

Mainly About Marine People.

The late ROBERT THOMSON, ship-owner, St. John, N.B., left an estate of \$343,000 in addition to life insurance.

CAPT. WILLIAM McCLAIN, who died at Toronto, Dec. 7, aged 92, had been engaged in navigation on the Great Lakes since the early days of sailing vessels. He retired from active service some years ago.

Col. J. B. MILLER, President and General Manager, Polson Iron Works, Toronto, was presented with a gold headed cane, Mrs. Miller with a gold headed parasol, and Miss Margaret Miller with a necklace and locket, by the staff and employees of the company, Dec. 2, prior to leaving for a southern trip.

CAPT. W. H. FEATHERSTONHAUGH, Superintendent of Hulls, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Toronto, died suddenly at Midland, Ont., Dec. 4. Prior to entering Canada Steamship Lines service he was Shore Superintendent, Inland Lines, Ltd., at Midland.

Commander C. D. ROPER, who was loaned by the British Admiralty to the Dominion Government, and acted for some time as chief of staff of the Department of Naval Service, has been given the command of the recently built destroyer Broke, one of the vessels which, at the outbreak of war, was under construction in British yards for the Chilean Government.

Capt. FRANK SCOTT of the Farrar Transportation Co.'s s.s. Collingwood, died in the Collingwood Hospital, Dec. 17, after a few days' illness, the direct cause of death being an abscess in the head near the right ear. He was for many years engaged in the operation of tugs in Collingwood harbor and on the Upper Lakes, but for the past ten years had been with the Farrar Transportation Co.

PETER PATON, who has been appointed Purchasing Agent, Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, Montreal, was born at New Lowell, Ont., Mar. 13, 1869, and entered transportation service May 1, 1911, since when he has been, to May 1, 1912, Western Travelling Agent, Northern Navigation Co., Winnipeg; May 1, 1912, to Mar. 1, 1913, Assistant to President, Northern Navigation Co., Sarnia, Ont.; Mar. 1, 1913, to Feb. 1, 1914, Manager, Northern Navigation Co., Sarnia, Ont.; Feb. 1 to December, 1914, Assistant Operating Superintendent, Passen-Ltd., Toronto.

Capt. OLIVER GILLESPIE, who died at Cornwall, Ont., Nov. 29, aged 87, was for nearly 60 years connected with navigation interests in that neighborhood. In his early days he was joint owner of the steamboats Manitoba and F. B. Maxwell, and was later interested in the American Line, operating steamboats between Clayton, N. Y., and Montreal. He subsequently owned the steamboat Garnet and ran it between Valleyfield and Montreal, and from this beginning was developed the Montreal and Cornwall Navigation Co., of which he was Managing Director for several years. He retired from active work about five years ago.

THOMAS HENRY, whose appointment as Passenger Traffic Manager, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal, was announced in our last issue, was born in Montreal, May 29, 1865, and entered transportation service in 1879, since when he has been, to 1881, ticket agent, Ottawa River Navigation Co., Montreal; 1881, local freight agent, same company, Montreal; 1881 to 1882, clerk in Audit Office, G.T.R., Montreal; 1882 to 1884, ticket clerk, City Ticket Office, G.T.R., Montreal; 1884 to 1887, clerk, Northern Pacific Ry.; 1887 to 1900, District Freight and Passenger Agent, same road, Montreal;

1900 to Feb. 27, 1913, Traffic Manager, Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., Montreal; Feb. 27, 1913, to Dec. 1, 1914, Operating Superintendent of Passenger Steamers, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal.



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JOHN FRANKLIN PIERCE, who has been appointed General Passenger Agent, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal, was born at Chatham, Ont., Sept. 6, 1877, and entered transportation service, Oct. 14, 1896, since when he has been, to Oct., 1904, clerk, Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., Montreal; Oct., 1904, to Oct., 1910, chief clerk, same company, Montreal; 1910 to

1912, Travelling Passenger Agent, same company, Boston, Mass.; 1912 to 1913, District Passenger Agent, same company, Boston, Mass.; 1913 to Dec. 1, 1914, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Canada Steamship Lines, Montreal.

JAMES THOM, Canadian Manager, International Mercantile Marine Co., died at Westmount, Que., Nov. 26. During the early part of the year he had been in ill health, and in August he went to England and Wales for a holiday, returning to Canada in October, when his health had considerably improved. He later spent some time in Ottawa on business, where it is stated he contracted a chill, from which he did not recover. He had been intimately connected with the steamship business in Montreal for many years, and took a great and active interest in all improvements calculated to develop the business of the port, and to better conditions of navigation over the St. Lawrence route. He was born in Montreal, and at an early age entered the service of Thompson and Murray, merchants and shipping agents, there. This firm formed the Canada Steamship Co., of which he became Manager, remaining such until May 1893, when he was appointed Manager of the Hamburg American Line. In 1899 he was appointed Manager, Furness, Withy and Co., and on the resignation of John Torrance, Jan. 1, 1906, he was appointed Manager of the White Star Line. He held many public positions in Montreal, including the vice presidency of the Montreal Board of Trade, and the chairmanship of the executive council of the Shipping Federation of Canada. The funeral at Mount Royal Cemetery, Nov. 29, was attended by a large number of representatives of the transportation, shipping and mercantile companies.

Changes in Organization, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd.

W. E. Burke, Assistant Manager, and T. Henry, Passenger Traffic Manager, will remove their offices from Montreal to Toronto, Mar. 1.

J. F. Pierce, heretofore Assistant General Passenger Agent and General Baggage Agent, has been appointed General Passenger Agent, and will continue to perform the duties of General Baggage Agent. Office, Montreal.

Peter Paton, heretofore Assistant Operating Superintendent, Passenger Steamboats, Toronto, has been appointed Purchasing Agent, vice J. J. Phelan, assigned to other duties. Office, Montreal.

J. J. Phelan, heretofore Purchasing Agent, Montreal, has been appointed Assistant to Mechanical Superintendent. Office, Montreal.

Halifax Dry Dock.—An Ottawa press dispatch says that plans are being prepared in the Public Works Department for a dry dock at Halifax, N.S. This year's estimates voted by Parliament contained an appropriation of \$250,000 towards the construction of a first class dry dock at Halifax, of the same dimensions as the one now being built at Lauzon, Que., viz., 1,150 ft. long, 120 ft. wide at entrance, and 40 ft. deep at ordinary high water spring tides. The cost of such a dock would probably be about \$3,000,000. No site has yet been acquired, and it is not decided when work will be gone on with.

International Waterways Commission, Canadian Section.—C. A. Magrath, heretofore a commissioner, has been appointed Chairman of the Canadian Section, vice Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain, appointed Postmaster General. P. B. Mignault, K. C., has been appointed a commissioner.