

A Household Goods Loss Claim.

In the Trial Court at Toronto Nov. 14, Judge Teetzel gave judgment in the case of Biskey vs. C.P.R. Co., an action tried without a jury at North Bay, for the value of three boxes of household goods shipped by plaintiff on defendant's line of railway at Sault Ste. Marie, for delivery at Wahnapiatae, but which were not delivered, having been in some unexplained way lost by defendants. In addition to the ordinary shipping bill, plaintiff signed a special contract, undertaking that no claim in respect of injury or loss to the property would be made against defendants exceeding \$5 for any one package. The documents were signed, and the goods delivered at noon on Oct. 17, 1904. By a strange coincidence it was on that day that the Board of Railway Commissioners, by order, approved of the form of the special contract, under the Railway Act, 1903, sec. 275. Held, that the Board had jurisdiction to make the order, and the making of it was a judicial proceeding, and therefore a fraction of a day was not to be regarded, and the order must be looked upon as in full force during the whole of Oct. 17. Defendants paid \$15 into Court. Judgment for plaintiff for that sum with costs on the Division Court scale up to the time of payment into Court. No costs to defendants.

Restrictive Railway Legislation is the title of a volume containing the twelve lectures on the subject delivered before the University School of Law, Boston, Mass., in April and May, by Col. H. S. Haines. In these lectures he traces the history of the development of railways and of the various forms of restrictive legislation affecting them that have been adopted or proposed. Each lecture deals with a different branch of the subject, and the thoroughness with which it is discussed may be gathered from the titles of the different chapters—Introduction, Railroad Corporations, Railroad Finance, Railroad Construction, Railroad Operation, Railroad Traffic, Rate-making, Regulation of Rates, State Railroad Commissions, Pending Legislation affecting Interstate Commerce, State Control of Corporations engaged in Public Service, Conclusions. The volume is published in New York, N.Y., and London, Eng., by the Macmillan Co., and in Toronto by Morang & Co., the price being \$1.25 net.

L. J. Seargeant, who was general Manager G.T.R., from 1890 to 1906, and latterly a director, died in London, Eng., Nov. 28.

We are advised with respect to the operation of the Northern Division of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Ry., which has not yet been taken over by the Commissioners from the contractor A. R. Macdonell, that the contractor has placed himself under the Traffic Manager of the line in all matters connected with the freight and passenger business. As a result of this agreement the passenger fare has been reduced to 3 cents a mile, and the local commodity mileage freight rates are made to cover all traffic to all points north of New Liskeard, Ont.

The following orders have been placed for rolling stock for Mackenzie, Mann & Co.'s Railway System, the distribution of the same among the various lines not having yet been determined:—Canada Foundry Co., Toronto, 20 freight locomotives and 4 switching locomotives; Canadian Locomotive Co., Kingston, Ont., eight passenger and freight locomotives; Locomotive and Machine Co. of Montreal, 10 passenger locomotives; Crossen Car Manufacturing Co., Cobourg, Ont., 100 flat cars, 30 tons capacity, and 50 stock cars, 36 ft. long; Rhodes, Curry & Co., Amherst, N.S., 12 first-class cars, three baggage and mail cars, 1,000 box cars, 30 tons capacity; 300 flat cars, 30 tons capacity, and four Russell snow plows.

TRANSPORTATION APPOINTMENTS.

Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Ry.—C. L. Vaughn, heretofore Car Accountant, has been appointed Trainmaster in addition to his present duties. He will have direction of the movement of trains and cars on the main line division. Office, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

T. Fraser has been appointed Master Mechanic, succeeding C. E. Slayton, resigned.

Allan Line Steamers.—D. O. Wood has been appointed western freight representative. Office, Toronto.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—W. G. Annable has been appointed General Baggage Agent of all lines vice R. H. Morris, deceased. Office, Montreal.

G. Mc L. Brown has been appointed General Passenger Agent of the company's Atlantic steamships. G. A. Ringland, heretofore General Passenger Agent Atlantic steamships, has been appointed Assistant Passenger Agent, same service.

The position of Claims Agent, Ontario Division, vacant by the death of Jas. Wilson, has not been filled, and it is probable that the work will be done by the local solicitors' office.

A. G. Ardagh, Resident Engineer Ontario Division, lines west of Toronto, having resigned, the territory, has been divided. F. W. Cooper has been appointed Resident Engineer on the London and Windsor sections, and Ingersoll and Guelph branches, with office at London, Ont. W. A. Cowan has been appointed Resident Engineer on the Owen Sound section, Orangeville, Teeswater, Wingham and Flora branches, with office at Toronto.

The following circular was issued by Sir Thos. G. Shaughnessy, President, Oct. 31:—"The Tillsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Ry., having been leased to the C.P.R. Co., will, after midnight Nov. 15, be operated as part of District 2 of the Ontario Division. All employees then in the T., L.E. and P.R. Co.'s service will become employees of the C.P.R. Co., and will take their instructions from, and report to, its officers accordingly."

The jurisdiction of the officials of district 2 of the Ontario Division has been extended over the T., L.E. and P. Ry., and none of the general officers of that company have been appointed to the C.P.R. service.

W. Bell, heretofore District Superintendent Sleeping, Dining and Parlor Cars and News Service, Central Division, has been appointed District Superintendent same service, for western lines. Office, Winnipeg.

J. T. Whitlaw, heretofore Agent at Pilot Mound, Man., has been appointed Travelling Passenger Agent, succeeding C. W. Graves, resigned. Office, Winnipeg, Man.

R. J. Cherry, District Superintendent Sleeping, Dining and Parlor Cars and News Service Pacific Division, having resigned, the office has been abolished.

S. C. Sykes, heretofore agent Sleeping, Dining and Parlor Cars and News Service, Vancouver, B.C., has been appointed Assistant District Superintendent same service Pacific Division. Office Vancouver.

Chicago and Northwestern Ry.—W. L. Wyand, heretofore Northwestern Passenger Agent of the Michigan Central Rd. at St. Paul, Minn., is reported to have been appointed Canadian Excursion Agent of the C. and N.W.R., with headquarters at Winnipeg. This is probably a temporary position for the fall business.

Erie Rd.—F. D. Underwood, President, has also been elected President of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Rd.; the Pere Marquette Rd., and of the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville Rd.

The authority of the vice-presidents has been extended over the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, and the Pere Marquette Rd., as

follows:—C. F. Brownell, First-Vice-President, legal; G. A. Richardson, Second Vice-President, accounting and coal companies; H. B. Chamberlain, traffic; J. M. Graham, Fourth Vice-President, engineering and construction; R. Harding, operation and maintenance. Mr. Harding is since reported to have resigned.

E. A. Williams, Assistant General Manager, has been appointed General Mechanical Superintendent of the Erie Rd., and of its allied and controlled lines. Office, 21 Cortlandt St., New York.

M. P. Blauvelt, Comptroller, has had his jurisdiction extended over the two acquired lines, and J. L. Cramer, Comptroller C.H. and D. Rd., has been appointed Assistant Comptroller of the combined lines.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—G. U. Ryley has been appointed Land Commissioner. Office, Montreal.

Dr. J. M. Leney has been appointed Divisional Surgeon at Winnipeg. He will have jurisdiction over the present construction contract in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Grand Trunk Ry.—P. M. Buttler has been appointed Travelling Passenger Agent at Ottawa, reporting to the General Passenger Agent, Montreal.

J. H. Fulford, who for a number of years has discharged the duties of city ticket agent at Brockville, Ont., has been appointed to the position, succeeding the late Senator G. T. Fulford.

The following agents have been appointed: Stottsville, Que., J. A. Sullivan; Beaconsfield, Que., J. A. Bigelow; Nanapanee, Ont., O. R. Laidley; Trenton, Ont., C. S. Hamly; Sutton, Ont., A. McNabb; St. Louis, Que., C. L. Pearce (Rel.); Admaston, Ont., J. Perreault; Barrys Bay, Ont., J. H. Halpenny.

Horace Seely has been appointed Commercial Agent at Kansas City, Mo., reporting to the Assistant General Freight Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Great Northern Ry. of Canada.—See Mackenzie, Mann & Co.'s eastern lines.

Halifax and South Western Ry.—J. D. Sullivan, heretofore attached to the office of the Superintendent of Transportation, C.P.R., Montreal, has been appointed Superintendent Halifax and South Western Ry., succeeding J. Brignell, appointed Local Auditor. Office, Bridgewater, N.S.

A circular issued by W. H. Grant, Manager of Construction for Mackenzie, Mann & Co.'s Halifax and South Western Ry. contract states that L. H. Wheaton has been appointed Chief Engineer of the Halifax and South Western Ry. with headquarters at Bridgewater, N.S., vice T. H. White, assigned to other duties. See also Mackenzie, Mann & Co.'s Eastern Lines.

Intercolonial Ry.—We are officially advised that C. R. Palmer, formerly general storekeeper, is now looking after requisitions for stationery.

James Bay Ry.—See Mackenzie, Mann & Co.'s eastern lines.

Kingston and Pembroke Ry.—W. R. Baker, Assistant to the President C.P.R., has been also appointed Vice-President and General Manager of the K. and P. R., succeeding C. W. Spencer, resigned.

Mackenzie, Mann & Co.'s Eastern Lines.—C. W. Spencer, General Manager, has appointed as his chief clerk, T. A. Hiam, late of the C.P.R. car service department.

See also Halifax and South Western Ry. T. H. White, heretofore Chief Engineer of the Halifax & South Western Ry., has been appointed Chief Engineer of Location and Construction, James Bay Ry. and Great Northern Ry. of Canada. Headquarters, Toronto.

Michigan Central Rd.—J. C. Mock, Signal Engineer, having been appointed Electrical