

### Among the Express Companies.

W. F. Crichton has been appointed agent, Dominion Ex. Co., West Toronto, Ont., vice T. Townsend, deceased.

H. M. Watson has been appointed cashier, Dominion Ex. Co., Moose Jaw, Sask., vice G. A. Brown, promoted.

G. E. Bellrose has been appointed Traffic Supervisor, Canadian Northern Ex. Co., Winnipeg.

W. W. Williamson, General Auditor, Canadian Ex. Co., Montreal, has been elected grand master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M.

A. E. Yuill, heretofore agent, Estevan, Sask., has been appointed agent, Dominion Ex. Co., Brandon, Man., vice D. H. Taylor, transferred.

G. A. Brown, heretofore cashier, Moose Jaw, Sask., has been appointed agent, Dominion Ex. Co., Estevan, Sask., vice A. E. Yuill, transferred.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened offices at York, P.E.I., and Metis Beach, Que., and has closed its offices at Aldershot and Musquodoboit, N.S., and Plourde, Que.

The Wells, Fargo Co. has concluded arrangements with the London Railway Commission to establish an office at London, Ont., and to operate an express service over the London & Port Stanley Ry.

The Board of Railway Commissioners has approved revised Supplement 10 to Express Classification for Canada, C.R.C. 3, submitted to the board by C. N. Ham, Secretary, Express Traffic Association of Canada, Jan. 16.

Canadian Northern Ex. Co. employes at Winnipeg have formed an association for instruction and entertainment. Monthly meetings will be held, when an address will be delivered by one of the officials, on a subject connected with express work, which will be followed by a social evening.

The Minister of Railways, in replying to questions in the House of Commons, Feb. 7, stated that the Canadian Ex. Co. operates its service over the National Transcontinental Ry. from Quebec to Winnipeg. On account of the war, it was thought advisable to make a temporary arrangement with the Canadian Ex. Co. for the service.

The Dominion Ex. Co. was fined \$150 and costs at Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 30, for carrying intoxicating liquor between Saskatoon, Sask., and Edmonton, Alta. In making a conviction, the magistrate stated that the accused had failed to prove that it had good reason for believing that the liquor brought from Saskatchewan into Alberta would only be dealt with in a lawful manner.

Wm. Thos. Anderson, Assistant Treasurer, Canadian Express Co., died at Montreal, Feb. 12, after 42 years service. He was born at Iroquois, Ont., in 1853, entered the C. E. Co.'s service in 1875 as junior clerk in the Money Department, later becoming the head of same. In 1891 he was appointed Auditor, Money Order Department, and in 1899, Assistant Treasurer, which position he held until his death.

Jas. H. Sonne, who has been appointed acting Assistant Treasurer, Canadian Express Co., Montreal, vice W. T. Anderson, deceased, was born in Dunedin, New Zealand, in 1869. He entered the C. E. Co.'s service in 1887 as junior clerk. In 1890 he was transferred to the Money Department, later having charge of same; was appointed Cashier at Montreal office in 1912, and acting Assistant Treasurer on Feb. 1, 1917.

### Trade and Supply Notes.

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**Preston Car & Coach Co.**—Preston, Ont., ratepayers are being asked to vote on a bylaw to lend this company \$75,000 to rebuild the car plant destroyed by fire recently.

**The Independent Pneumatic Tool Co.**, Thor Building, Chicago, Ill., has ready for distribution a 4 pg. folder illustrating and describing in detail the Thor line of portable electric drills and grinders, which consists of eight different sizes of electric drills, with capacities ranging from ¼ to 2 in., and a portable electric grinder with wheel ¾ x 4 in.

**Locomotive Superheater Co.**, 30 Church St., New York, N.Y., has issued bulletin 2 on fire tube marine superheaters, giving a list of 69 vessels fitted with its fire tube superheaters and entering United States ports, the object being to give ship owners and engineers an opportunity to inspect the vessels and to obtain at first hand reliable information as to the results which are being obtained.

**The Electric Railways Improvement Co.**, Cleveland, Ohio, has developed a light portable outfit for electric welding rail bonds, which consists of an electric furnace, weighing 65 lbs., and a rheostat, weighing 200 lbs. By means of these two pieces of apparatus, current may be taken from the trolley and utilized in welding the copper rail bond to the rail. It is claimed that when the weld is completed, the copper of the bond and the steel of the rail are so intimately and

firmly united that there is no chance for a depreciation of the electrical contact thus made. The electric furnace measures about 6 x 8 x 8 in. and when in operation is supported by a yoke resting on the top of the rail. The final adjustment for position is accomplished by means of 2 hand wheels, which give the operator complete control of the position of the furnace. The heat is transmitted to the bond by an incandescent piece of graphite pressing against it. No flame or arc strikes either the bond or the rail. Likewise there is no arc exposed to the eye, thereby doing away with the blinding effect of intense light. The rheostat measures about 15 x 20 x 24 in. and is equipped with switches and circuit breaker. By means of it, the electric furnace can be used with a line voltage of anywhere from 150 to 600 volts. It is equipped with handles, making it handy for two men to carry. The furnace may be placed on the top of the rheostat while moving from one rail joint to the next, thus making an easily portable outfit. The whole outfit may, if desired, be mounted on a 4-wheeled lorry for pushing along the track. The power consumption of the welder is claimed to be from 1 to 1½ k.w. hours per 4/0 bond. It is claimed by the manufacturers that it will put electric welded bonds within the reach of the smaller electric railways, will also be in certain demand by the larger roads, for use where traffic or other conditions forbid the use of a larger and more complicated apparatus.

**Reynolds Timber Shipping and Insurance Agency, Ltd.**, has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act, with \$40,000 capital, and office at Vancouver, B.C., to carry on a general produce, manufacturing, shipping and warehouse business, and in connection therewith to own and operate steam and other vessels, wharves, docks, etc., and to act as financial, insurance, commercial and vessel agents.

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