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LONDON, Oct. 6.—"No political
wrangling for me."

Knowing something of past Canadian
railway history, Sir Henry Thornton
makes this phrase the keynote of his
thoughts upon the presidency of the
Canadian National Railways, which he
will assume a month hence.

A friend who knows his mind adds:
"If politicians step in, he steps out."
The same authority added that it
would help Sir Henry materially in his
difficult task if the Canadian ministers,
before he assumes office, could finally
allay British financial ill-feeling by
some equitable, even if moderate, offer
to the disgruntled Grand Trunk
shareholders for the transfer of their
shares.

WILL BE GREAT LOSS.

Laments at Sir Henry's departure
are very loud at Liverpool Street Station,
the headquarters of the Great
Eastern Railway, which he came from
the United States to rule eight years
ago.

"A generous, hearty, hard-working
six-foot optimist," is how his staff
describe him.

One of them says that it would need
a fair-sized liner to take all the staff
who want to accompany him to Canada.

"Sir Henry Thornton's departure for
Canada will be a very great loss not
only to the Great Eastern, but to the
whole British railway system," Lord
Claud Hamilton, chairman of the Great
Eastern, told The Province.

OF BOUNDLESS ENERGY.

"Sir Henry is a man of boundless
energy," he said, "and of larger and
more enterprising view of transportation
than most British railway managers."

"He brought with him American
readiness to try new developments. He
was lately working hard on the restoration
of better continental traffic,
in the interests of the recovery of
British trade both with northern Europe,
including Russia and Germany, and the
central states of Europe, all of which
has been greatly disorganized since the
war."

"He has immensely improved the
Great Eastern suburban traffic. Our
Liverpool Street terminus in London
now handles more passengers daily
than any other station in the world,
including, of course, any in the United
States."

"For two years during the war
Sir Henry won the highest opinions of
the British military authorities as director
of transportation in France."

"The Canadian system will afford
fine scope for his abilities, and the
higher salary is not to be despised."

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