

J. F. Stairs, President of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., New Glasgow, N.S., died suddenly in Toronto General Hospital, Sept. 25. He was a member of the firm of Wm. Stairs, Son and Morrow, shippers, Halifax.

S. King, who has resigned his position as Master Car Builder, Intercolonial Ry., was presented with an address and walking cane, and a pair of opera glasses for Mrs. King by the foremen of the car shops at Moncton, N.B., Sept. 22.

M. K. Cowan, ex-M.P., Windsor, Ont., has announced his retirement from politics, and it is reported that he will become solicitor for the G.T. Pacific Ry. Co., going into partnership with W. H. Biggar, Assistant General Counsel, G.T.R.

W. R. Woollatt, heretofore agent Pere Marquette Rd. (Buffalo Division) at Port Stanley, Ont., was entertained at dinner and presented with a pair of pictures Sept. 15, prior to leaving for Winnipeg to enter the C.P.R. service.

A. Frew, who was at one time agent for the old Great Western Ry. at Guelph and at London, Ont., and was subsequently with the Canada Southern Ry. at St. Thomas, Ont., died in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 16, and was buried at Guelph Sept. 24.

G. D. Ellis, ex-Manager of the Turbine Steamship Co., Hamilton, Ont., is suing the company for \$184.00, balance of salary and expenses, alleged to be due for June, July and Aug. It is stated that he will also bring an action for breach of contract.

F. Ronaldson, C.P.R. locomotive foreman, North Bay, Ont., was recently presented with a gold watch by the firemen, a gold chain and locket by the machinists, and a purse of money by the engineers of the division on his removing to Megantic, Que., to take a similar position.

J. McGillivray, who was recently appointed Trainmaster Canadian Northern Ry. at Kam-sack, Assa., has recovered from the effects of an operation which he underwent in Winnipeg General Hospital, and has been appointed Superintendent of the Inverness Ry. at Inverness, N.S.

E. E. Perrault was entertained at dinner at North Bay, Ont., Sept. 20, by those with whom he had been associated as assistant to the Chief Engineer, Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Ry., on his appointment as a sectional engineer on the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay canal survey.

N. J. Ker, city engineer of Ottawa, Ont., having been offered a position as a district engineer on the National Transcontinental Ry. survey between Lake Nepigon and Winnipeg, the Ottawa city council increased his salary to \$3,600 a year with annual increases of \$100 a year until \$4,000 a year is reached in order to retain his services.

When the directors of the G.T. Pacific Ry. Co. were on their trip to the Pacific coast, a number of engineers at Winnipeg who felt aggrieved at the employ of U.S. engineers on the surveys, presented President C. M. Hays with a copy of a recent novel, entitled "The Grafters." It is reported that Mr. Hays enjoyed the joke and accepted the volume.

D. E. Blair, Assistant Superintendent, Montreal Street Ry., was married at Quebec Sept. 28 to Miss Gertrude E. Evans, daughter of E. A. Evans, General Manager of the Quebec Ry., Light and Power Co. The employees of the Montreal Street Ry. presented Mr. Blair with a silver tea set, and a number of engineering friends gave him a piece of plate at a dinner at the Engineers' Club, Montreal, prior to the event.

J. A. Roche, General Contracting Freight Agent for the Detroit and Buffalo Steamship line, Detroit, Mich., who died there Sept. 8, was in the G.T.R. service from 1869 until 1882 at Montreal and London, Ont.; from 1882 to 1885 he was with the G.T.R. and Wabash Rd. at Detroit; was Travelling Freight Agent G.T.R. at Chicago from 1886 to 1888, and from 1888 to 1901 was Agent for Michigan for the National Despatch Fast Freight Line, Detroit.

H. J. Coffin, who has been appointed C.P.R. Trainmaster at Brandon, Man., was born at Gaspé Basin, Que., and entered railway service in 1883, his record being: 1883 to Sept., 1885, timekeeper in the road department of the Portage, Western and Northwestern Ry., afterwards the Manitoba and Northwestern Ry., and now C.P.R.; Sept., 1885, to April, 1904, conductor; April, 1904, to Sept., 1904, Yardmaster, C.P.R. at Moose Jaw, Assa.

Robt. Reid, who has been appointed a member of the Transcontinental Ry. Commission, and whose portrait is given on page 359, was born in London, Ont., in 1855, and has hitherto been engaged in commercial pursuits. He entered his father's wholesale stationery business at London after leaving school, and in 1878 the business was transferred to him and another brother. The only

public appointment he has held has been that of license commissioner.

The judges who heard the petition against the return of C. N. Smith as member of the Ontario Legislature for the Algoma district, reported the following, among others for corrupt and illegal practices: W. Coyne, formerly assistant to the President of the old Consolidated Lake Superior Co., owning the Algoma and Hudson Bay Ry., etc., and David Hopkins, a railway conductor, and made a reference to T. J. Kennedy, General Superintendent A.C. and H.B. Ry.

J. R. Cameron, who has been appointed Trainmaster Canadian Northern Ry., was born at Truro, N.S., Nov. 5, 1865, and entered railway service 1882, since which he has been consecutively: May, 1882, to April, 1883, brakeman and baggageman C.P.R., Winnipeg, Man.; April, 1883, to Mar., 1886, conductor, C.P.R., Winnipeg; April, 1886, to April, 1887, conductor, Manitoba and Northwestern Ry., Winnipeg; April, 1887, to Oct., 1898, conductor, Northern Pacific Ry., Winnipeg; Oct., 1898, to June, 1901, Trainmaster same road; June, 1901, to Aug., 1904, conductor, Canadian Northern Ry., Winnipeg.

C. A. Young, who has been appointed one of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Ry., was born at Chrysostome, Chateauguay county, Que., and in 1879 removed to Manitoba in company with his brother, now Senator F. M. Young. He engaged in farming work until 1885 when he went into the grain business in which he has continued until his present appointment. He is President of the Young Grain Co., owning a line of elevators in Southwestern Manitoba, and is also a partner in the firm of Alex. McPhee & Co., grain exporters, Montreal. He was elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1896 and again in 1900, but retired from active politics in 1903.

P. E. Ryan, who has been appointed Secretary of the Transcontinental Railway Commissioners at Ottawa, was born there July 26, 1876, and entered railway service in Oct., 1892, since which his record has been: Oct., 1892, to June, 1895, clerk stores department, Canada Atlantic Ry., at Ottawa; June, 1895, to Oct., 1897, secretary and general clerk in Superintendent's office, same road; Oct., 1897, to Dec., 1899, clerk in General Purchasing Agent's Dept., C.P.R., Montreal; Dec., 1899, to July, 1902, private secretary to the Minister of Public Works for Ontario; July, 1902, to Aug., 1904, Secretary-Treasurer Ontario Commission for the construction of

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