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FINDS NO REASON TO DOUBT SUCCESS OF THE RAILWAYS

Sir Henry Thornton is Optimistic as to Future of Canadian National Railways.

"In the nationalization of railways the Canadian government has embarked on an experiment and there is no reason why, with the right kind of administration the experiment should not be successful," declared Sir Henry Thornton, new head of the Canadian National Railways, discussing his appointment with a Canadian Press representative today. "Certainly," he went on, "there is every disposition on the part of those with whom I have come in contact to do everything to make the National Railway System a success. I am coming here to serve the people of Canada to the best of my ability."

Sir Henry emphasized that he could do nothing alone.

"The National Railways," he added, "cannot be made a success as the sole result of one man's work. There must be loyal co-operation on the part of all those on the National Railways, from the highest to the lowest. We want to excite a feeling of loyalty to the Canadian National System and a feeling of pride on the part of all those connected with it."

Headquarters of System.

Where the headquarters of the joint system will be have not yet been determined. There has, it is understood, been some preliminary discussion of the question, but it remains for the new board to decide.

Sir Henry, as head of the railways, will also be head of the Government Merchant Marine. He leaves today for New York en route to England. There he will settle up his affairs. He expects to be back to take over his new position within a month.

Meeting Next Week.

The first meeting of the new Canadian National Railway Board will probably take place next week, either in Toronto or Montreal. Sir Henry Thornton, the new president, will, it is understood, not be present at this meeting, but proceedings will be more or less formal in their nature. It is necessary to hold a meeting of the board in Montreal to take over the Canadian Northern lines. The new president must return to England before assuming his duties as head of the combined roads, and will probably not be able to wait for the first of these meetings.

The amount which will be paid to the directors of the new board is yet to be determined. The directors of the old Canadian National Board received \$2,000 per annum, and this may be continued in the case of the new board.

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