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**THE THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT.**

AT THE BANQUET given in his honor the other day by the Montreal Board of Trade, Sir Henry Thornton, President of the C. N. R., re-affirmed and emphasized his intention of managing the Government-owned railways without political interference. "Let it be perfectly understood," he declared, "now and for once and all, that there is to be no political interference, direct or indirect, in the administration and working of the Canadian National Railways."

This announcement, which in one form or another has now been publicly made three times by the new head of the C. N. R., cannot be too widely circulated. The greater the publicity that is given to it, the easier should it be for the railway management to live up to it. Unless the principle of non-interference is scrupulously observed by members of parliament and by politicians near to the Government, as well as by the railway board, friction between the management and its employees is certain to arise. There are several Liberal members of parliament representing Nova Scotia constituencies who should make serious note of the policy Sir Henry Thornton has announced. The most persistent advocates of a politically run railway are E. M. Macdonald, M. P., for Pictou, and H. J. Logan, M. P., for Cumberland. They are now reinforced by the election of R. E. Finn for Halifax, a politician who sees eye to eye with them in their belief that the Government-owned railways should be controlled, in regard to local patronage matters, by the "responsible members" for the various constituencies.

The new C. N. R. President will find ere long that the task he has laid on himself is no light one. His conscientious efforts to discharge it fairly and courageously will be backed by sound public opinion in all parts of Canada.

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