

N. W. Bethune was presented with an address and a set of 216 pieces of silver plate by the citizens and the telegraph staff of Ottawa, Oct. 21, on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Superintendent G.N.W. Telegraph Co., there, after many years' service.

Press reports that C. M. Hays had resigned as Second Vice-President and General Manager, G.T.R., have been denied from London, Eng., where Mr. Hays is. The position which it was stated he was to accept was that of President of the New York Central and Hudson River Ry.

A. H. Notman, Assistant General Passenger Agent, C.P.R., left Toronto Oct. 12 for California, where he will spend a couple of months or so for the benefit of his health. G. C. Wells, of the Passenger Traffic Manager's office, Montreal, is taking Mr. Notman's place in his absence.

A. O. Norton, manufacturer of lifting jacks, has arrived at Lake Massawippi, Que., in his 24 h.p. automobile, and is entertaining a party of railway friends at his fishing preserves in the Lake St. John district and at his unique and appropriately named summer home, "The-House-that-Jack-Built."

C. S. McCarthy, who was recently appointed General Air Brake Inspector, Intercolonial Ry., at Moncton, N.B., was born there Jan. 29, 1858, and entered railway service in 1876 as fireman, being promoted to be an engineer, Oct., 1880, which position he held continuously until his present appointment.

T. Crockett, the Liberal-Conservative candidate for the representation of Bonaventure county, Que., in the Dominion Parliament, was in the I.C.R. service from 1871 to 1889, when he went to the Temiscouata Ry., as General Superintendent, becoming General Manager in 1894 and remaining in that position until 1901.

C. R. Coutlee, who was recently appointed to have charge of road improvement work in Nova Scotia, on behalf of the Provincial Government, has been appointed engineer in charge of the survey of the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal for the Montreal district, in place of G. P. Brophy, who declined to act.

U. E. Thompson, who was G.T.R. city ticket agent, Canadian Ex. Co. agent, and local manager of the G.N.W. Telegraph Co., as well as a private banker at Belleville, Ont., died recently, and application has been made to the courts to wind up the estate. The total liabilities are \$86,000, and the assets have a face value of \$30,000.

J. D. Purkis and Mrs. Purkis, of Prescott, Ont., celebrated their golden wedding there, Sept. 29. Mr. Purkis was for a couple of years General Manager of the British North American Telegraph Co., at Quebec; from 1870 to 1875 was General Manager of the Dominion Telegraph Co., Toronto, and since returning to Prescott, has been associated with the ferry company there.

A. S. Begg, Superintendent of Terminals, G.T.R., at Port Huron, Mich., was suffocated by coal gas in the Sarnia tunnel, Oct. 11. Owing to the breaking in two of a freight train in the tunnel the train crew were left in danger, and rescue parties went in from both the Sarnia and the Port Huron ends of the tunnel, with the result that six men, including Mr. Begg, were brought out dead.

Dr. Hans Goldschmidt, the eminent chemical scientist of Essen-Buhr, Germany, was in Montreal recently, the guest of W. Abbott, his representative in Canada, and delivered a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, at McGill University, on the Alumine-Thermit process of welding, as well as on its use in metallurgy and in the foundry, with practical demonstrations.

W. F. Brougham, who has recently been appointed Local Right of Way and Lease Agent, C.P.R., at Vancouver, B.C., was born in Westmoreland, Eng., Nov. 25, 1865; graduated B.A. with honors at Cambridge University, Eng., 1888; was admitted a solicitor in England in 1894, and in R.C. in 1898. He entered railway service Aug., 1902, as clerk to the General Superintendent, C.P.R., at Vancouver, remaining there until appointed Local Right of Way and Lease Agent, in July, 1904.

W. J. Croasdale, C.E., who died at Moncton, N.B., Oct. 6, aged 78, was for 50 years engaged in railway survey and construction in the Maritime Provinces. Among the lines he was associated with were the St. Andrews and Quebec Ry.; St. John to Point du Chene, N.B., for the European and North American Ry.; Sydney to Louisburg, N.S.; Londonderry to Truro, N.S., for Londonderry Iron Works; Intercolonial Ry. from Moncton to Newcastle, N.B.; Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Ry., from Ste. Theresa to Granville, Que.; Albert Ry., Albert Southern Ry., Kent Northern Ry., Moncton and Buctouche Ry.

C. A. Magrath, who has been appointed Land Commissioner and Assistant to the President, Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co., Lethbridge, Alta., was born at North Augusta, Ont., April 22, 1860, and in 1878 removed to the Northwest Territories. He is a Provincial Land Surveyor for Ontario, a Dominion Land Surveyor, and a Territorial Surveyor, and practised his profession in the Northwest until 1878, when he was appointed Land Agent for the Alberta Ry. and Coal Co. He sat in the Northwest Assembly for Lethbridge, from 1891, and became a member of the Territorial Government in 1897, subsequently retiring from political life.

M. C. Sturtevant, whose portrait appears on the first page of this issue, was born at St. Albans, Vt., Aug. 28, 1866, and entered railway service in 1880, as messenger in the office of the Trainmaster, Central Vermont Ry., since which he has been consecutively to Nov. 1, 1889, clerk to General Manager and clerk to General Superintendent, same road; Nov., 1889, to Jan., 1890, clerk General Passenger Agents' department, Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Ry., at Chicago, Ill.; Jan. to Mar., 1890, clerk to Superintendent Illinois Central Rd., at Chicago; Mar., 1890, to Nov., 1892, clerk and agent Pullman's Palace Car Co., at Chicago; Nov., 1892, to Feb., 1898, clerk and chief clerk to Superintendent of Transportation, Illinois Central Rd., at Chicago; Feb., 1898 to date, Car Service Agent, G.T.R., at Montreal.

J. McGillivray, who has been appointed Superintendent of the railway lines of the Inverness Ry. and Coal Co. at Inverness, N.S., was born at Nairn, Scotland, Nov. 13, 1867, and entered railway service in 1887, his record being: Stenographer to the Assistant Superintendent C.P.R. lines between Port Arthur, Ont., and Winnipeg; secretary to the General Superintendent Western Division C.P.R.; secretary to the Manager of C.P.R. lines west of Lake Superior; chief clerk and accountant to the Superintendent C.P.R., Manitoba Division; chief clerk to the C.P.R. Superintendent of Transportation at Winnipeg. In June, 1902, he left the C.P.R. service with E. A. James, Superintendent of Transportation, and remained with him as chief clerk, on his appointment as General Superintendent, and afterwards as Manager Canadian Northern Ry. at Winnipeg. July, 1904, to Aug. 30, 1904, Trainmaster, C.N. Ry., at Kamsack, Assa.

S. J. McLean, M.A., Ph.D., an arts and law graduate of the University of Toronto, and recently Professor of Political Economy at the Leland Stanford University, Cal., has been appointed by the U.S. Government an

expert special field agent in connection with the Census Bureau, under the Department of Commerce and Labor, in obtaining data for the valuation of railway property in the U.S. This work is being done by the Bureau and the Interstate Commerce Commission in co-operation, under the direction of Prof. H. C. Adams, statistician of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The results will appear in the census volume on wealth, debt and taxation, which will be published next year. Mr. McLean is dealing particularly with the Pacific slope, and is carrying on this work jointly with his duties as professor in Leland Stanford University, having just returned to the university from St. Louis, after having attended a conference of the field agents engaged in the work. In 1902 his services were obtained by the Dominion Government to report upon railway rate matters, railway commissions and regulative legislation.

Cornelius Shields, General Manager Lake Superior Corporation, who died suddenly at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Oct. 28, was President of the Consolidated Lake Superior Co. from the early part of 1903 until it went into the hands of a receiver, and was active in working out the plans for its reorganization under its present title. He was born at Albany, N.Y., Jan. 1, 1856, and entered railway service May, 1871, since which he has been consecutively to Mar. 9, 1882, on the Southern Minnesota Rd. and its successor, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.; to Oct., 1871, waterboy tracklaying train; Oct., 1871, to Sept., 1873, section hand; Sept., 1873, to Oct., 1874, telegraph operator; Oct., 1874, to Feb., 1881, station agent; Feb. to July, 1881, train dispatcher; July, 1881, to March, 1882, chief train dispatcher; March, 1882, to May, 1883, chief train dispatcher, C.P.R., western division; May, 1883, to Feb., 1887, assistant superintendent same division, same road; March, 1887, to March, 1888, Superintendent, Montana division, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Rd.; Mar., 1888, to Mar., 1889, assistant General Superintendent, Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Ry.; Mar., 1889, to April, 1892, General Superintendent, same road; May, 1892, to Sept., 1893, General Superintendent, western division, Great Northern Ry.; Sept., 1893, to April, 1898, General Superintendent, Chicago, Great Western Ry.; July, 1898, to Dec., 1899, Vice-President, Spokane Falls & Northern, Nelson & Fort Sheppard, and Columbia & Red Mountain Rys., and President, Red Mountain Ry.; Dec., 1898, to Dec., 1899, also assistant General Superintendent, western division, Great Northern Ry.; Dec., 1899, to April, 1901, Vice-President and General Manager, Virginia Southwestern Ry. and Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Co.; April, 1901, to May, 1903, General Manager, Dominion Coal Co.; and when the D. Coal Co. and the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. were merged, Vice-President and General Manager.

The extension of the C.P.R. Pheasant Hill branch from Esterhazy to Lipton, Assa., was opened for traffic Oct. 9. It is being operated in connection with the third district, Central Division.

The Canadian Westinghouse Co., Hamilton, Ont., has issued illustrated pamphlets describing the Westinghouse generators for three wire direct current service, and the Westinghouse multiple alternating arc lamp.

The office of H. Moody, London, Eng., Secretary of the C.P.R., is now located in the company's new building in Trafalgar Square, and the office in Queen Victoria St. formerly occupied by him has been given up. The company's old offices on King William St., London, are being utilized as a branch freight and passenger office in connection with the Atlantic steamship service, on account of its proximity to the docks. The office is in charge of G. S. Jones, City Freight Agent.