

Birthdays of Transportation Men in October.

Many happy returns of the day to:

E. W. Beatty, K.C., Vice President and General Counsel, C.P.R., Montreal, born at Thorold, Ont., Oct. 16, 1877.

L. S. Brown, General Superintendent, Eastern Lines, Canadian Government Railways, Moncton, N.B., born at Nelson, N.B., Oct. 19, 1864.

R. A. Burford, cashier, C.P.R., ticket office, New York, N.Y., born at Brooklyn, N.Y., Oct. 4, 1878.

Lieut.-Col. G. E. Burns, ex-Freight Claims Agent, Eastern Lines, C.P.R., Montreal, now District Intelligence Officer, Military District No. 4, Montreal, born at St. Thomas, Ont., Oct. 6, 1863.

F. F. Busted, C.E., formerly Engineer in charge of C.P.R. revision and second tracking, west of Calgary, Kamloops, B.C., born at Battery Point, Que., Oct. 10, 1858.

J. M. S. Carroll, Sales Manager, Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Montreal, born at Ballarat, Australia, Oct. 22, 1875.

C. E. Cartwright, M.Can.Soc.C.E., ex-Division Engineer, C.P.R. Vancouver, B.C., born at Toronto, Ont., Oct. 13, 1864.

A. F. Dion, Traffic Manager, Quebec Harbor Commission, Quebec, born at L'Islet, Que., Oct. 1, 1871.

L. V. Druce, Division Freight Agent, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Edmonton, Alta., born at London, Eng., Oct. 20, 1873.

C. E. Dewey, Freight Traffic Manager, G.T.R., Montreal, born at Cheshunt, Eng., Oct. 2, 1873.

C. E. Friend, General Auditor, Canadian Northern Ry., Winnipeg, born at Brighton, Eng., Oct. 12, 1871.

W. P. Fitzsimmons, Commissioner of Industries, G.T.R., Montreal, born at Detroit, Mich., Oct. 27, 1868.

C. N. Ham, Secretary, Express Traffic Association of Canada, Montreal, born at Winnipeg, Oct. 21, 1884.

G. Hodge, Assistant to General Manager, C.P.R., Montreal, born there, Oct. 2, 1874.

J. H. Hughes, Assistant Superintendent, Ottawa Division, Quebec District, C.P.R., Montreal, born at Charlottetown, P.E.I., Oct. 7, 1865.

H. Irwin, M.Can.Soc.C.E., Consulting Right of Way and Lease Agent, C.P.R., Montreal, born at Newgrove, County Down, Ireland, Oct. 27, 1847.

W. B. Johnson, Master Mechanic, District 6, Intercolonial Division, Canadian Government Railways, Truro, N.S., born there, Oct. 8, 1872.

K. deS. Joseph, Assistant Trainmaster, C.P.R., Sudbury, Ont., born at Quebec, Que., Oct. 6, 1892.

W. M. Kirkpatrick, ex-Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, Eastern Lines, C.P.R., Montreal, now on active military service, born at Kingston, Ont., Oct. 8, 1874.

W. B. Lanigan, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, Western Lines, C.P.R., Winnipeg, born at Three Rivers, Que., Oct. 12, 1861.

F. McDowell, Storekeeper, Canadian Northern Ry., Winnipeg, born there, Oct. 22, 1883.

Sir William Mackenzie, President, Canadian Northern Ry., Toronto, born at Kirkfield, Ont., Oct. 30, 1849.

C. Malcolm, chief clerk, Auditor of Stores and Mechanical Accounts, Alberta Division, C.P.R., Calgary, Alta., born at Tatamagouche, N.S., Oct. 18, 1881.

R. Marpole, General Executive Assistant, C.P.R., Vancouver, B.C., born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, Oct. 9, 1850.

C. R. Moore, Assistant to Vice Presi-

dent in charge of operation, G.T.R., Montreal, born at Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 12, 1867.

Hugh Paton, President, Shedden Forwarding Co., Montreal, born at Johnstone, Renfrew, Scotland, Oct. 5, 1852.

J. W. Porter, Chief Engineer, Hudson Bay Ry., Pas, Man., born at Aberdeen, Scotland, Oct. 15, 1877.

T. F. Rahilly, Superintendent, Algoma Eastern Ry., Sudbury, Ont., born at Diorite, Mich., Oct. 6, 1892.

H. G. Reid, Assistant Superintendent of Rolling Stock, Canadian Government Railways, Transcona, Man., born at Pembroke, Ont., Oct. 27, 1863.

A. G. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, C.P.R., Winnipeg, born at Rockford, Ill., Oct. 16, 1880.

W. S. Rollo, joint agent, G.T.R. and Central Vermont Ry., St. Johns, Que., born at Dundee, Scotland, Oct. 8, 1852.

J. K. Savage, Superintendent, Smiths Falls Division, Quebec District, C.P.R., Smiths Falls, Ont., born at Forrester, Ill., Oct. 5, 1876.

Lord Shaughnessy, K.C.V.O., President, C.P.R., Montreal, born at Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 6, 1853.

T. Duff Smith, Fuel Agent, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry., Winnipeg, Man., born at Barking, Essex, Eng., Oct. 2, 1868.

E. Sterling, Assistant Superintendent, Interurban Lines, British Columbia Electric Ry., New Westminster, born at Thornbury, Ont., Oct. 3, 1875.

K. Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, District 4, Intercolonial Division, Canadian Government Railways, New Glasgow, N.S., born at Little River, N.S., Oct. 21, 1868.

C. E. Stockdill, Assistant to Vice President and General Manager, Western Lines, C.P.R., Winnipeg, born at London, Ont., Oct. 25, 1881.

D. A. Story, Freight Traffic Manager, Canadian Government Railways, Moncton, N.B., born at Halifax, N.S., Oct. 26, 1853.

E. N. Todd, Division Freight Agent, Eastern Division, C.P.R., Montreal, born at Huntingdon, Que., Oct. 17, 1879.

J. H. Valteau, Secretary-Treasurer, Thousand Islands Ry. and Oshawa Ry., Gananoque, Ont., born at Selby, Ont., Oct. 14, 1889.

A. W. Wheatley, President, Lima Locomotive Corporation, Lima, Ohio, born at Ashford, Kent, Eng., Oct. 12, 1870.

The Pacific Great Eastern Railway Situation.

P. Welch, the general contractor, announced, recently, that an audit of his books had been made by chartered accountants, showing that he received \$16,422,262.42 for work which cost him \$13,690,394.90. This shows a profit of \$2,731,867.52, and the books also show that Welch made a profit from stores and other sources of \$1,081,255.08. This gross profit, the auditors find, was reinvested in various ways, including equipment and development company, with the exception of \$409,000, which is on deposit in the Union Bank, and is available for the use of the government when it takes over the contract. The auditors find that Welch put \$149,409.45 of his own money into the construction, and is that amount poorer than when he took the contract. The auditors also find that the P.G.E.R. Co. received as the proceeds of the pro-

vincially guaranteed bonds \$19,296,886.31, all of which is accounted for, and they affirm that none of that money was used for political purposes or by appropriations in large profits.

K. Walkem, solicitor for Welch, said recently: "It is clear from a perusal of the audit report that neither P. Welch nor Foley, Welch & Stewart put the profits on the the P.G.E.R. into their pockets, but instead placed the earned profits back into the general project, in addition investing store profits and other revenue and bringing to the road in the first place about \$750,000 worth of contractors' equipment, which has been used or has depreciated to the extent of \$500,000. No charge was made for the use of this equipment, it is claimed. Nor did Foley, Welch & Stewart take profits from any of the sub-contracts."

Negotiations are reported to be in progress between the general contractor, the company and the government, for a settlement of the matter, and the auditors' statement referred to was made public to put the contractors' case before the public.

The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. and the Town of Dundas.

The question raised in committee of the whole, in the House of Commons as to the legality of the Railway Committee of the house amending an agreement made between the Hamilton and Dundas St. Ry., and the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry., which as stated in Canadian Railway and Marine World for August, was referred to the Minister of Justice for consideration came before the house upon the Minister's report on July 27. After reciting the facts, the Minister concluded as follows: "The proposed amendment to the bill obviously would effect a material change in the terms of the original agreement, and in my opinion this is incompetent to Parliament, seeing that the Hamilton and Dundas St. Ry. is a provincial corporation and consequently that its contract rights and obligations are not within the legislative authority of Parliament."

T. J. Stewart, M.P., who had charge of the bill for the T. H. & B. Ry., said the parties had come to an understanding and he would move that sections 1 and 2, which confirmed the agreement, be struck out. This was agreed to and the bill was passed as amended, containing only two sections, enabling the company to enter into agreements under sec. 364 of the Railway Act with the Michigan Central Rd., the Canada Southern Ry. and the Grand Trunk Ry., or any of them, for a term exceeding 21 years, and to authorize the company to hold stock in any navigation or steamboat company.

The position of the T. H. & B. Ry. agreement with the H. & D. St. Ry. continues the same as it has been since the agreement was entered into, and confirmed by the Ontario Legislature. Under the agreement the T. H. & B. Ry. operates its freight traffic into the town of Dundas over the H. & D. St. Ry. tracks.

The Railways Department has sold to the Edmonton Junk Co., Edmonton, Alta., a quantity of second hand railway spikes and bolts, which were removed from the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways west of Edmonton, and which, upon inspection, were found not to be suitable for shipment with the rails and other materials for use in France.