

the Great Western, and London and South Western systems, at the numerous points where these large systems came into competition.

But, successful as he was in England, Mr. Seargeant, with his clear vision, saw that he had even greater possibilities for the employment of his undoubtedly great talents and abilities, in the new world, beyond the sea. The Grand Trunk Railway Company, then as now, had always the aim in view of securing on its staff the strongest, the most capable and the best equipped minds. Mr. Seargeant was well known as a prudent and skilful railroad man, one who never lost heart and whose pride was in his profession. He was energetic, and enterprising, and at the same time a perfect slave to duty. He was popular with the business men, who had frequent opportunity of consulting him, as his remarkable aptitude for work was known to everybody connected with the running, control and management of railways. Overtures were made to him, which he could not decline or resist, in justice to himself. Accordingly, therefore, in the year 1874, he resigned all of his several offices in England, to the infinite regret and sorrow of all concerned, and crossed the Atlantic Ocean, to join his fortunes with those of the great railway company which he manages to-day with such consummate tact and ability. He did more than a man's work, the very year that he took office. As a proof of the respect and esteem of his former employers and associates, the directors and officers of the companies with which he had been connected in England, he could show tokens of great value, intrinsically as well as otherwise. Before leaving his old home for Canada, many handsome presentations had been made to him by gentlemen occupying high places in official and social life in Great Britain, and even from the men who served under him, he had many testimonials which he valued highly. Prior to embarking for the Dominion, too, he was the recipient of several addresses, breathing in every line sentiments of esteem and affection. It has been the lot of but few men to leave their native land with such emblems of regard in their possession. But Mr. Seargeant was a man who both deserved and compelled respect, and his Canadian career amply justified