

Vice-Presidency & General Managership of the Spokane Falls & Northern, has been appointed Vice-President & General Manager of the Virginia & Southwestern, which operates 118 miles & has 45 miles under construction. The line now operated runs from Looney Creek, Va., to Elizabethton, Tenn. An extension is being built from Elizabethton to Mountain City, Tenn. Mr. Shields will have charge of the operating & traffic departments, with headquarters at Bristol, Tenn.

Jno. Patterson, of Hamilton, Ont., is known as the "electric man" of that city, & in this field he has achieved great success. In the 80's he began to develop the electric undertakings which have since done so much for the city. In 1895 the electric line around the beach to Burlington was completed, & the next year Mr. Patterson organized the Cataract Power Co. to develop power at DeCew's Falls & transmit it to Hamilton. This company has now a capital of \$3,750,000 & controls the Hamilton Electric Light & Power Co., the Hamilton St. Ry. Co., the Hamilton & Dundas Electric Ry., the Hamilton Radial Electric Ry., & the Electric Power & Manufacturing Co., of Hamilton.

W. G. Collins, General Manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, has resigned, to take effect Feb. 1, & it is understood that he will soon afterward go to Europe to remain for several months. He was born in Wisconsin Nov. 21, 1851, & began railway work in 1868 on the C.M. & St. P. From 1870 to 1873 he was with the Northern Pacific & the Canada Southern, but in 1873 he returned to the C.M. & St. P., on which road he steadily worked his way up until 1877, when he became Chief Train Despatcher & Superintendent of the River Division. This position he held until 1889, when he was made Assistant General Superintendent. In 1891 he became General Superintendent, & in 1898 was promoted to be General Manager.

J. C. O'Neil, of Kemptonville, Ont., died Dec. 21, at Port Arthur, where he was on business in connection with his contract on the Ontario & Rainy River Ry. He was associated with Guy Campbell in building several sections on the C.P.R. They also built 10 miles of the Pontiac & Pacific Jct., near Quyon, a 10 mile section of the Ontario & Quebec, near Kemptonville; 15 miles of the Quebec & Lake St. John; 20 miles of the Temiscouata; 15 miles of the New Glasgow branch of the Intercolonial, & the missing link in the Annapolis & Digby, in N.S. While associated with Geo. Ferguson, of Kemptonville, deceased built several sections of the Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound, & he also had contracts on the Crow's Nest Pass

Ry. He was owner of an extensive ranch in western Ontario.

W. J. Conners, head of the Montreal elevator syndicate, was born 42 years ago in Toronto. His father, P. Conners, was educated at St. Michael's College, Toronto, in the early forties, & was afterwards a mail conductor on a line of steamers running between Toronto & Montreal. W. J. acquired a seafaring taste on Lake Ontario; sailed on the Great Lakes for a number of years; was employed on the docks in Buffalo; was a stevedore & developed into a contractor & shipowner; employs during the season of navigation in Buffalo, Chicago, Milwaukee & Gladstone, Mich., about 6,000 men; owns two newspapers in Buffalo, the Courier & the Enquirer; is well known among lake shipping men; is regarded as a shrewd man of business & good at making a bargain; likes to get fair play & to give it; commands lots of money, but never advises other people to invest capital where he will not invest his own; thinks the Harbor Commissioners wanted to drive a hard bargain, but has tremendous faith in the elevator project for Montreal.—Montreal Herald.

Hon. L. E. Baker, President of the Yarmouth S.S. Co., was found dead in a sleeping car on its arrival at Boston from New York, Dec. 31. He was born at Yarmouth, N.S., in 1831, his ancestors having come from Massachusetts. From 1855 to 1864 he was in partnership with J. Young as general merchants & shipbuilders. He then engaged in business on his own account, & for many years was the most active & prominent business man in Yarmouth. Among the prominent positions which he held were the presidency of the Bank of Yarmouth & of the Yarmouth S.S. Co. He was also President of the Yarmouth Marine Railway Co., the Yarmouth Woollen Mill Co., of the Yarmouth Duck & Yarn Co., & of the Yarmouth Grand Hotel Co. He was prominent in connection with the Yarmouth Museum & Public Library, which was founded by him. He was married three times; his third wife, who survives him, is a daughter of the late G. B. Creighton, of Dartmouth, N.S. His daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Stopford, lives in England, & he has two sons, Prescott & Seymour. He had \$60,000 in life insurance.

Walter Shanley, C.E., who died at the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, Dec. 17, was born in Queen's County, Ireland, in 1819. Shortly after his arrival in Canada he was employed by the Government on the Welland & Beauharnois canals & was subsequently connected with important railway works. He was General Manager of the G.T. Railway from 1858 to

1862. His most important work as a railway contractor was the construction of the Hoosac tunnel in Massachusetts, one of the greatest engineering works of the century, on which he was engaged from 1860 to 1875. Since then he had been widely employed as a consulting engineer. At one time he was a prominent figure in Canadian politics. He sat in the old Parliament of Canada from 1863 to 1867, & was also a member of the 1st, 5th & 6th Parliaments after Confederation. He was a strong Conservative in politics, & was a close friend & associate of Sir Jno. Macdonald, Sir Geo. Cartier, & D'Arcy McGee. He was a delegate from Canada to the Detroit Trade Congress in 1864, with Jos. Howe & Jno. Young. For some years he was President of the Mechanics' Bank. He was buried at London, Ont.

Jas. Charlton, who on Jan. 1 retired from the general passenger & ticket agency of the Chicago & Alton, fitly bears the title of Nestor of his business in America. He has been a leading figure in passenger traffic circles for many years, & his retirement is viewed with regret. He has been in continuous railway service for 52 years. He was born in Bothal, Eng., in 1832, & took up railway work in 1847 as junior clerk in the freight department of the Newcastle & Carlisle Ry. He was later made chief clerk and then cashier of the same department. In 1857 he left England for Canada, where he entered the service of the Great Western Ry. as assistant to the Chief Clerk of the Audit Office, in charge of statistics & freight accounts. He later served consecutively as Chief Clerk, Auditor & General Passenger Agent of that road. In 1870 he went west as General Ticket & Passenger Agent of the North Missouri Railroad. In July, 1871, he entered upon his long & brilliant connection with the Chicago & Alton as General Passenger & Ticket Agent—a connection that is closed now only because of the exigencies of the reorganization which the new owners of that road are effecting.—Railway Review.

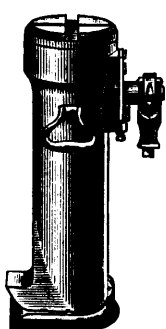
Granville C. Cuninghame.

In a recent issue we announced that G. C. Cuninghame, M.I.C.E., Managing Director of the City of Birmingham Tramway Co., had been appointed General Manager of the Central London Ry. The Tramway & Railway World has the following reference to him:—Mr. Cuninghame, who was born in Edinburgh in 1847, acquired his profession of civil engineer there. Till 1870 he was engaged in connection with various railway, road, & water works in Scotland, & in that year he went to Honduras to take part in the surveys for the Honduras Ry. Operations had to be suspended on the outbreak of a war, & in 1871,

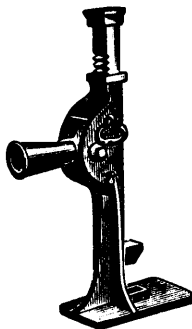
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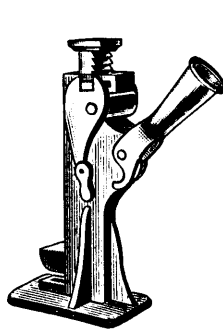
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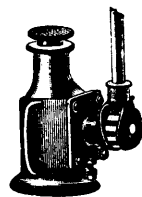
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