

TRANSPORTATION APPOINTMENTS.

Bay of Quinte Ry., Thousand Islands Ry., Oshawa Ry., and Deseronto Navigation Co.—J. F. Chapman, heretofore Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, has been appointed General Freight and Passenger Agent. Office, Deseronto, Ont.

Canadian Northern Ry.—W. H. Moore, heretofore Assistant Solicitor, has been appointed Secretary for this company and a number of its allied companies.

E. A. James, heretofore General Superintendent, has been appointed Manager of the C. N. Ry., and of the various subsidiary companies west of Port Arthur, Ont. Office, Winnipeg, Man.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—W. R. Baker, heretofore Assistant to the 2nd Vice-President, has been appointed Assistant to the Vice-President.

The car department, formerly under the Superintendent of Rolling Stock, has been made a separate department and the Master Car Builder now reports direct to the Vice-President.

W. Ballantyne, heretofore in the Canadian Northern passenger department, Winnipeg, has been appointed rate clerk C.P.R. at Montreal, under Jas. Morrison, chief rate clerk.

The position of Second Assistant Superintendent of Motive Power, heretofore held by J. H. Manning at Winnipeg, has been abolished. Mr. Manning will be assigned to other duties.

G. J. Bury, heretofore General Superintendent Lake Superior Division at North Bay, Ont., has been appointed General Superintendent Central Division. Office at Winnipeg.

H. Irwin has been appointed Right of Way and Lease Agent, with office at Montreal, succeeding G. H. Webster, appointed Division Engineer Pacific Division, at Vancouver, B.C.

The office of Assistant General Manager, Western Lines, heretofore held by J. W. Leonard, has been abolished. All communications heretofore addressed to that official are to be sent to the 2nd Vice-President, W. Whyte.

W. Cross, heretofore Engineer of Tests, Montreal, has been appointed Assistant to the 2nd Vice-President, with general supervision of all mechanical matter on Western Lines. He will perform such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the 2nd Vice-President. Office, Winnipeg.

C. W. Lang, heretofore acting as Assistant Divisional Engineer at Calgary, Alta., has resigned.

G. H. Webster, heretofore Right-of-Way Agent at Montreal, has been appointed Division Engineer of the Pacific division, with headquarters at Vancouver, B.C., vice F. F. Busted, transferred.

Department of Railways and Canals.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson has been sworn a member of the Dominion Cabinet, and has been appointed Minister of Railways and Canals, succeeding Hon. A. G. Blair, resigned.

Grand Trunk Ry.—L. G. Colman, G.T.R. Trainmaster 4th district at Montreal, has been transferred temporarily to Allandale, Ont., where he is relieving J. Devine. Assistant to the Superintendent, who is ill. S. B. Kramer, Master of Transportation, is discharging Mr. Colman's duties.

C. C. Hill has been appointed Resident Engineer, vice G. W. Bartlett, resigned. Office, Detroit, Mich.

R. G. Butler has been appointed General Agent at Milwaukee, Wis., in charge of all matters pertaining to the movement of freight and passenger traffic.

A. D. Huff, heretofore chief clerk Division Freight Agent's Office, Detroit, Mich., has been appointed Commercial Agent at Pittsburgh, Pa., vice W. J. Hunter transferred.

W. J. Hunter, heretofore Commercial Agent at Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed Commercial Agent at Winnipeg, Man.

The Railway Times of London, Eng., says: "Geo. Allen, 17 Carlisle street W., has re-

signed his seat on the board of the G.T.R. because he disapproves of the recent deposit of guaranteed stock with the Canadian Government."

Great Northern Ry. of Canada.—A. Malo is reported to have been appointed contracting freight agent. Office, Montreal.

London Street Ry.—C. Tolmie, has been appointed Cashier, succeeding Jas. Currie, resigned.

Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—W. L. Clement is reported to have been appointed Assistant Chief Engineer. Office, Minneapolis, Minn.

Montreal Street Ry.—L. Trudeau has been appointed superintendent, succeeding L. Robinson, resigned on account of ill-health.

Northern Navigation Co. and North-West Transportation Co.—C. T. Long, Manager, has resigned.

The Railway Commission.—The Governor-General-in-Council issued a proclamation, Jan. 19, declaring the provisions of the Railway Act of 1903 to be in force from and after Feb. 1. With the coming in force of this act the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, which heretofore has had jurisdiction over railways, will pass out of existence, and its place will be taken by a permanent Railway Commission to consist of three members, with offices in Ottawa, but with power to hear and determine applications at any convenient centres in Canada. Hon. A. G. Blair, formerly Minister of Railways and Canals, has been appointed Chairman, and the other members are Jas. Mills, heretofore Principal of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont., and Hon. M. E. Bernier, heretofore Minister of Inland Revenue.

St. Thomas, Ont., Street Ry.—The following have been elected Street Railway Commissioners by the taxpayers: W. E. Idsardi, for two years; R. McCully, for one year; C. F. Maxwell is a member of the board as Mayor. R. McCully has been elected Chairman.

Spokane Falls and Northern Rd.—T. J. Clark, heretofore Master Mechanic Great Northern Ry., U.S., at Everett, Wash., has been appointed Master Mechanic S. F. and N. Ry., succeeding C. H. Prescott, resigned.

Sydney and Louisburg Ry.—See Dominion Coal Co., pg. 63.

Temiskaming and Northern Ry. Commission.—A. E. Ames, heretofore Chairman, has resigned. Robt. Jaffray has been appointed a commissioner, and it is said he will be elected Chairman.

Wabash Rd.—T. Ensle, heretofore chief clerk in the Superintendent's office, Buffalo, N.Y., is reported to have been appointed acting Trainmaster, Canada division, succeeding R. Doyle, promoted. Office, St. Thomas, Ont.

S. E. Cotter, heretofore Superintendent at Peru, Ind., has been appointed Superintendent of the Middle division, succeeding H. G. Clarke, resigned. Office, Decatur, Ill.

McGill University Railway Department

An official statement has been issued in connection with the proposal to found a school of railway engineering and transportation in association with McGill University, Montreal. The proposal was first made by Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, President of the C.P.R., about four years ago. Sir C. Rivers Wilson, President, and C. M. Hays, 2nd Vice-President and General Manager, G.T.R. expressed their approval of the matter at that time, but nothing was done. It, however, was not lost sight of, and now, through the efforts of Dr. Bovey, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, is within measurable distance of realization. The statement sets forth that "the important point about this new scheme is that

it has originated in its present shape with the great railway corporations, and the substantial assistance they have promised to finance the school is the best guarantee of its practical character. From the very inception of the project, it has had the warm support and advocacy of Sir Thos. Shaughnessy and C. M. Hays, and the corporations which they represent have taken joint action in promising an annual subsidy of \$5,000 each, while the Canadian Northern Ry. has engaged, through Mackenzie & Mann, to contribute not less than \$2,000 annually, and negotiations are in progress with other roads, including the Intercolonial Ry. It is confidently believed, not only by the university authorities, but also by the practical men who have interested themselves in the institution of this department, that if such a school can be successfully established the railway companies will enjoy the advantage of drawing a regular supply of well-trained men to their service, while the country at large will benefit from the fact that wherever railway extension is undertaken in any portion of the Dominion, there will always be at hand a number of scientific engineers ready to take advantage of any opportunity that may lead to further development in any particular district. That Montreal is the natural centre for such a school—containing, as it does, the headquarters and termini of the great railways—cannot be doubted, and the advantages which it seeks to offer will, of course, be accessible, without any kind of restriction whatsoever, to capable persons from any part of the Dominion or elsewhere. Under such favorable conditions as those with which it is being started, the Montreal School of Railway Engineering may be expected to at once assume the proportions of a national undertaking. It is natural that the railway corporations which have fathered the project should desire to connect it with the Faculty of Applied Science of McGill University. That Faculty already provides for the training of civil engineers, mechanical engineers, electrical engineers and mining engineers, and it is a comparatively easy matter to graft on it also a special department of railway engineering. In order to emphasize the practical character of this department, and to recognize the interest which railway men themselves are taking in it, the new school will be administered by a special committee, on which the railway companies will have representation. It is to them that the university looks to watch over the development of the scheme, and to keep the curriculum in constant touch with actual practical needs. With the help of other corporations it may be possible to secure \$20,000 as an annual appropriation for the maintenance of the school, and this will leave the university to face the problem of accommodation. It is expected that the railways will furnish such reasonable facilities in their shops and other premises as will give students the opportunity of undertaking practical work under the direct control of the railways, concurrently with the more theoretical teaching undertaken at the university. The preliminary task of drawing up a scheme of studies has been entrusted to a committee which has the advantage of the services of F. W. Morse, 3rd Vice-President of the G.T.R., and of E. H. McHenry, Chief Engineer of the C.P.R., and this committee will submit a detailed report. It may suffice to say, meanwhile, that the work to be done in the proposed department will include: (1) Location, including all branches of surveying; (2) construction, including the laying out of work, the construction of bridges, buildings, etc., tracklaying and ballasting, organization, specifications, etc.; (3) operation, including (a) maintenance of way and structures; (b) the conducting of transportation; (c) equipment, organization, legislation, etc. It is expected that work in the new department will be commenced in September next."