

of decrease, especially in the maintenance of equipment account and maintenance of way, concerning which there has been much complaint, during the past winter season, on the part of shippers in territory north of our main line, owing to the continued severity of the weather, the heavy snow storms, combined with the light weight of our engines, resulting in serious detention to our trains. In order to meet the pressing needs on this account, we must provide heavier engines, necessitating heavier roadbed and bridges. We must, therefore, increase our present income; this applies especially to all the lines north and west of Toronto in Ontario.

"Our actual expenses for snow removal, not including detention time of trainmen, etc., for the months of Jan., Feb. and Mar., 1904, for our lines in Ontario, composing the Northern and Middle Divisions only, as compared with the same three months of 1903, show an increase of \$242,399, or 87%; also \$231,013, or 58%, as compared with 1900. It is, of course, possible we may have the same experience next winter.

"We cannot have our expenses and taxes increased so materially, also increase our capacity at great cost, and at the same time be unable to increase our income by raising our rates to a reasonable extent. We should maintain our position that the present rate on logs is a fair and reasonable one."

MEMO RE TAXATION.

	Ontario.	All Canada.
1900.....	\$132,639 37	\$191,894 38
1901.....	133,867 82	190,690 70
1902.....	137,092 05	197,720 86
1903.....	135,382 18	191,247 59

ESTIMATE UNDER NEW LEGISLATION.

1904.....	\$232,709 86	increase 75%.	\$292,709 86
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The C.P.R. has moved its city ticket office in Quebec to the corner of Palace and John Streets.

The Grand Valley Ry. commenced operating its electric railway between Brantford and Paris, Ont., May 22.

The cars on the Port Arthur, Ont., electric railway are being operated on Sundays to the Fort William boundary.

The Canadian Freight Association's summer meeting will be held at the Royal Muskhoka Hotel on July 6 and 7.

The Safety Car Heating and Lighting Co. has issued a booklet giving some information about its system of lighting and heating railway cars, and lighting gas buoys, with special reference to its exhibits at the St. Louis exhibition.

H. R. Charlton, Advertising Agent, and J. D. McDonald, District Passenger Agent G.T.R., who accompanied the Canadian Press Association to the St. Louis Exposition in May, were each presented with a sterling silver bread tray and with a gold signet ring. The Quebec Press Association, which went at the same time, gave Mr. Charlton a diamond ring.

Thomas Tait, Chief Commissioner Victorian Government Railways, Melbourne, Australia, wrote under recent date: "I receive THE RAILWAY AND SHIPPING WORLD regularly, and by it am enabled to keep posted about Canadian railway matters. You are certainly to be congratulated as to the quantity and character of the railway information it contains."

A. E. Ryder, who has been appointed private secretary to President Tuttle, of the Boston and Maine Rd., was at one time in the C.P.R. service, which he left at the same time as Mr. Tuttle did, and entered the service of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Rd., and has remained with Mr. Tuttle ever since. He is a brother of J. W. Ryder, G.T.R. city ticket agent, Toronto.

Canadian Ticket Agents' Association.

The eighteenth annual meeting was held at St. Louis, Mo., May 16, the trip being participated in by a party of 206, of whom 75 were ladies. At Washington, D.C., in 1902, the party numbered 210, and at Sydney, N.S., in 1903, there were 128. The following members went on the St. Louis trip:—Jas. Adie, C.P.R., St. Catharines, and wife; G. J. Alexander, G.T.R., Richmond; A. H. Baird, C.P.R., Paris; R. A. Bennett, G.T.R., Smith's Falls, and wife; A. E. Berube, C.P.R., London; W. F. Bleeker, C.P.R., Marmora, and wife; E. R. Blow, C.P.R., Whitby; W. Booth, C.P.R., Trenton, and wife; J. L. Boyes, G.T.R., Napanee, and wife; W. Bunton, G.T.R., Peterborough; J. A. Burgess, C.P.R., Wallaceburg; S. Burrows, C.P.R., Belleville, and wife; W. J. Carling, C.P.R., Exeter; R. H. Carney, G.T.R., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and wife; J. Carter, C.P.R., Sundridge, and wife; R. R. Casement, C.P.R., Madoc, and wife; C. Casselman, C.P.R., Chesterville, and wife; B. Caswell, C.P.R., Smith's Falls, and wife; F. R. Chalmers, C.P.R., Morrisburg, and wife; Jas. Clark, C.P.R., Renfrew, and wife; W. J. Christie, Intercolonial Ry., North Sydney, and wife; R. Clanahan, C.P.R., Glencoe, and wife; C. R. Coleman, C.P.R., Truro; J. D. Conway, G.T.R., Hespeler, and wife; R. Cox, C.P.R., Enterprise; R. J. Craig, C.P.R., Cobourg, and wife; A. C. Currie, Dominion Atlantic Ry., St. John, N.B., and wife; A. J. Davis, C.P.R., Port Perry, and wife; G. H. Doherty, Niagara Navigation Co., Toronto; E. de la Hooke, G.T.R., London, and wife; J. F. Dolan, Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., Montreal, and wife; M. C. Dunn, Bay of Quinte Ry., Yarker, and wife; A. W. Edgcombe, C.P.R., Fredericton, and wife; W. Ellis, G.T.R., Mount Forest; C. H. Foss, G.T.R., Sherbrooke, and wife; W. Fulton, C.P.R., London, and wife; J. Gray, G.T.R., St. Catharines, and wife; A. E. Gregory, Kawartha Lakes Navigation Co., Lindsay, and wife; J. C. Greig, C.P.R., Seaford; W. Hall, C.P.R., Blenheim; J. P. Hanley, G.T.R., Kingston; M. A. Halliday, C.P.R., Chesley, and wife; A. M. Hare, Wabash Rd., Tillsonburg; F. M. Hawley, G.T.R., Cobourg; W. H. Haynes, G.T.R., Campbellford; J. D. Hill, C.P.R., Toronto Junction, and wife; W. H. Hurst, C.P.R., Gore Bay, and wife; F. R. Hodgins, G.T.R., Clinton, and wife; C. E. Horning, G.T.R., London, and wife; Jas. Houston, C.P.R., London, and wife; T. Howard, C.P.R., Hastings; J. H. Jackson, C.P.R., Georgetown; W. Jackson, C.P.R., Clinton, and wife; R. A. Jamieson, C.P.R., Arnprior; C. R. Jones, C.P.R., Tamworth; J. H. H. Jury, G.T.R., Bowmanville, and wife; J. F. Kellogg, G.T.R., Perth, and wife; Jos. Kidd, C.P.R., Goderich, and wife; F. A. Knowlton, G.T.R., Knowlton, Que., and wife; G. D. La Course, G.T.R., Berlin; F. F. Lawrence, G.T.R., Goderich; F. J. Leaper, Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry., St. Thomas; W. A. MacCallum, Buckingham, and wife; R. MacFarlane, Jr., C.P.R., Durham; W. H. MacKay, C.P.R., St. John; W. H. McCaw, G.T.R., Port Perry, and wife; W. H. McFarlane, C.P.R., Paisley, and wife; W. H. McGannon, G.T.R., Morrisburg; W. McIlroy, C.P.R., Galt; Alex. McKean, C.P.R., Mount Forest, and wife; S. McMorine, C.P.R., Richmond; M. McNamara, G.T.R., Walkerton, and wife; J. T. McQueen, Intercolonial Ry., New Glasgow, N.S.; P. J. Maher, G.T.R.-Wabash Rd., Glencoe; A. Malcolmson, C.P.R., Moorefield, and wife; J. I. Martin, C.P.R., Pembroke; W. Maughan, C.P.R., Toronto, and wife; R. Middleton, Michigan Central Rd., Aylmer, Ont.; W. H. Montgomery, G.T.R., Galt, and wife; C. E. Morgan, G.T.R., Hamilton, and daughter; S. B. Morris, C.P.R., Rodney, and wife; R. L. Mortimer, G.T.R., Shelburne, and wife; T. B.

Nairn, Michigan Central Rd., Aylmer, Ont.; C. A. Nettleton, C.P.R., Penetanguishene; R. B. Owens, C.P.R., Newburg Jct., N.B.; P. Pare, Canada Atlantic Ry., Valleyfield; R. J. Parker, G.T.R., Forest, and wife; L. Peine, C.P.R., New Hamburg, and wife; Lieut.-Col. E. G. Piche, C.P.R., Joliette, Que., and wife; R. P. Perry, C.P.R., Bracebridge; W. W. Porte, C.P.R., Brighton, and wife; J. T. Rhind, Intercolonial Ry., Stewiacke, N.S., and wife; W. E. Rispin, G.T.R.-Wabash Rd., Chatham, and wife; J. C. Robertson, C.P.R., North Sydney, and wife; J. H. Rogers, C.P.R., Moncton, and wife; A. J. Roos, C.P.R., Berlin; J. W. Ryder, G.T.R., Toronto, and wife; W. J. Sedge, Michigan Central and Pere Marquette Rds., Fargo, and wife; G. W. Shannon, G.T.R., Valleyfield; J. H. Sherin, C.P.R., Lakefield; H. Simpson, G.T.R., Petrolia, and wife; T. C. Sims, G.T.R., Little Current; D. Smith, C.P.R., Tilbury, and wife; W. L. Smith, C.P.R., Shelburne, and wife; A. E. Street, C.P.R., Andover, N.B., and wife; W. H. Stephenson, Pere Marquette Rd., Blenheim, and wife; J. R. Tierney, C.P.R., Arnprior; C. S. Tinker, C.P.R., Bristol, N.B.; B. Travers, G.T.R., Paris, and wife; B. H. Turner, C.P.R., Little Current, and wife; C. L. Von Gunten, G.T.R., Blenheim, and wife; J. C. Whitcheo, C.P.R., Parry Sound, and wife; G. Wilder, G.T.R., Lindsay, and wife; F. W. Wood, C.P.R., Campbellford, and wife.

The following were guests of the Association: B. H. Bennett, G.A., Chicago and Northwestern Ry., Toronto; W. T. Dockrell, T.P.A., C.P.R., Toronto, and wife; H. G. Elliot, A.G.P.A., G.T.R., Montreal; C. Price Green, District Passenger Dept., C.P.R., Toronto; D. W. Hatch, T.A., Santa Fe Route, Montreal; C. W. Johnston, T.P.A., G.T.R., Montreal; J. B. Lambkin, A.G.P.A., Intercolonial Ry., Halifax, N.S.; J. S. La Trobe, T.P.A., Huntsville, Lake of Bays and Lake Simcoe Navigation Co., Huntsville, Ont.; M. G. Murphy, T.P.A., C.P.R., St. John, N.B.; A. H. Notman, A.G.P.A., C.P.R., Toronto; A. G. Rainnie, T.A., Time Table Distributing Co., St. John, N.B.; J. W. Shaw, M.D., Clinton, Ont., and wife; A. J. Taylor, C.F. & P.A., Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Rd., Toronto; G. B. Wyllie, T.P.A., Illinois Central, Buffalo, N.Y., A. C. Turpin, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Ry., Toronto, and wife; and the Publisher of THE RAILWAY AND SHIPPING WORLD, H. E. Tupper, G.A.P.D., Denver and Rio Grande Rd., New York, and F. P. Fox, D.P.A., Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Rd., Buffalo, N.Y., joined the party at St. Louis.

The party assembled at London, Ont., on May 13, and after luncheon at the G.T.R. restaurant, went as guests of the London Street Ry. Co. to visit the city park at Springbank. The private car Victoria and two other cars were placed at their disposal and the ride along the Thames to the beautiful suburban park, which is owned by the city, was thoroughly enjoyed. The General Manager of the Street Ry., C. E. A. Carr, accompanied the party and was unremitting in his attentions. He was loudly cheered on the return to the G.T.R. station. H. G. Elliot, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the G.T.R., and G. B. Wyllie, Travelling Passenger Agent of the Illinois Central Rd., met the party at London, made the necessary arrangements for transportation, etc., and accompanied them to St. Louis. Their services were invaluable and were much appreciated. As usual Secretary de la Hooke had most carefully located the berths in advance. The special train, consisting of seven Pullman sleeping cars and a baggage car, left London at 3 p.m., proceeding via Sarnia and the tunnel. A splendid supper was served at 7 p.m. at the G.T.R. dining-room at Durand, Mich. Harvey Jct., Ill., was reached at 2.15 a.m., May 14, and the train transferred to the Illinois Central Rd. Springfield, Ill., was