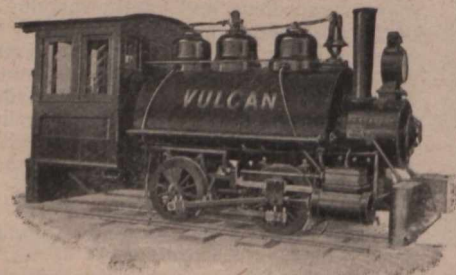
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