

A. A. Goodchild, Auditor of Statistics, C. P.R. at Montreal, born at Peckham, London, Eng., June 3, 1866.

G. W. Hibbard, General Passenger Agent, Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Ry. and Mineral Range Road, at Marquette, Mich., born at St. John's, Que., June 15, 1852.

L. R. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Rolling Stock, C.P.R., at Montreal, born at Abingdon, Berks., Eng., June 22, 1855.

A. C. Lytle, Granby, Que., Superintendent and General Freight and Passenger Agent, Orford Mountain Ry., at Eastman, Que., born at Hemmingford, Que., June 6, 1854.

W. R. MacInnes, Freight Traffic Manager, C.P.R., at Montreal, born at Hamilton, Ont., June 7, 1867.

E. H. McHenry, Chief Engineer, C.P.R., at Montreal, born at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 25, 1859.

C. E. McPherson, General Passenger Agent, C.P.R., at Winnipeg, born at Chat-ham, Ont., June 7, 1861.

W. D. Matthews, director C.P.R., Toronto, born at Burford, Ont., June 22, 1850.

H. C. Pearce, Purchasing Agent, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Ry., at Minneapolis, Minn., born June 1, 1850.

F. Price, Master of Transportation, G.T.R., at London, Ont., born at Montreal, June 11, 1864.

Aiding the Mercantile Marine.

The following order-in-council was passed at Ottawa April 27: "Whereas it has been strongly urged by prominent representatives of water transport interests in Canada and by others concerned with the trade and commerce of the country that the experiment be tried of a total abandonment of tolls for the use of the canal system of the Dominion in the hope and expectation that exemption from toll will lead to a considerable increase in the trade and traffic of the inland waters and be beneficial to the country at large. Therefore, the Governor-in-Council is pleased, in virtue of the provisions of the Revised Statutes, chap. 37, sec. 13, intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Railways and Canals, to declare exempt from the payment of tolls for passage through all and any of the Government canals, all vessels, rafts, cribs or other craft, and also all goods whatsoever carried therein or thereon, and all persons

and animals so carried, such exemption to date from the opening of the present season, April 13, 1903, and to continue for a period of two seasons of navigation only, viz., to the end of the season of 1904."

The Dominion Government has decided to abolish the steamboat inspection dues and tonnage dues on Canadian steamers. These dues, however, are imposed by statute and their abolition must also be by statute, so that no change can be made until an act carrying into effect the decision of the Cabinet has been passed. Pending the passing of such an act the Department of Marine has instructed the different steamboat inspectors to issue their certificates without the production of a customs receipt for inspection fees and tonnage dues. While no instructions have been given in regard to the non-collection of fees for the inspection of U. S. vessels trading to Canadian ports, it is understood that they are to be placed on the same footing as Canadian vessels. As a result of the abolition of these fees and dues Canadian steamers touching at U.S. ports will be relieved of the necessity of paying similar dues there. There is a general statute in force in the United States providing that no fees for inspection are to be charged

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