

## The Canadian Railway War Board's Work.

**Canadian Railway Board of Adjustment No. 1.**—Owing to ill health, U. E. Gillen, Vice President, G.T.R., Transportation and Maintenance, has resigned the adjustment board's chairmanship and has been succeeded by S. N. Berry, Vice President, Order of Railway Conductors; Geo. Hodge, Assistant to Vice President, Eastern Lines, C.P.R., being elected Vice Chairman. The other members of the board are:

Railway representatives, A. D. MacTier, Vice President, Eastern Lines, C.P.R.; W. D. Robb, Vice President, Mechanical Department, and acting Vice President, Transportation and Maintenance, G.T.R.; S. J. Hungerford, Assistant Vice President, Canadian Northern and Canadian Government Rys.; A. J. Hills, Assistant to President, Canadian Northern and Canadian Government Rys.

Railway employees' representatives: Ash Kennedy, A.G.C.E., Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; G. K. Wark, Vice President, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; S. N. Berry, Vice President, Order of Railway Conductors; Jas. Murdock, Vice President, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; J. M. Mein, Deputy President, Order of Railway Telegraphers; Wm. Dorey, Vice President, International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

**Committee on Transportation-Demobilization.**—As a result of several conferences at Ottawa between the board's executive and representatives of the Dominion Government, to arrange for handling troops and civilians returning from overseas, it has been decided to place the details of arranging the traffic, which will be quite heavy, in the hands of a sub-committee of the board, composed of railway passenger traffic department officers, who have given particular attention to the handling of troops since Canada entered the war. The officers appointed are: Walter Maughan, A.G.P.A., Canadian Pacific, Montreal, chairman; H. H. Melanson, P.T.M., Canadian Government Railways, Moncton, N.B.; and C. W. Johnston, A.G.P.A., Grand Trunk, Montreal. This committee will see to the provision of the necessary equipment, the routing of traffic via lines which may be in a position to handle it best at the time, and other matters connected with the management of the traffic. The committee, which has its headquarters in Montreal, will work in close conjunction with Col. Clarke, Director of Supplies and Transport, Militia Department, Ottawa, who will act in an advisory capacity to the committee.

**Freight Shed Hours.**—Referring to circular 83 and the board's telegram of Oct. 10, concerning change in opening and closing hours of freight sheds. The effective date of this arrangement has been further postponed until Jan. 1, 1919, in order to provide time for further enquiries, the necessity of which has developed.

**Notice of Changes in Handling Traffic.**—It has come to the board's notice that occasionally changes are made by railways in their arrangements for the handling of traffic and that the public is unnecessarily inconvenienced through such changes being made effective before reasonable notice is given. There would seem to be no reason, except where immediate action is necessary, as in the case of embargo restrictions at times, for not giving the public notice of contemplated

changes which directly affect the shippers' forwarding arrangements, etc., and it is directed, therefore, that until further advised, member lines give the public not less than 10 days notice prior to the effective date of such changes.

**Ontario Operating Committee.**—The board has appointed a committee to supervise and regulate the movement of traffic in Ontario, so as to avoid congestions. In order that the greatest degree of satisfaction possible may be given to the public, its members will seek the co-operation of boards of trade and others. The members of the committee are: J. Balkwill, Superintendent, Canada Division, Michigan Central, St. Thomas; C. G. Bowker, General Superintendent, Ontario Lines, G.T.R., Toronto; D. Crombie, General Superintendent, Ontario Division, Canadian Northern, Toronto; W. R. Davidson, General Superintendent, Eastern Lines, G.T.R., Montreal; H. T. Malcolmson, General Superintendent, T.H. & B. Ry., Hamilton, and Allan Purvis, General Superintendent, Ontario District, C.P.R., Toronto. The committee, which will have its headquarters at Toronto Union Station, will hold its first meeting there Dec. 4.

### Appointments to Board of Railway Commissioners.

The terms for which D'Arcy Scott was appointed Assistant Chief Railway Commissioner for Canada and for which S. J. McLean was appointed as one of the commissioners having expired, the Dominion Government has re-appointed Mr. McLean as a commissioner, and has appointed J. G. Rutherford, of Calgary, Alta., as another commissioner. No one has been designated as Assistant Chief Commissioner.

**Simon James McLean** was born in Quebec, June 14, 1871, and was educated at private and public schools there, and at Cumberland, Ont., and later, at the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, and from 1890 to 1894 was a student in the Department of Political Science in the University of Toronto. Among the academic positions held by him at various times, are 1894-5, MacKenzie Fellow, University of Toronto; 1895-6, University Fellow in Economics, Columbian University, New York; 1896-7, University Fellow in Economics, Chicago University; 1897-1902, Professor of Economics, and Sociology, University of Arkansas; 1902-06, Associate Professor of Economics, Leland-Stanford Jr. University, California; 1906-08, Associate Professor of Political Economy, University of Toronto. He is a B.A. and LL.B. of Toronto University; M.A. of Columbia University, and Ph.D. of Chicago University. While in California he was elected to the chairmanship of the transportation section of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco. He has been a prolific writer on transportation subjects, having contributed largely to technical periodicals, reviews, etc. From 1898 to 1901 he acted in an advisory capacity to the Department of Railways and Canals, and prepared a special report which was subsequently published by that department. In 1901 he was appointed special commissioner on railway rate grievances for Canada, and conducted investigations throughout the Dominion. The findings of this investigation were embodied in a report which recommended that a railway

commission be organized for Canada, with power over rates and classification, and that it should have transferred to it the functions hitherto exercised by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council. These recommendations were adopted by the government, and embodied in the Railway Act of 1903. From 1904 to 1905 he was expert agent of the U.S. Census Bureau, and of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and conducted investigations to determine the valuation of railway property in the Western States, and in 1908 he acted as chairman of conciliation boards to investigate disputes in two mining cases. He was first appointed to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, Sept. 17, 1908, for 10 years.

**John Gunion Rutherford, C.M.G.**, who has been appointed a member of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, was born at Mountain Bank, Peeblesshire, Scotland, Dec. 25, 1857, and educated at Glasgow High School, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, graduating as veterinary surgeon, with gold medal, in 1879. He practised in Canada, the United States and Mexico for several years, settling in Portage la Prairie, Man., in 1884, and acted as veterinary officer to the Northwest Field Force in the rebellion in 1885, for which he holds the medal and clasp. From 1887 to 1892 he was Veterinary Inspector for Manitoba, and from 1890 to 1894, associate Editor, *Nor' West Farmer*. In 1892 he was elected to the Manitoba Legislature as member for Lakeside, and represented the constituency to 1896; 1896 to 1900, editor, *Manitoba Liberal*; 1897 to 1900, member of the House of Commons for Macdonald, Man. He was appointed Chief Veterinary Inspector for Canada in 1902, and his title was changed in 1904 to Veterinary Director General. In 1906 he was also appointed Live Stock Commissioner for Canada, and in 1908 was elected an honorary associate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and, as a delegate, attended the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy; International Congress of Tuberculosis, Washington, D.C., and was elected President of the American Veterinary Medical Association. In 1909 he acted as chairman of the international committee on bovine tuberculosis, and was President of the C. S. Association for 1909-10. He was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1910, resigned the position of Live Stock Commissioner in July, 1911, and that of Veterinary Director General in Aug., 1912, when he was appointed Superintendent of Animal Husbandry, Department of Natural Resources, C.P.R., Calgary, Alta., which position he held until his present appointment.

**Gilbert Murray**, whose appointment as Resident Engineer, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Melville, Sask., was announced in our last issue, was born at Boston, Mass., in March, 1883, and from 1899 to 1901, was rodman and instrument man for Hyde & Sherry, Boston, Mass.; 1902 to 1904, Inspecting Engineer of the water system, Sydney, N.S.; 1904 to 1912, leveler, draftsman, transit man and Resident Engineer on location and construction of main line and branches in Alberta and British Columbia, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.; 1913 to 1917, location and reconnaissance engineer, Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Ry., Edmonton, Alta.; 1917 to Sept. 1, 1918, instrument man, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Regina, Sask.