

United States Railways Co-ordinated for the War.

As there appears to be a very general impression that U.S. railways have been taken over by the government in connection with the war, it may be of interest to explain the situation. Almost immediately after war was declared the U.S. railways managements undertook to produce a maximum of transportation efficiency and agreed among themselves to coordinate their operations into a continental railway system. At a meeting of railway presidents in Washington April 7, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that the railroads of the U.S., acting through their chief executive officers here and now assembled, and stirred by a high sense of their opportunity to be of the greatest service to their country in the present national crisis, do hereby pledge themselves, with the government of the United States, with the governments of the several states, and with one another, that during the present war they will coordinate their operations in a continental railway system, merging during such period all their merely individual and competitive activities in the effort to produce a maximum of national transportation efficiency. To this end they hereby agree to create an organization which shall have general authority to formulate in detail and from time to time a policy of operation of all or any of the railways, which policy, when and as announced by such temporary organization, shall be accepted and earnestly made effective by the several managements of the individual railroad companies here represented."

In cooperation with the Council of National Defence and its advisory commission, the direction of this continental railway system has been voluntarily placed in the hands of an executive committee of the Special Committee on National Defence of the American Railway Association, now designated for brevity as the Railroads' War Board, and constituted as follows: Fairfax Harrison, President, Southern Ry., Chairman; Howard Elliott, Chairman of Board, New York, New Haven & Hartford Rd.; Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of Executive Committee, Southern Pacific Co.; Hale Holden, President, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Rd.; Samuel Rea, President, Pennsylvania Rd. System. The ex officio members are: Daniel Willard, President, Baltimore & Ohio Rd., and Chairman of the Advisory Committee on National Defence; E. E. Clark, member of Interstate Commerce Commission.

The railways of the country have been divided into six departments, viz.: the Northeastern, Eastern, Southeastern, Central, Southern and Western, in charge of a general committee of railway managers. In addition, a number of subcommittees have been appointed, covering all parts of the country, on which railway men are handling the railway problems arising from war conditions. The foregoing plan of operation covers all service of the railways—that on behalf of the public as well as that for the government. Under this plan, the government will advise the railways what transportation service it requires, but the responsibility is upon the railway managers to provide it. For that purpose the railways will be operated practically as one system. Government business will receive preferential movement; but for regular service, every effort will be made to prevent abnormal inconvenience. It is believed that this

plan will secure efficiency of service and operation.

The Railroads' War Board has notified all railways that the Secretary of War has approved the board's suggestion that the holding of conventions, which stimulate passenger travel, be discouraged, at least until the railways are more nearly able to handle the freight business that is being offered. This action by the board is another step taken to increase in every possible way the freight and troop carrying capacity of the existing railway facilities. Already carriers have been advised to adjust their passenger service and to discontinue to some extent anyway running summer excursions.

The U.S. Council of National Defence announces the creation of cooperative committees on railway cars and locomotives, to serve with the committee on transportation and communication, of which Daniel Willard, chairman of the advisory commission of the council, is chairman. S. M. Vauclain, Vice President, Baldwin Locomotive Works, is chairman of both cooperative committees. It will be the function of these two committees to assist in solving the problem of increasing the U.S. output of cars and locomotives through coordination of the efforts of manufacturers, and to aid in making as efficient use as possible of existing rolling stock. Their duties have been made unusually important through the demand of the allied countries, particularly France, Russia and Italy, for U.S. railway supplies.

Freight Statistics for 1915-16.

The total weight of freight carried over Canadian railways for the year ended June 30, 1916, was 109,659,088 tons, of which 62,950,122 originated on the home roads; 20,421,932 was received from other roads, and 26,287,034 was received

from United States lines. No mention is made of freight received from overseas, which is probably treated as freight originating on the home roads. The following table shows the tons carried, with the classification under the heads mentioned:

	Originating on own Lines.	Received from other Lines in Canada.	Received U. S. Lines.	Total Freight.
Algoma Central & Hudson Bay	729,182	7,476	.....	736,658
Algoma Eastern	1,416,492	212,622	.....	1,629,114
Atlantic, Quebec & Western	60,619	55,199	.....	115,818
Brandon, Saskatchewan & Hudson Bay	36,200	195	12,685	49,080
British Yukon	37,234	.....	.....	37,234
Canada & Gulf Terminal	27,260	5,303	.....	32,563
Canada Southern	1,177,621	608,889	6,287,975	8,024,485
Canadian Government Railways—				
Intercolonial Ry.	5,064,190	1,118,759	.....	6,182,949
Prince Edward Island	110,095	6,761	.....	116,856
National Transcontinental	1,274,337	1,389,706	.....	2,664,043
Canadian Northern	9,781,735	3,098,024	473,621	13,353,380
Canadian Pacific	21,139,674	6,093,794	2,043,404	29,276,872
Cape Breton	5,556	9,292	.....	14,848
Caraguet	28,095	16,138	.....	44,233
Crownsnest Southern	913,403	20,021	2,592	216,016
Cumberland Ry. & Coal Co.	352,259	12,350	.....	364,609
Central Vermont	78,317	284,076	117,747	480,140
Dominion Atlantic	255,868	81,862	6,703	344,397
Eastern British Columbia	97,587	1,998	.....	99,585
Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia	159,906	7,224	.....	167,130
Elgin & Havelock	13,273	2,587	.....	15,860
Essex Treminal	51,295	215,147	.....	266,442
Esquimaux & Nanaimo	304,016	58,462	.....	362,478
Fredericton & Grand Lake Coal & Ry. Co.	102,625	7,038	.....	109,663
Grand Trunk	8,423,940	2,337,291	8,299,571	19,060,802
Grand Trunk Pacific	1,085,726	166,328	.....	1,972,054
Hereford	100,057	7,422	2,284	109,781
International of New Brunswick	93,133	2,946	.....	95,079
Kettle Valley	126,828	64,061	16,221	207,110
Lotbiniere & Megantic	54,650	3,210	.....	57,860
Maine Central .....	.....	.....	239,994	239,994
Manitoba Great Northern	54,522	37,113	15,126	106,761
Maritime Coal, Ry. & P. Co.	277,626	4,450	.....	282,076
Massawippi Valley	150,721	325,721	105,400	581,842
Midland Ry. of Manitoba	4,999	31,581	134,059	170,639
Moncton & Buctouche	15,782	5,359	.....	21,141
Montreal & Atlantic	103,755	1,294,030	326,358	1,724,143
Morrissey, Fernie & Michel	635,196	20,152	90	655,438
Napierville Jet.	11,358	177,060	368,611	557,029
Nelson & Fort Sheppard	25,297	375	5,102	30,774
New Brunswick Coal & Ry. Co.	42,204	2,694	.....	44,898
New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island	52,171	9,138	.....	61,309
New Westminster Southern	64,394	16,256	.....	80,650
Ottawa & New York	72,286	253,871	138,188	464,345
Pere Marquette	116,119	326,179	2,399,056	2,841,354
Quebec Central	828,128	171,027	.....	999,155
Quebec, Montreal & Southern	82,593	231,139	41,725	355,457
Quebec Oriental	42,815	38,667	.....	81,482
Quebec Ry., Light & Power Co.	215,718	11,612	.....	227,330
Red Mountain	446	115	25,124	25,685
Roberval-Saguenay	199,251	13,076	.....	212,327
Rutland & Noyan	226	139,915	7,163	147,304
Salisbury & Albert	39,118	4,569	.....	43,687
St. John & Quebec	42,452	2,292	.....	44,744
St. Martins	15,450	3,818	.....	19,268
Sydney & Louisburg	4,822,381	100,079	.....	4,922,460
St. Lawrence & Adirondack	42,276	198,472	905,433	1,146,281
Temiscouata	151,318	8,667	.....	159,985
Timiskaming & Northern Ontario	426,584	452,726	23,511	902,821
Thousand Islands	13,258	19,607	.....	32,865
Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo	292,764	534,162	1,470,314	2,297,240
Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern	923,933	51,265	257,130	1,232,328
Victoria T. Ry. & Ferry Co.	6,886	9,983	.....	16,869
Victoria & Sidney	7,974	12,229	.....	20,203
Wabash in Canada	62,812	21,526	2,611,553	2,695,891
York & Carleton	4,182	1,812	.....	5,994
Total	62,950,122	20,421,932	26,287,034	109,659,088