

Mainly About Electric Railway People.

W. H. Maxwell has been appointed Roadmaster, Montreal & Southern Counties Ry., Office, St. Lambert, Que.

H. B. Fleshman, Maintenance of Way and Structures Engineer, Montreal & Southern Counties Ry., St. Lambert, Que., has resigned.

G. J. Meyer, heretofore Electrical Engineer, Montreal & Southern Counties Ry., has been appointed Chief Engineer. Office, St. Lambert, Que.

N. H. Brown, Superintendent of Transportation, Buffalo Division, International Ry., Buffalo, N.Y., has been appointed General Manager of Transportation.

Duncan MacDonald, ex General Manager, Montreal Tramways Co., and now one of the Montreal city controllers, will, it is said, be a candidate for the mayoralty this year.

J. H. McNeil, who had charge of the construction of the Three Rivers Traction Co.'s line in Three Rivers, Que., has been appointed acting Superintendent in charge of operation.

Mrs. Rothery, of Weston, Ont., is suing the Canada Accident and Guarantee Co. for \$15,000, alleged to be due under a policy on her late husband, J. E. Rothery, formerly Manager, Toronto Eastern Ry.

W. G. Murrin, General and Mechanical Superintendent British Columbia Electric Ry., has been appointed Chairman of a sub-committee of the Vancouver Returned Soldiers' Welcome Committee.

G. D. Archibald has been appointed Superintendent, Saskatoon Municipal Ry., Saskatoon, Sask. For some time past the duties of Superintendent of the municipal railway have been carried out by E. Hanson, City Electrician.

Mrs. J. C. Grace, wife of the Secretary-Treasurer, Toronto Ry. Co., died suddenly at Toronto, Nov. 30, from cerebral hemorrhage. She was a sister of the late Jas. Ross, of Montreal, and an aunt of J. K. L. Ross, one of the C.P.R. directors.

Lt. Col. G. D. Fearman, Chief Accountant, Dominion Power and Transmission Co. of Hamilton, Ont., has been appointed to the command of the 120th Battalion, but still retains his position with the company. His assistant, G. N. Kendall, is discharging the duties of Accountant.

Major Geo. C. Royce, General Manager, Toronto Suburban Railway, who has been in command of the Depot Battalion at Toronto Armouries, has been appointed commandant of the camp for interned alien enemies at Kapuskasing, Ont., on the National Transcontinental Ry., with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

James D. Fraser, Director and Secretary-Treasurer, Ottawa Electric Ry., and President, Canadian Street Railway Association, who has recovered recently from a severe attack of la grippe, was to leave Ottawa, Dec. 30, with Thos. Ahearn, President, Ottawa Electric Ry., for a short trip to Havana and other southern points.

A. C. Johnston, who has succeeded J. E. Richards as Accountant, Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Ry., Chatham, Ont., commenced railway work with the Canadian Northern Ry. in Dec., 1896, leaving in 1904 to enter the Lackawanna Steel Co.'s service at Buffalo, N.Y., where he remained for several years, returning to the Canadian Northern in June, 1912.

Col. H. H. McLean, K.C., M.P. for Queens-Sunbury, N.B., and President, St. John Ry. Co., who commanded a cavalry brigade at Valcartier during last summer, has been ap-

pointed a special recruiting officer for the Maritime Provinces, and will assist in raising battalions there. Later on he will probably be sent to the front in command of a brigade.

Edward L. Cousins, A.M.Can.Soc.C.E., one of the engineers entrusted with the preparation of a report on a proposed rapid transit system for Toronto, which appears, with his portrait, elsewhere in this issue, was born at Toronto, June 11, 1883, and was educated at the public schools there, St. Andrew's College, and Toronto University, graduating B.A.Sc. in 1907. From 1902 to 1907 he was assistant engineer, Resident Engineer's office, G.T.R., Toronto; 1907 to 1910, Engineer in Charge Middle Southern Division, G.T.R., Toronto; 1910 to 1912, Assistant City Engineer, Department of Railways, Bridges and Docks, City of Toronto. In 1912 he was appointed Chief Engineer, Toronto Harbor Commissioners, which position he still holds.

Manfred Freeman was elected Public Utilities Commissioner for Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 13, by a majority of 36 over Arthur Reid, who held the office for the last term. Three candidates went to the poll, with the result that Reid received 410 votes, Freeman 319, and McKenzie 246, but as the retiring Commissioner did not receive 51% of the votes polled, a counting of the second choice ballots was necessary, the name of the third candidate being eliminated. The second choice ballots gave Freeman 152 votes and Reid 25, giving Freeman a total of 471 and Reid 435. Mr. Freeman is a native of Hamilton, Ont., and has lived in Lethbridge since 1890. He was at different times Chief Engineer, Manager, and Secretary of the Lethbridge Waterworks and Electric Light Co., during its existence as a private company. As Public Utilities Commissioner he has charge of the Lethbridge Municipal Ry.

Electric Railway Notes.

Moose Jaw Electric Ry., Moose Jaw, Sask., has ordered a rotary circulating water pump in the United States.

The **Sarnia St. Ry.** may be in the market for about 5,000 ft. of 60-lb. rails early in the spring. G. E. Wadland, Sarnia, Ont., is Manager.

The **Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry.** has become a party to the Eastern Canadian Passenger Association's certificate plan regulations.

The **British Columbia Electric Ry.** issued an order, effective Dec. 15, reducing the service on the Lulu Island and Burnaby Lake lines from one car an hour to one car every two hours.

The **British Columbia Electric Ry.** received entries up to Dec. 15, in a competition for a design emblematic of supplying transportation, light, power and heat. Prizes of \$50 and \$25 were offered.

The **Manitoba Court of Appeal** started on Dec. 15 hearing the **Winnipeg Electric Ry.**'s appeal against Judge Metcalfe's decision that the company must pay for clearing snow from the tracks when ordered to do so by the City Engineer.

The **British Columbia Electric Ry.**'s office staff's annual dinner was held in Vancouver, Dec. 4, G. Kidd, General Manager, being present. The speeches were chiefly of a complimentary character, but special reference was made of the fact that 144 of the company's employees are in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces.

A cablegram from London, Eng., Dec. 20, to the city attorney of Montreal, stated that the application of D. Robertson, Purchasing Agent, Montreal Tramways Co., for permission to appeal to the Imperial Privy Council to have the franchise of the Canadian Auto-bus Co. declared illegal had been refused. The action has been before the courts for some two years.

The **Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Ry.** has received two single truck city cars from the Preston Car and Coach Co. They are mounted on 21-E trucks, and are single end, p.a.y.e. type, with longitudinal seats upholstered in pantasote, folding steps, mutually operating doors under the control of the conductor and motor man, and equipped with sign boxes and forced circulation heaters.

The only decision rendered to date in the various suits arising out of the Montreal tramways franchise matter is one brought by J. A. Thibeau to have Controller McDonald unseated. The decision was rendered by Justice Lafontaine, Dec. 2, the petition being dismissed with costs. The other actions are still before the courts. Ex Controller Hebert, who was the central figure of the disputes, has made an assignment to his creditors, and is reported to be seriously ill.

An Alberta court on Dec. 7 granted an injunction restraining the **Edmonton City Council** from entering into an agreement with the **Edmonton Power Co.**, granting a franchise for the supply of power in the city. The agreement was endorsed by the ratepayers, but the third reading of the bylaw was defeated in the City Council Nov. 24, by the casting vote of the Mayor, and referred back for further consideration. The case came up for hearing Dec. 10, and was concluded on the following day, when Judge Hyndman decided that the bylaw could be passed by the council, and accordingly dissolved the interim injunction. The bylaw, he said, did not confer a franchise, but was simply an agreement to go to the Legislature, asking it to sanction the granting of a franchise, the terms of which had been arranged.

One-Man Cars in Calgary.—The **Calgary Municipal Ry.** has placed some one-man cars in operation running from the city centre to outside points, as an accommodation where large cars with two men would not pay. Five of the one-man cars are being operated largely on inside and stub lines satisfactorily, and it is proposed to operate more of them at rush hours on long hauls where only one trip will be made. These cars are single truck p.a.y.e., 6 ft., rear vestibule type, and have been converted by closing up the rear end and making it into a smoking room seating 10 passengers, and by adding one additional seat in the body, where 28 passengers are seated, the total capacity being 38 passengers. The front bulk head door has been removed, and also the window, which is used as a wicket, the fare box being inside this window. We are indebted to T. H. McCauley, Superintendent, for these particulars.

Toronto Ry. and Overcrowding.—Information was received in Toronto, Dec. 21, that the Imperial Privy Council had granted the **Toronto Ry. Co.** leave to appeal against the Ontario Appeal Court's decision confirming the conviction for maintaining a nuisance in permitting overcrowding of cars.

Dominion Power and Transmission Co.—W. C. Hawkins, Managing Director, is reported to have stated that the **Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario** is not negotiating for the company's electric railways and power plants.

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