

through its trials, and like his immediate predecessor, has triumphed amid difficulties, which would have appalled the stoutest heart.

Mr. Lewis James Seargeant, who succeeded Sir Joseph Hickson as general manager of the Grand Trunk, is a born railroad man. From his youth up, he has been associated with the prominent railroads of his native land. He was born at Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England, where he was carefully educated and learned the first principles of the business which he has since carried out with such conspicuous ability, prudence, and success. He was clever at school and took a high place in his classes, and by his school-mates was much loved and admired. His earliest experiences in the career which he was destined to adopt, were passed in connection with the South Wales Railway, where he looked after his department with such assiduity, that promotion rapidly ensued. This line was affiliated with that largest of British railway systems, the Great Western, whose capital is £83,000,000, and whose length is 2,482 miles. The South Wales Railway Company strenuously promoted the development of Milford Haven, as a great international sea port, and especially in connection with American trade and commerce, which were energetically cultivated. During his stay with the road, Mr. Seargeant, though quite a young man, was popular with all his confreres and employes, — and when the South Wales Company amalgamated its fortunes with those of the Great Western, he was waited on by the proprietors, and in recognition of his eminently valuable services, a substantial gift was made to him. At this time also, he was given the appointment of the Superintendency of the South Wales Division. In this capacity also, he rendered the proprietors a service which they never forgot. In the direct line for promotion, he had not long to wait for preferment. The chairman of the Great Western Railway Company was the Earl of Shelburne, son of the great Earl who once or twice refused a marquise, and father of the present Marquis of Lansdowne, who succeeded Lord Lorne as governor-general of Canada, and the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava as Viceroy of India. Lord Shelburne, and Sir Daniel Gooch, known far and wide as a promoter of the Atlantic cable, remained to the last his warmest friends.