

imprudence. I am an optimist; I do not see how anyone could be anything else so far as Canada is concerned, with its natural wealth, and the virility of its people, but with great optimism can go equally great discretion, and the fact that a man, or a nation, is full of hope and confidence, does not mean that he should disregard the warnings of the times or with his eyes on his own future fail to observe the economical pitfalls immediately in front of them.

"I would seriously urge upon you all the paramount necessity of quiet, sane consideration of Canada's economic problems as they develop. It is, I think, now conceded that most of the errors made in past years have been due to a too ready acquiescence in illconsidered policies, and a serious indifference by the people as a whole to the correctness, or otherwise, of the conclusions reached. I am, I think, quite within the mark in saying that our principal railway and economic mistakes have been due to the lack of keen appreciation in those whose concurrence permitted the adoption of these policies. There is no time in the history of this country when the views of extremists should prevail as little as now. The difficulties which confront us are not insurmountable, if the solution of them is given the moderate and sane consideration which is indispensable to a correct conclusion. Appeals to prejudice and traditional hostility are fruitless of permanent good. Given the proper recognition of the diversity of economic necessities which inevitably exists in a country the size of Canada, and a serious and single desire to meet and dispose of them in the interests of the country as a whole, and I would have every confidence that our errors would be reduced to a minimum and the economic strength of the country increased beyond the possibility of serious setback."

Change in Maintenance of Way Flagging Rules for Impassable Track.

The Board of Railway Commissioners passed general order 280, Dec. 23, 1919, as follows: Re general order 188, April 23, 1917, approving regulations for uniform maintenance of way flagging rules for impassable track, and general orders 216 and 248, amending the same, and the board's direction that part of the said orders affecting flagging, other than manual flagging, stand for further consideration. Such further consideration having been had, it is ordered that general order 248, Aug. 19, 1918, be amended by striking out regulation 9 on page 2 of the order and substituting therefor the following, viz.: "That a signal of a serviceable type, to be approved by the board, be used to display the signals directed to be provided under rules 3 (b) and 6 (yellow signal) of this order and rule 35 (yellow signal) of the Uniform Code of Operating Rules."

Regulation 9, of general order 248, which has been repealed, was as follows: "9. That the Brennan signal device, as approved by the board, or a signal of an equally serviceable type attached to the base of the rail, to be approved by the board, be used to display the signals directed to be provided under rule 3 (b) and 6 (yellow signal) of this order and rule 35 (yellow signal) of the Uniform Code of Operating Rules."

Birthdays of Transportation Men in March.

Many happy returns of the day to:—

W. G. Annable, General Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., Montreal, born at Ottawa, Mar. 3, 1875.

John Archibald, Locomotive Foreman, C.P.R., Coquitlam, B.C., born at Edinburgh, Scotland, Mar. 13, 1872.

Allan Cameron, Superintendent, Land Branch, Department of Natural Resources, C.P.R., Calgary, Alta., born near Owen Sound, Ont., Mar. 14, 1864.

H. S. Carmichael, Passenger and Freight Manager, Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., London, Eng., born at Glasgow, Scotland, Mar. 7, 1874.

F. G. J. Comeau, District Freight Agent, C.P.R., Halifax, N.S., born at Meteghan River, N.S., Mar. 10, 1859.

W. A. Cooper, Manager, Sleeping, Dining and Parlor Cars and News Service, C.P.R., Montreal, born there, Mar. 22, 1871.

A. E. Cox, General Storekeeper, Canadian National Rys., Winnipeg, born at Huddersfield, Eng., Mar. 12, 1863.

Senator N. Curry, Chairman, Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Montreal, born in King's Country, N.S., Mar. 26, 1851.

C. C. Curtis, Manager, Cape Breton Electric Co., Sydney, N.S., born at Battle Creek, Mich., Mar. 27, 1883.

C. T. Delamere, Engineer of Construction, Eastern Lines, C.P.R., Montreal, born at Brainerd, Minn., Mar. 18, 1881.

H. G. Dring, European Passenger Manager, Canadian Pacific Ocean Services Ltd., London, Eng., born at Easton, Northamptonshire, Eng., Mar. 8, 1881.

Patrick Dubee, Secretary-Treasurer, Montreal Tramways Co., Montreal, born there, Mar. 4, 1876.

Frederick Elliott, President, Victoria Navigation Co., Ltd., Thurso, Que., born at Montreal, Mar. 8, 1858.

M. P. Fennell, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer and Comptroller, Montreal Harbor Commissioners, and Secretary, American Association of Port Authorities, Montreal, born there, Mar. 13, 1885.

W. R. Fitzmaurice, Superintendent, Division 2, Maritime District, Canadian National Rys., Campbellton, N.B., born at Bedford, N.S., Mar. 19, 1870.

R. A. Gamble, General Yardmaster, Winnipeg Terminals, C.P.R., born at Dublin, Ireland, Mar. 1, 1876.

J. Halstead, Division Freight Agent, C.P.R., Calgary, Alta., born at Bracebridge, Ont., Mar. 2, 1877.

R. M. Hannaford, Assistant Chief Engineer, Montreal Tramways Co., Montreal, born there, Mar. 22, 1865.

C. A. Hayes, Vice President, Traffic, Canadian National Rys., Toronto, born at West Springfield, Mass., Mar. 10, 1865.

H. T. Hazen, Engineer, Maintenance of Way, Canadian National Rys., Toronto, born at Truro, N.S., Mar. 14, 1870.

J. I. Hobson, Treasurer, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal, born at Guelph, Ont., Mar. 30, 1872.

N. J. Holden, President, The Holden Co., Ltd., Montreal, born at Nobleton, Ont., Mar. 22, 1866.

A. R. Holthy, Master of Bridges and Buildings, Mountain Division, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Smithers, B.C., born at Rawdon, Que., Mar. 23, 1859.

Frank Lee, Engineer, Maintenance of Way, Western Lines, C.P.R., Winnipeg, born at Chicago, Ill., Mar. 7, 1873.

J. M. McKay, Superintendent, Saska-

toon Division, Saskatchewan District, C.P.R., Saskatoon, born at Tiverton, Ont., Mar. 13, 1868.

J. B. McLaren, General Auditor, G.T.R., Montreal, born at Perth, Ont., Mar. 5, 1878.

M. Magiff, Superintendent of Car Service and Telegraphs, Central Vermont Ry., St. Albans, Vt., born at Planks Point, N.Y., Mar. 24, 1852.

Sir Donald D. Mann, President, Canadian North Eastern Ry. and ex Vice President, Canadian Northern Ry., Toronto, born at Acton, Ont., Mar. 23, 1853.

H. H. Melanson, Passenger Traffic Manager, Canadian National Rys., Toronto, born at Scadouc, N.B., Mar. 9, 1872.

P. J. Melvin, Contracting Freight Agent, Marine Navigation Co. of Canada Ltd., Montreal, born at Trim, Ireland, Mar. 3, 1872.

W. T. Moodie, Superintendent, Division 3, Central District, Canadian National Rys., Port Arthur, Ont., born at Glasgow, Scotland, Mar. 10, 1882.

Peter Paton, ex Purchasing Agent, Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., Montreal, now President, Mackenzie, Milne & Co., Ltd., Sarnia, Ont. born at New Lovell, Ont., Mar. 13, 1868.

F. W. Peters General Superintendent, British Columbia District, C.P.R., Vancouver, born at St. John, N.B., Mar. 25, 1860.

J. W. Pugsley, Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont., born at Amherst, N.S., Mar. 12, 1861.

L. G. Roblin, Master Mechanic, Prairie District, Canadian National Rys., Saskatoon, Sask., born in Prince Edward Island, Mar. 24, 1864.

C. J. Smith, Manager and Secretary, Montreal Warehousing Co., Montreal, born at Hamilton, Ont., Mar. 10, 1862.

G. L. Snelling, Secretary-Treasurer, Ottawa Electric Ry., Ottawa, Ont., born there, Mar. 2, 1880.

W. Y. Soper, Vice President, Ottawa Electric Ry. Co., Ottawa, Ont., born at Oldtown, Me., Mar. 9, 1854.

E. F. L. Sturdee General Agent, Passenger Department, C.P.R., Seattle, Wash., born at St. John, N.B., Mar. 29, 1876.

G. W. Vaux, ex-General Agent, Passenger Department, Union Pacific Rd., Chicago, now General Manager, Zeigler Coal Co., Zeigler, Ill., born at Montreal, Mar. 21, 1868.

A. T. Weldon, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, Eastern Lines, Canadian National Rys., Montreal, born at Dorchester, N.B., Mar. 6, 1876.

D. O. Wood, Traffic Manager Export and Import Department, Canadian National Rys., Toronto, born at Kleinburg, Ont., Mar. 16, 1864.

C.P.R. War and Employment Figures.

The following figures, revised to Jan. 31, show C.P.R. employees who enlisted, and who have been given employment on their return from overseas:

Total reported as joining the army.....	10,931
Dead	1,063
Wounded	2,050
Re-employed in the service.....	6,586
Other soldiers given employment.....	8,728
Total soldiers given employment to Jan. 31	15,314