

Canadian Ticket Agents' Association.

The annual trip of the Canadian Ticket Agents' Association, which took place this year to Portland, Me., while not nearly the most largely attended, was certainly one of the most pleasant in the Association's history. Perfect weather, excellent arrangements and an exceedingly hearty welcome by the people of Portland, combined to make the trip one that will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to participate in it. The party numbered 121, of whom 42 were ladies. The attendance on the three previous trips was as follows: 1902, Washington, D.C., 210; 1903, Sydney, N.S., 128; 1904, St. Louis, Mo., 206. The following members went on the Portland trip: T. E. Attwood, C.P.R., Walkerton; A. H. Baird, C.P.R., Paris; R. A. Bennett, G.T.R., Smith's Falls, and wife; W. F. Bleecker, C.P.R., Marmora, and wife; J. L. Boyes, G.T.R., Napanee, and wife; A. C. Brown, C.P.R., Guelph, and wife; F. W. Buggey, G.T.R., Whitney, and wife; W. Bunton, G.T.R., Peterboro'; Alex. Calder, C.P.R., Winnipeg, wife and daughter; B. Caswell, C.P.R., Smith's Falls; R. Clanahan, C.P.R., Glencoe, and wife; W. H. Clancy, G.T.R., Montreal; J. Clark, C.P.R., Renfrew, and wife; C. R. Coleman, C.P.R., Truro, N.S.; Capt. G. C. Coles, C.P.R., Collingwood; R. Cox, C.P.R., Enterprise; R. J. Craig, C.P.R., Cobourg, and wife; E. de la Hooke, G.T.R., London, and wife; J. F. Dolan, Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., Montreal, and wife; F. B. Edgcombe, C.P.R. and I.C.R., Fredericton, N.B., and wife; A. W. Flack, G.T.R., Cornwall, and wife; C. H. Foss, G.T.R., Sherbrooke, and wife; A. Grant, C.P.R., Perth; J. P. Hanley, G.T.R., Kingston; F. E. Hanington, I.C.R. and C.P.R., St. John, N.B., and wife; A. M. Hare, G.T.R., and Wabash Rd., Tillsonburg, and wife; W. H. Haynes, G.T.R., Campbellford; F. R. Hodgins, G.T.R., Clinton, and wife; C. E. Horning, G.T.R., Toronto, and wife; T. Howard, C.P.R., Hastings; E. E. Hurdle, C.P.R., Sault Ste. Marie; J. H. Jackson, C.P.R., Georgetown; W. Jackson, C.P.R., Clinton, and wife; G. A. Joyce, C.P.R., Woodstock; J. Kidd, C.P.R., Goderich, and wife; G. D. LaCourse, G.T.R., Berlin; T. Long, C.P.R., Port Hope, and wife; C. H. McDougall, C.P.R., Walkerton; R. Macfarlane, C.P.R., Durham; W. H. McFarlane, C.P.R., Paisley, and wife; W. McIlroy, C.P.R., Peterboro'; W. H. C. Mackay, C.P.R., St. John, N.B.; M. McNamara, G.T.R., Walkerton, and wife; J. Meekison, C.P.R., Strathroy, and wife; H. W. Mills, G.T.R., Sarnia, and wife; W. B. Moorhouse, C.P.R., Sault Ste. Marie; F. C. Muller, Michigan Central Rd., Springfield; C. A. Nettleton, C.P.R., Penetanguishene, and wife; F. A. Parent, G.T.R., Casselman, and wife; R. J. Parker, G.T.R., Forest; H. J. Pettypiece, C.P.R., Forest, and daughter; J. T. Rhind, Stewiacke, N.S., and wife; A. C. Rorabeck, G.T.R., North Bay, and wife; C. H. Rose, Bay of Quinte Ry., Tamworth, and wife; W. J. Taylor, G.T.R., Tweed; B. Travers, G.T.R., Paris, and wife; J. L. Thomson, Prince Edward Island Ry., Charlottetown, P.E.I., wife and daughter; B. H. Turner, C.P.R., Little Current, and wife; C. L. VonGunten, G.T.R., Blenheim; S. Wagar, C.P.R., Tamworth; H. F. Whittier, G.T.R., Trenton, and wife; F. W. Wood, C.P.R., Campbellford.

The following were guests of the Association: J. N. Bastedo, P.A. Sante Fe Rd., Detroit Mich.; B. H. Bennett, G.A., Chicago and Northwestern Ry., Toronto; M. H. Bohrer, D.P.A., Mobile and Ohio Rd., Chicago, and wife; W. T. Dockrill, T.P.A., Canadian Pacific Ry., Toronto, and daughter, Mrs. McRae; L. Drago, C.P.A., New York Central Rd., Toronto; C. B. Foster, D.P.A., Canadian Pacific Ry., Toronto; J.

O. Goodsell, T.P.A., Union Pacific Rd., Toronto; D. W. Hatch, T.A., Sante Fe Rd., Montreal; F. T. Hendry, G.A., Santa Fe Rd., Detroit, Mich.; A. Lalonde, C.P. & F.A., Boston & Maine Rd., Montreal; F. R. Perry, D.P.A., Canadian Pacific Ry., St. John, N.B.; J. J. Rose, T.P.A., Canadian Pacific Ry., Toronto; J. W. Shaw, M.D., Clinton, Ont., and wife; A. C. Turpin, G.A.C.D., Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Ry., Buffalo, N.Y., and wife; J. A. Yorick, C.P. & F.A., Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Ry., Toronto, and Acton Burrows, Publisher of THE RAILWAY AND SHIPPING WORLD, the official organ of the Association.

The party assembled at Montreal, leaving there on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 8 a.m., in a special train of vestibuled cars on the G.T.R. A stop of 15 minutes was made at Richmond, Que., and Gorham, N.H., was reached at 2.20 p.m., and an hour's stop made for dinner at the Mount Madison hotel. Portland was reached half an hour ahead of time, at 5.30, after a very pleasant run, the scenery of the eastern townships of Quebec and of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine being much appreciated. The G.T.R. was represented by H. G. Elliot, A.G.P.A., and J. Quinlan, D.P.A., Montreal; J. J. Conelly, Trainmaster, Island Pond, Vt., who was in direct charge of the train, and G. C. Cobb, Road Foreman of Engines. At Groveton, N.H., the party were met by R. W. Scott, C. W. T. Goding, H. A. Snow and H. B. Coe of the Portland reception committee, and by one of the clerks of the New Falmouth hotel, the party's headquarters. At Mechanic Falls the train was boarded by British Vice-Consul J. B. Keating. On the arrival of the train at Portland the party were met by other members of the local committee, and immediately escorted to special electric cars and taken to the hotel, where they were roomed in a few minutes owing to the excellent advance arrangements. The hotel clerk who got on the special train at Groveton had with him cards bearing the names and room numbers of those who had secured accommodation in advance, for the others he allotted rooms, and when the hotel was reached there was no delay, the guests not even requiring to register but going direct to their rooms. This systematic arrangement was typical of the whole experience of the party at the New Falmouth. The rooms were very comfortable, the meals excellent and the entire staff unremitting in polite attention. The opinion very generally expressed was that the hotel accommodation was about the most satisfactory ever secured by the Association, and in marked contrast to the Ebbitt House, at Washington, which will ever remain as an unpleasant recollection to most of those who stayed there in 1902. The visitors were much pleased by seeing a British flag displayed alongside the Stars and Stripes on the G.T.R. station at Portland, and also on the New Falmouth Hotel. In addition to the courtesy extended by the Portland Rd. Co., the Chase Transfer Co. conveyed the party's baggage to and from the hotel free.

On the Saturday evening a majority of the party attended either the Jefferson or Portland theatre. Sunday was spent quietly, many attending church services, the larger number going in the morning to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, on the invitation of F. E. Boothby, G.P.A. Maine Central Rd.

On Monday, Oct. 16, the party proceeded to the Council Chamber of Portland City Hall at 9.30 a.m., where they were introduced by R. W. Scott to Mayor Baxter, who officially welcomed them on behalf of the city. C. F. Libby and British Vice-Consul Keating also extended welcomes. W. H. C. Mackay responding on behalf of the Association.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

was held at the New Falmouth Hotel at 10.30 a.m., Vice-President W. H. C. Mackay in the chair. After routine Secretary-Treasurer de la Hooke read his annual report, pointing out that 1904 was the banner year for membership, when the record number of 199 was reached, no doubt in some measure attributable to the popularity of the St. Louis trip. During the past year 18 new members had been enrolled, but 34 had retired, either by non-payment of subscriptions or from other causes, making the present membership 183. "Surely," said the Secretary, "\$2 a year should not keep an agent, once a member, from continuing as such, even if it is not convenient for him to join in every outing. Every member gets monthly a copy of THE RAILWAY AND SHIPPING WORLD, and as this up-to-date journal is published at \$1 a year, a member's subscription to the Association is but \$1 a year." Feeling references were made to the deaths of A. H. Notman, of the C.P.R.; C. Cameron, of Collingwood; A. P. Cockburn, of the Muskoka Lakes Navigation and Hotel Co., and Senator Fulford, of Brockville, who was one of the oldest members of the Association. The receipts, including balance brought forward, were \$646.20, and the expenses \$441.67, leaving a balance of \$204.53.

M. McNamara gave an interesting and humorous account of the meeting of the American Association of General Passenger Agents at Old Point Comfort, Va., in Oct., 1904. In reference to the business aspects of the meeting he said: "I did my best to convince the Association that Canadian ticket agents should be paid for selling tickets over their lines. They listened to my arguments with attention, but failed to show any sympathetic interest in our grievances. It is possible that business conditions may hereafter arise which will make it to the interest of the United States companies to pay us for the services we render them, but present indications in that direction are by no means hopeful." Mr. McNamara's report was very favorably received, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which he had represented the Association.

Vice-President Mackay expressed the regret of the members at the unavoidable absence of President Morgan. In reviewing the Association's work he suggested the introduction of more business features at the annual meetings by reading of papers, etc. The suggestion having been discussed, the executive committee was requested to carry it into effect.

A resolution was adopted expressing regret at the death of Senator Fulford, and the Secretary immediately telegraphed it to the widow at Boston.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. Bunton, G.T.R., Peterboro', Ont.; 1st Vice-President, W. McIlroy, C.P.R., Peterboro'; 2nd Vice-President, C. R. Coleman, C.P.R., Truro, N.S.; 3rd Vice-President, R. J. Craig, C.P.R., Cobourg, Ont.; Secretary-Treasurer, E. de la Hooke, G.T.R., London, Ont.; Auditor, F. R. Hodgins, G.T.R., Clinton, Ont.; Executive Committee, W. Jackson, C.P.R., Clinton, Ont.; J. P. Hanley, G.T.R., Kingston, Ont.; C. E. Horning, G.T.R., Toronto; J. F. Dolan, R. & O. N. Co., Montreal; W. Maughan, C.P.R., Toronto. At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee W. Jackson was elected chairman.

The home of the poet Longfellow in Portland was specially opened to allow the party to visit it.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

was held at the New Falmouth Hotel on Monday evening, Oct. 16. Vice-President Mackay occupied the chair, and had with him at his table a number of prominent