

perty which he has since served and represented with marked integrity of character, fidelity of purpose, ability in administration and courtesy of intercourse with opposing as well as friendly interests. I well remember that he brought with him to this side of the Atlantic an intelligent conviction that the more mature and conservative railway traffic policies and practices of Great Britain should be grafted into the American transportation tree and that his best and continuous efforts have since been directed to this desirable consummation. While the result has not been fully achieved, I believe he will be accredited by every American railway officer who has come close enough to his convictions to know them, with a sincere and abiding desire to conserve good railway methods in traffic, finance and the relations and duties of the carriers to the people and governments on both sides of the St. Clair river. That he has aided in harmonizing the traffic relations of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific companies, and both with the public interests of the Dominion proves his wish and work under lesser difficulties. As a member of the home board of direction of the Grand Trunk companies, his experience and standing here will give his advice in London an exceptional value in discussion and action touching railway problems and interests in the States as well as in Canada."

The Hon. J. A. CHAPLEAU, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, wrote:—

"This sympathetic demonstration would have given me an opportunity of expressing the high esteem in which I have always held the pioneer railway company of Canada, while it would at the same time, have permitted me to render my testimony to the important services of Mr. Seargeant, in the administration of its affairs during his tenure of the position of General Manager."

Mr. M. E. INGALLS, President of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company, after expressing his extreme regret at his inability to attend the dinner, thus concluded his letter:—

"I have known him so long and well, and am so fond of him, that I would go almost any distance to pay tribute to him, if it were possible, but in this case I have engagements in Virginia which absolutely prevent it."