

Fort William, Ont., has been appointed Trainmaster, Nelson, B.C., vice J. D. Fraine, transferred.

J. T. H. FERGUSON, heretofore Assistant Purchasing Agent, Calgary, Alta., has been appointed Assistant Purchasing Agent, Vancouver, B.C., vice S. G. Denman, transferred to Calgary, Alta.

Grand Trunk Ry.—F. NEALON has been appointed acting dock agent, Vancouver, B.C., vice H. Brown, who has received a commission in the Royal Engineers' Inland Water Service.

W. WALKER, heretofore Assistant Land Commissioner, Montreal, has been appointed acting Division Engineer, Eastern Lines, vice F. L. C. Bond, who has enlisted for overseas military service. Office, Montreal.

H. PALMER has been appointed Assistant Land Commissioner, vice W. Walker, transferred. Office, Montreal.

E. C. POTTER has been appointed Chief Dispatcher, Richmond, Que., vice T. H. Mason, who has been employed as a dispatcher there.

D. J. McCUAIG has been appointed acting Master Mechanic, Ontario Lines, vice W. G. Sealey, assigned to other duties. Office, Toronto.

New York Central Rd.—F. H. HARDIN has been appointed Master Mechanic, Adirondack Division, Utica, N.Y., vice C. F. Deaner, assigned to other duties.

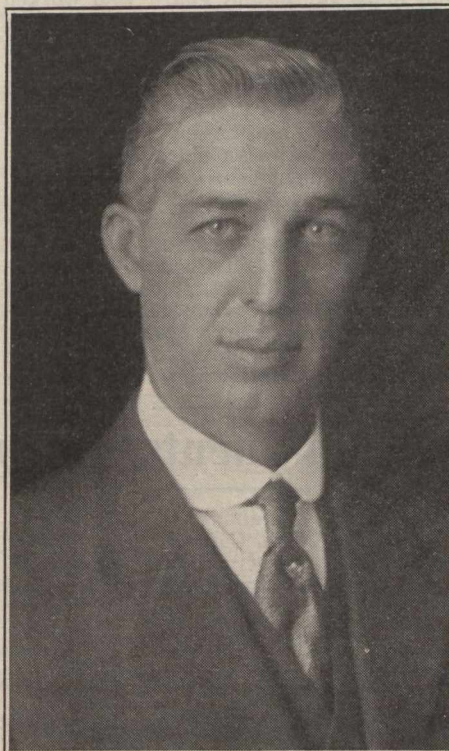
War Loan Subscriptions.

Among the largest subscribers to the Canadian War Loan bonds, offered for public subscription in March, were the following companies and persons connected with transportation and allied interests:—Steel Co. of Canada, \$2,000,000; Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., \$1,500,000; Imperial Oil Co., \$1,000,000; Bell Telephone Co., \$700,000; Canadian General Electric Co., \$500,000; J. K. L. Ross, director, C.P.R., \$500,000; Jas. Caruthers, President, Canada Steamship Lines, \$200,000; Elder, Dempster & Co., \$200,000; Sir Herbert Holt, director, C.P.R., \$200,000; M. J. Haney, director, Canada Steamship Lines, \$200,000; R. W. Leonard, ex chairman, National Transcontinental Ry. Commission, \$100,000; J. P. Steedman, director, Canada Steamship Lines, \$100,000; Victoria Rolling Stock & Realty Co., \$100,000; E. R. Wood, director, Canadian Northern Ry., \$100,000; Lord Shaughnessy, \$80,000; Canadian Iron Foundries, \$50,000; W. D. Matthews, director, C.P.R., \$50,000; Montreal Warehousing Co., \$50,000; Sir Edmund Osler, director, C.P.R., \$50,000; W. G. Ross, President, Montreal Harbor Commission, \$50,000; Senator J. M. Wilson, director, Montreal Tramways Co., \$50,000; Senator Curry, President, Canada Car & Foundry Co., \$25,000; H. Paton, President, Shedden Forwarding Co., \$25,000; Yarrows Limited, shipbuilders, Victoria, B.C., \$25,000; Mackay Companies, \$1,250,000; Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co., \$250,000; John Bertram & Sons Co., Dundas, Ont., \$800,000; Canadian Steel Foundries, Ltd., Montreal, \$250,000; Southern Canada Power Co., Montreal, \$50,000; Shedden Forwarding Co., Montreal, \$25,000; J. W. Norcross, Vice President and Managing Director, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal, \$100,000; J. W. Pyke, J. W. Pyke & Co., Montreal, \$25,000; C. F. Sise, Bell Telephone Co., Montreal, \$20,000.

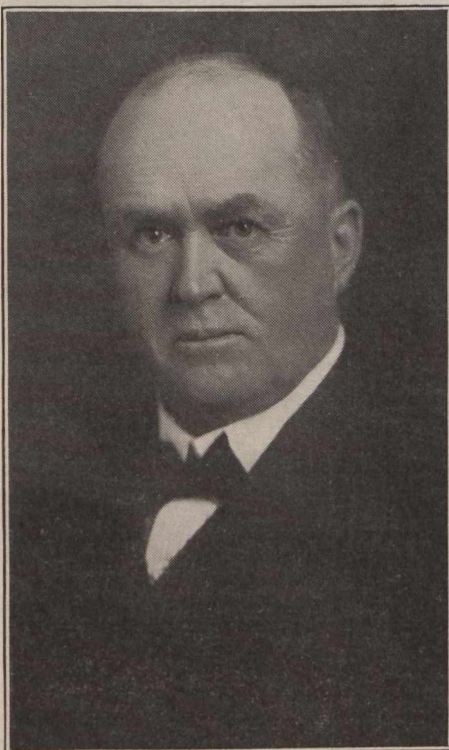
For an alleged violation of the hours of service act in the State of Vermont, the G.T.R. is being proceeded against in the District Court at Rutland.

The Enquiry into the Canadian Railways' Situation.

The Toronto Globe's Ottawa staff correspondent sent the following on Mar. 26: "That, in connection with the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Ry. systems,



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Superintendent, District 4, Western Division,
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the country is faced with two alternatives: either to continue for several years more the system of subsidies and loans in vogue for the past few years, or to nationalize the roads—is said to be the outstanding conclusion to be drawn from

a majority report of the commission appointed to make a survey of the whole railway situation of the Dominion. The report, it is understood, favors nationalization. A minority report, on the other hand, favors the retention of the roads under corporation control.

"In connection with the Grand Trunk, the majority report finds that while more than \$36,000,000 has been declared in dividends to the shareholders, little provision has been made for depreciation sinking fund. The members of the commission venture the opinion that a board of directors 3,000 miles away cannot be expected to effectively manage a Canadian railway. It is stated that the life of a car is only 20 years, and that as a result of the lack of provision for depreciation the G.T.R. is running only one car for every seven run by the C.P.R. The majority report is of the opinion that an expenditure of \$51,000,000 would be required to put the road on an economic earning basis. This would include the Grand Trunk Pacific. The amount estimated as necessary to put the Canadian Northern on a running basis is \$50,000,000."

Another Ottawa press dispatch credits Sir Henry Drayton, one of the commissioners, with stating Mar. 27 that the report was not finished and that nothing about it had been given out. The same dispatch says it is reported there that the chairman of the commission, A. H. Smith, President, New York Central Rd., favors the continuance of private ownership, with such financial adjustments as may be necessary to meet the exigencies of the situation, and that the two other commissioners, Sir Henry Drayton and W. M. Acworth, are in favor of nationalization.

Liquor Selling on U. S. Trains.—New York press despatch, Mar. 24.—W. H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League, states that he has sworn out, in Schenectady County, a complaint as the basis for a warrant for the arrest of A. H. Smith, President of the New York Central Rd., the particular alleged offence being the sale of two bottles of intoxicants, which, it is said, were carried off in the original packages. The object of the league is to stop the violation of the law, and the selling of liquor on trains, and to secure the settlement of the legal questions involved.

Canadian Government Railways' Employees' Provident Fund. Bliss A. Bourgeois, Assistant Comptroller and Treasurer, and W. P. Hutchinson, dispatcher, Moncton, N.B., have been elected members of the Provident Fund Board for the year ending Mar. 31, 1918. The other members are F. P. Gutelius, General Manager, Chairman; S. L. Shannon, Comptroller and Treasurer; H. H. Melanson, General Passenger Agent; C. B. Trites, Secretary.

Guelph Railway Matters.—The Ontario Legislature has struck out of the bill promoted by the City of Guelph, Ont., the sections providing for a change in the method of electing the city council, dissolving the boards of directors of the Guelph Junction Ry. and of the Guelph Radial Ry., and declaring that the new council shall have all the powers of the dissolved boards.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers.—H. W. Fisher, Chief Electrical Engineer, Standard Underground Cable Co., Perth Amboy, N.J., addressed the Toronto section, Mar. 16, on the manufacture of underground cables and their use under modern practice.