

a settlement the Minister of Labor may refer the matter to arbitration. The arbitrators may be the committee of conciliation, or any members of it, or an entirely different committee, the members to be appointed as in the case of the committee of conciliation, except that the appointment shall be under the seal of the Minister of Labor, and that the arbitrators shall have power to summon witnesses, etc. In the case of difference on the Intercolonial Ry., it is provided that the power to name conciliators or arbitrators shall be exercised by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island, as may be directed in each case by the Minister of Labor.

The important difference between the act and the proposal of the Minister of Labor in 1902, is that each separate difference may be brought before a specially constituted committee, whereas it was originally proposed to establish a permanent board for the settlement of differences.

Canadian Freight Association.

The regular summer meeting was held at Murray Bay, Que., July 9, W. P. Hinton, President, in the chair. The following were present: Bay of Quinte Ry., J. F. Chapman; Canada Atlantic Ry., C. J. Smith, W. P. Hinton; C.P.R., W. B. Bulling, M. H. Brown, S. P. Howard, W. R. Haldane; Delaware and Hudson Rd., P. Wadsworth, J. E. Hawkins; G.T.R., J. Pullen, F. J. Watson, J. J. Cunningham, C. E. Dewey, J. P. Gay; Intercolonial Ry., J. Hardwell; Kingston and Pembroke Ry., F. Conway; Michigan Central Ry., Carl Howe; New York and Ottawa Ry., G. A. Brown; Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., T. Henry, R. McEwan; Seely Packet Line, J. D. Seely; Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry., E. Fisher, F. F. Backus; Hon. Member, D. De Cooper, Lehigh Valley Rd.; Thos. Ridgedale, Chicago Great Western Ry., present by invitation; Secretary-Treasurer, J. Earls.

The following were elected active members: J. R. McIsaac, Traffic Manager, Dominion Iron and Steel Co., operating Sydney and Louisburg Ry., and Black Diamond Steamship Line, Sydney, N.S.; H. V. Harris, General Manager, Midland Ry., Truro, vice A. R. Evans; C. S. Papps, Quebec Southern Ry., Montreal.

The Freight Committee recommended the following for adoption: "That the cartage arrangement as in effect at cartage points on lines east of Fort William which provides, at present, for the collection on inwards and outwards cartage freight of a rate, in addition to the freight charges, when cartage is performed, of 1¼c. per 100 lbs., on freight classifying 1st to 4th, and 1c. on 5th class, minimum charge 10c. in addition to the Railway Companies' rates be increased to 1½c. per 100 lbs., on classes 1st to 5th, inclusive, minimum 15c., and, that the additional charge of 2c. per 100 lbs., now charged on freight classifying 6th to 10th, inclusive, when the cartage is undertaken or performed by the Railway Companies' Cartage Agents, be increased to 2½c. per 100 lbs." This recommendation was adopted by all the representatives present, with the exception of one member who was not prepared to vote, and J. W. Lond, W. R. MacInnes and C. J. Smith were appointed a special committee to decide as to the date when the change should become effective.

The members of the association and the friends, who accompanied them, travelled to Murray Bay, via the Richelieu and Navigation Co.'s steamers, and the meeting was held at the Manoir Richelieu, the company's hotel there. Facilities for travel were extended to the members by the Intercolonial Ry. and the Quebec and Lake St. John Ry.

Dominion Marine Association.

Since the article under this heading on pg. 286 went to press, we are advised that the following additional members have been enrolled and tonnage declared:

Hamilton and Fort William Navigation Co. (Ltd.), Hamilton, Ont. Strs.: Strathcona, 1,465 tons; Donnacona, 1,222 tons.

Hamilton and Montreal Navigation Co. (Ltd.), Hamilton, Ont. Str.: Lake Michigan, 360 tons.

Montreal Transportation Co., Montreal. Strs.: Bothnia, 478 tons; Fairmount, 1,183 tons; Rosemount, 989 tons; Westmount, 1,171 tons. Sailing vessels and barges: Augustus, 802 tons; Dunmore, 590 tons; Hamilton, 960 tons; Melrose, 740 tons; Minnedosa, 1,041 tons; Quebec, 988 tons; Selkirk, 719 tons; Winnipeg, 681 tons; Acadia, 375 tons; Alberta, 314 tons; Bella, 434 tons; Brighton, 607 tons; Cobourg, 607 tons; Colborne, 301 tons; Cornwall, 586 tons; Dorchester, 375 tons; Eagle, 316 tons; Gaskin, 487 tons; Hector, 539 tons; Iowa, 365 tons; Jennie, 438 tons; Kildonan, 499 tons; Kingston, 578 tons; Montreal, 338 tons; Nebraska, 387 tons; Regina, 411 tons; Star, 321 tons; Toronto, 335 tons; Valenica, 543 tons. Total: strs., 3821 tons; sailing vessels and barges, 15,686 tons.

New Ontario Steamship Co. (Ltd.), Hamilton, Ont. Str.: Wacondah, 996 tons.

A. E. Pontbriand, Sorel, Que. Strs.: Victoria, 183 tons; Robert, 418 tons.

The Department of Customs has arranged to bring into effect the contemplated arrangements by which all charges for customs officers for extra services will be borne by the public revenue and the transportation companies thereby relieved. The Department is waiting the passing of an order-in-council before issuing instructions to its officers, but hoped to be able to send out the necessary orders before the end of July, the new arrangement to date from July 1. The Department, however, has expressed its intention not to undertake to pay for extra service provided on Sundays. Some correspondence has taken place between the Association and the Minister of Customs on this point, but the Minister has expressed himself averse to allowing Sunday to follow in the same category as the other days of the week. The bill introduced by the Minister of Marine to amend the Steamboat Inspection Act, and providing for the carrying out of the petitions of the Ottawa convention by removing the inspection fees and tonnage and placing them under the control of the Governor-in-Council has been printed. The bill also provides for reciprocal inspection arrangements with other countries, so that when Canadian vessels obtain free inspection in any other country, vessels from that country will have similar privileges in Canada.

Sunday Travelling in Ontario.

A number of cases under the Lord's Day Act of Ontario have been tried in the courts with varying results, but by the decision given by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in London, Eng., all doubt on the law has been set at rest. The case on which the decision was given in London, was that of the Attorney-General of Ontario against the Hamilton Street Ry. Co. and others, which, with certain questions relative to the act, were referred to the Privy Council by the Lieut.-Governor of the Province. The case was argued before a full court by counsel representing the Province, the Dominion, the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance, the G.T.R., the Metropolitan Ry. and others interested.

The Lord Chancellor in delivering judgment said the court was of opinion that the act, treating it as a whole, was beyond the competency of the Ontario Legislature, and, therefore, it was invalid. The reservation in

the British North America Act of the criminal law for the Dominion was given in very plain, ordinary and intelligible language. With regard to the other questions which it had been suggested should be reserved for further argument, the court considered it would be inexpedient and undesirable and contrary to precedent to attempt to give any judicial opinion upon them. The main and substantial question was that on which an opinion had first been expressed that this Ontario act was beyond the jurisdiction of the Ontario Legislature. No order would be made as to costs.

August Birthdays.

Many happy returns of the day to

H. H. Adams, Assistant Superintendent Canadian division, Michigan Central Rd., at St. Thomas, Ont., born at Detroit, Mich., Aug. 13, 1876.

H. W. D. Armstrong, Chief Engineer, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Ry., at Lindsay, Ont., born at Ottawa, Aug. 1, 1852.

R. Atkinson, ex-Superintendent of Rolling Stock, C.P.R., born at Crewe, Eng., Aug., 1851.

G. J. Chadd, Purchasing Agent, Central Ontario Ry., at Trenton, Ont., born in London, Eng., Aug. 21, 1837.

H. G. Elliott, Assistant General Passenger and Ticket Agent, G.T.R., at Montreal, born at Chambly, Que., Aug. 22, 1860.

Hon. W. Gibson, railway contractor, Beamsville, Ont., born at Peterhead, Scotland, Aug. 7, 1849.

G. H. Ham, Advertising Agent, C.P.R., at Montreal, born at Trenton, Ont., Aug. 23, 1847.

W. P. Hinton, General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canada Atlantic Ry. and Canada Atlantic Transit Co., at Ottawa, Ont., born at Hintonburg, Ont., Aug. 30, 1871.

R. Kerr, Passenger Traffic Manager, C.P.R., at Montreal, born at Toronto, Aug., 1845.

G. M. Lang, Resident Engineer, C.P.R., at Medicine Hat, Assa., born at Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 16, 1859.

J. D. McDonald, District Passenger Agent, G.T.R., at Toronto, born there Aug. 27, 1855.

T. McHattie, Master Mechanic G.T.R., at Montreal, born at Dufftown, Banffshire, Scotland, Aug. 8, 1854.

W. E. Mullens, Superintendent of Transportation Central Vermont Ry., at St. Albans, Vt., born at Stratford, Ont., Aug. 13, 1870.

W. S. Nevins, Travelling Freight Agent, C.P.R. and Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry., at Buffalo, N.Y., born at Towanda, Pa., Aug. 13, 1850.

C. R. Scoles, General Manager, Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry., at New Carlisle, Que., born at Grantham, Lincoln, Eng., Aug. 27, 1856.

M. C. Sturtevant, Car Service Agent, G.T.R., at Montreal, born at St. Albans, Vt., Aug. 28, 1866.

W. N. Warburton, General Freight Agent, Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry., at St. Catharines, Ont., born at St. Thomas, Ont., Aug. 24, 1851.

The first sod for the new Y.M.C.A. building at Stratford, Ont., towards the erection of which the G.T.R. has given a free site and \$4,000, was turned July 11.

The supplementary estimates passed by the House of Commons contain an item of \$3,000 for the cost of the cattle guard's commission.

Mackenzie, Mann & Co. are reported to have secured control of the Kayak oil fields in Alaska.