

Mr. D. POTTINGER, General Manager of Government Railways, thus wrote from Moncton, N.B. :—

"As one who has frequently had business transactions with him in his official capacity during many years, I desire to bear testimony to his uniform courtesy and uprightness in all his dealings, and to express my deep feeling of regret at his removal from amongst us."

The Hon. HENRY STARNES expressed his regret at his enforced absence from the dinner, through illness, in the warmest terms. He said :—

"I wished sincerely to testify in person my high esteem and regard for his great qualities. I also wish to express how sorry I feel he is about to leave Montreal. I rejoice, however, that he will still continue his connection with Canada as a director of that great enterprise, the Grand Trunk Railway."

Mr. G. B. ROBERTS, writing from Fencord Farm, Bala, Pennsylvania, expressed regret at inability to attend the dinner, both on professional and personal grounds.

Mr. GEORGE M. PULLMAN, of Chicago, expressed the highest regard for Mr. Seargeant and regretted that he could not share in a tribute of esteem with which he so cordially sympathized.

Mr. WALTER TOWNSEND, of Montreal, who was prevented by a family bereavement from being present at the banquet, wrote as follows :—

"I trust you will allow me to express regret that you are leaving us, and a hope that your life may be as honorable, as happy and as prosperous in the future as it has been in the past."

Mr. E. B. THOMAS, New York, wrote as follows.

"Personally I greatly regret Mr. Seargeant's new duties will call him away from Canada, but I feel that his work in his new field will be of great advantage to the Grand Trunk Railway, and, I trust, of much benefit to himself."

Sir FRANK SMITH referred to his happy personal relations with Mr. Seargeant while working on the Grand Trunk Railway after the transfer of the Northern Railway. He always considered him an excellent as he always found him a most amiable man.