Jno. Coote, who died at London, Ont., recently, was one of the pioneers of that place. He was born in Ireland over 80 years ago, & came to Canada while a youth. In the troubles of 1837 he served as a cavalryman & despatch rider. Before the building of the Great Western Ry. he operated a stage line, running from Hamilton through Brantford & Woodstock to London, owning large establishments in each of these places for the carrying on of his freight & passenger business. On the opening of the railway he settled in London, & conducted an extensive livery business.

W. B. Lanigan, who has been appointed Asst. General Freight Agent of the C.P.R. at Toronto, was born at Three Rivers, Que., in 1861, & was educated at St. Joseph's College, Three Rivers, & Stanstead College, Stanstead, Que. He entered the service of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, & Occidental Ry. at Three Rivers as operator in 1879. In 1881 he went to the G.T.R. as operator, & in 1885 to the C.P.R. as operator & relieving agent, since which he has continued in the C.P.R.'s service. He became agent at Myrtle in 1886, at Dundalk in 1887, & at Galt in 1888, & was appointed Travelling Freight Agent in 1891, continuing in that position until appointed Assistant General Freight Agent, May 1, 1900.

"Lumsden of the Guides," a book which was published in England about a year ago, has been reissued specially for circulation in the colonies. It is a biography of Sir Harry Burnett Lumsden, of the Imperial Service, who spent most of his life in India, by his brother, General Sir Peter Lumsden. A reviewer says :-" The Lumsden family in one

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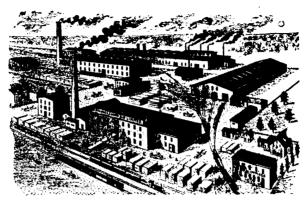
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H. D. Lumsden, of the C.P.R. engineering staff.

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