

That stop overs be allowed on all classes of tickets under usual stop over rules at any intermediate point in Canada and at Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.

That on all one way and round trip tickets reading to points beyond St. Louis a stop over of 10 days be permitted on the payment of \$1 and compliance with the regulations established by the St. Louis terminal lines.

That special trains shall not be chartered at rates that will have the effect of cutting the per capita rates; minimum earnings to be \$1.50 per train mile.

That the regular rules apply to special cars. That forms of tickets submitted by St. Louis terminal lines and conforming to their requirements be used.

It was understood that adjustment of fares, etc., may be made where necessary to harmonize with fares, etc., from adjoining territory, such as Northern New England, Northern and Western New York and Eastern Michigan, also that the basis of fares, etc., as adopted may be varied by agreement between interested lines from Maritime Provinces.

Since the meeting information has been received that fare and one-third tickets and 15 day tickets, sold from points Montreal and east in Canada and New England, will be honored by the Richelieu & Ontario Nav. Co. from Toronto or Kingston to Montreal on payment of \$4 from Toronto and \$2 from Kingston in addition to the rail fares; these amounts to be paid either when ticket is issued or to the purser of the R. & O.N. Co.'s steamers leaving Toronto or Kingston on presentation of rail ticket.

Momentum Brake Co.—At a recent directors' meeting in Toronto the vacancies on the board were filled, and it is now constituted as follows: President, J. S. Playfair; Vice-President, Noel Marshall; other directors: W. D. Lummis, J. F. H. Ussher, Toronto; D. L. White, J. Playfair, Midland, Ont.; T. E. McCollum, Newark, N.J.

The Canadian Press Association will visit the St. Louis Exposition in May, travelling by a special train via G.T.R. and Illinois Central Rd. Toronto will be left May 14 at 8.15 a.m., and St. Louis reached May 15 at 7 a.m. Four days will be spent in St. Louis, and the party will leave there May 19 at 9.10 p.m., spending May 20 in Chicago and reaching Toronto May 21 at 1.30 p.m.

Montreal Steel Works, Limited.—The first annual report presented at the shareholders' meeting Mar. 8, states that for the first nine months of 1903 the business was quite satisfactory, and the demand for goods was fully up to expectations; but during the last three months the general conditions of the steel trade changed, and the demand fell off. Notwithstanding this, the year's business shows a net profit of \$105,584.86. Dividends at the rate of 7% on the preferred and 5% on the ordinary stock for the past year have been paid, also interest on preferred stock and bonds of the Canada Switch & Spring Co., Ltd., from Jan. 1, 1903, to date of floatation of the new company, May 21, 1903, amounting in all to \$55,648.86. The maintenance and repairs of plant and buildings has been placed to revenue, and \$12,000 has been charged to the credit of a reserve account to make additional provision for depreciation of buildings, plant, etc., leaving \$37,936.00 to be carried forward as balance at the credit of land, buildings and plant, for which the additions were barely completed at the close of 1903. They were, therefore, not a factor in the earnings of the year. The dividend on the preferred stock will be paid at the regular rate, as usual, but it may be considered prudent until trade improves, to postpone action on the dividend on the ordinary shares.

April Birthdays.

Many happy returns of the day to—
J. A. Armstrong, Chief Dispatcher C.P.R., Ottawa, born at South Durham, Que., April 6, 1863.

Adam Brown, formerly President Wellington, Grey and Bruce Ry. (now G.T.R.), Vice-President G.N.W. Telegraph Co., and Postmaster of Hamilton, born at Edinburgh, Scotland, April 3, 1826.

W. J. Camp, Electrical Engineer C.P.R. Telegraphs, Montreal, born at Oakville, Ont. April 22, 1855.

A. H. Clark, Master Mechanic, Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Ry. at Irondale, Ont., born April 5, 1867.

G. M. Clark, K.C., Consulting Counsel C.P.R., Cobourg, Ont., born April 14, 1828.

A. P. Cockburn, Manager and Secretary Muskoka Lakes Navigation and Hotel Co., at Gravenhurst, Ont., born in Finch tp., Stormont, Ont., April 7, 1837.

Thos. Downie, Trainmaster C.P.R. at Revelstoke, B.C., born in Ireland, April 30, 1859.

B. W. Folger, Manager Niagara Navigation Co. at Toronto, born at Kingston, Ont., April 8, 1872.

G. H. Garden, C.E., Chief Engineer Alberta Ry. and Coal Co. at Lethbridge, Alta., born at Woodstock, N.B., April 5, 1849.

J. P. Gay, Division Freight Agent, G.T.R. at Stratford, Ont., born at Hamilton, Ont., April 26, 1857.

E. A. Geiger, Superintendent Brockville, Westport and Northwestern Ry. at Brockville, Ont., born at Newark, N.J., April 10, 1863.

B. C. Gesner, formerly Air Brake Inspector I.C.R., now travelling representative, Galena-Signal Oil Co., born at Cornwallis, N.S., April 23, 1859.

A. L. Hertzberg, Division Engineer C.P.R. at Toronto, born in Norway, April 30, 1855.

E. A. James, Manager Canadian Northern Ry. at Winnipeg, Man., born in London, Eng., April, 1865.

B. S. Jenkins, General Superintendent C.P.R. Telegraphs at Winnipeg, Man., born April 8, 1859.

D. McNicoll, Vice-President C.P.R. at Montreal, born at Arbroath, Scotland, April, 1852.

W. A. Ritchie, District Superintendent, The Pullman Co., Montreal, born at Edinburgh, Scotland, April 13, 1854.

E. V. Skinner, Assistant Traffic Manager C.P.R. at New York, born in London, Eng., April 22, 1849.

A. M. Sutherland, Assistant Superintendent, Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Ry. at Thompson, Mich., born at Hartford, Conn., April 2, 1844.

J. E. Schwitzer, Resident Engineer, Central Division, C.P.R. at Winnipeg, Man., born at Ottawa, Ont., April 19, 1870.

J. R. VanCleve, Master Mechanic, White Pass and Yukon Route at Skagway, Alaska, born at Little Falls, Minn., April 6, 1859.

W. Wainwright, General Assistant and Comptroller, G.T.R. at Montreal, born in Manchester, Eng., April 30, 1840.

J. J. Wallace, General Freight Agent, I.C.R. at Moncton, N.B., born in Albert Co., N.B., April 20, 1847.

Hon. J. Wood, President and General Manager, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Ry. at Sackville, N.B., born at Sackville, N.B., April 18, 1843.

W. Woollatt, General Superintendent Buffalo division Pere Marquette Rd. at Walkerville, Ont., born at Weedon, Hertfordshire, Eng., April 2, 1855.

The C.P.R. has concentrated its Atlantic shipping and local freight offices in the Board of Trade Building, Montreal, having taken the whole of the ground floor on the west side of that building, with the exception of the offices occupied by the I.C.R.

Recent Nova Scotia Legislation.

The following acts affecting transportation interests were passed at the recent session of the Nova Scotia Legislature:

Incorporating the Ainslie Mining and Ry. Co.

Amending the act incorporating the Canada Coal and Ry. Co.

Amending chap. 128, 1890, respecting the Coast Ry. Co. of Nova Scotia (Ltd.).

Incorporating the Davison Tramway Co.

Incorporating the Dominion Transportation Co. (Ltd.).

Amending chap. 164, 1890, incorporating the Eastern Telephone Co.

Respecting the assessment of the Egerton Tramway (Ltd.) by New Glasgow, Westville, and Stellarton.

Incorporating the Glace Bay Shipping Co. (Ltd.).

Enabling the city of Halifax to contribute money to pay for right of way for the Halifax and South-Western Ry., and amending an act passed at the recent session on the same subject. (Two acts.)

Enabling the town of Bridgewater to contribute money to pay for right of way for the Halifax and South-Western Ry.

Amending the charter of the Halifax and South-Western Ry.

Respecting the Lunenburg Marine Insurance Co.

Incorporating the Margaree Coal and Ry. Co. (Ltd.).

Amending an act of the recent session incorporating the Maritime Coal and Ry. Co.

Amending chap. 144, 1902, respecting the Maritime Newfoundland Shipping Co. (Ltd.).

Authorizing changes in the location of the Middleton and Victoria Beach Ry.

Incorporating the New Ross Telephone Co. (Ltd.).

Incorporating the North Mountain Ry. Co. (Ltd.).

Amending chap. 137, 1898, incorporating the Nova Scotia Iron and Steel Co. (Ltd.).

Amending chap. 133, 1902, incorporating the Nova Scotia Northern Ry. Co. (Ltd.).

Enabling the county of Queens to provide money to pay railway damages.

Incorporating the Sherbrooke Telephone Co. (Ltd.).

Incorporating the Sydney and East Bay Ry. Co. (Ltd.).

Amending chap. 22, 1903, respecting telephone tolls.

Incorporating the Valley Steamship Co. (Ltd.).

Consolidating the acts relating to the Yarmouth Street Ry. Co. (Ltd.).

Victorian Railways.—The Melbourne Age, of Victoria, Australia, of Jan. 19, stated that when the members of the Parliamentary country party waited upon the Railway Commissioners a couple of months ago, Thos. Tait demonstrated to their satisfaction as practical men, that the measures which had been devised and the preparations made for handling grain this season would effectually prevent any railway block. All that the Commissioners undertook to do has been more than accomplished up to date. On the previous Saturday the quantity of wheat loaded on the railways was 188,968 bush., against 187,360 the previous record, and on the same day there were 450,864 bush. at stations other than ports, against 1,071,460 bush. on the same day in 1902 and 2,510,880 bush. in 1901. Owing to the strict enforcement of demurrage, there were on the same day 268 freight cars under load at Williamstown, the principal wheat exporting port, none of which had been there over 24 hours, while in the whole state there were only four freight cars on that morning which had been on load more than 24 hours.