

Tender, style.....Hopper
 Weight, empty.....63,500 lbs.
 Wheels, number.....8
 " diameter.....43 in.
 Journals, diameter and length.....34 in. x 10 in.
 Wheel base.....19 ft. 3 1/2 in.
 Tender frame.....10 in. steel channels
 " trucks.....24 whl. cen. bear. R. R. std.
 Water capacity.....7000 U.S. gallons.
 Coal.....10 tons.
 Brake, West. Amer. Comb. on all drivers, including truck
 and tender with H.S. red. valve on drivers and tender.
 Signal sched. Westinghouse J.....
 Two main reservoirs.....20 1/2 in. x 90 in.
 Air pump.....11 in., L.H.

Retirement of Hon. A. G. Blair.

The retirement of Mr. Blair from the Board of Railway Commissioners is undoubtedly a public calamity. As the framer of the Railway Act of 1903, with great experience in railway questions gained during his occupancy of the Ministry of Railways, with a legal training and judicial mind, with great tact, diplomacy and courtesy, he was without question far better fitted for the position than any other man in Canada, and his actions in office have fully borne out the wisdom of his appointment. His retirement is a distinct loss to the Commission and to the country at large, and is regretted alike by the transportation interests and by the public, his decisions having met with general approval.

When Mr. Blair was appointed, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said of him: "There is not in Canada a better qualified and more competent man to discharge the duties of the office to which we have called him. I recognize him as a man of great ability, as a man of great talent, and I have no hesitation in saying that you cannot find in Canada anyone who is better endowed than Mr. Blair to be chairman of the Railway Commission." This was a statement which could not be called in question on either side of the House, and it is deeply to be regretted that the services of such a man have been lost at such an early period in the history of the Commission.

The G.T.R. has secured 500 square ft. of floor space and 1,000 square ft. of wall space at the Sportsman's show in New York, to be held Feb. and Mar., 1905.

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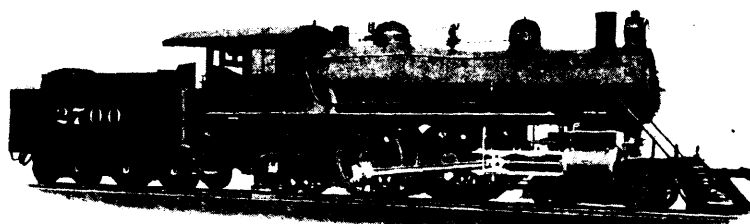
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