

Mainly About Electric Railway People.

A. H. Dennis has been appointed chairman of the civic committee in charge of the operation of the Fort William, Ont., Electric Ry.

F. X. Couture, heretofore Superintendent of Transportation, has been appointed Superintendent, Railway Department, Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co., Sherbrooke, Que.

E. A. Robert, President, Montreal Tramways Co., has been elected a director of the Western Assurance Co. and the British American Assurance Co., Toronto.

Chas. Johnstone, heretofore acting Manager, Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co., Sherbrooke, Que., has been appointed Comptroller. Office, 330 Coristine Bldg., Montreal.

T. Ahearn, President, and J. D. Fraser, Secretary-Treasurer, Ottawa Electric Ry., left Ottawa Feb. 20, via New York and New Orleans, for southern California, expecting to be away about five weeks.

F. A. Chisholm, heretofore Superintendent, St. Johns Electric Light Co. Division, Southern Canada Power Co., St. Johns, Que., has been appointed Superintendent Light and Power Department, Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co., Sherbrooke, Que.

Thos. Ahearn, President, Ottawa Electric Ry., and Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co., has been elected a director of the Merchants Bank of Canada. He is also a director of the Bell Telephone Co. and Canadian Westinghouse Co., as well as of several other companies.

Martin N. Todd, President, Galt, Preston & Hespeler St. Ry., and General Manager, Lake Erie & Northern Ry., who has not been in good health for some time, left Galt, Ont., on Jan. 29, for the south, his intention being to go to the Isle of Pines, and to be away for two or three months.

Sir W. M. Aitken, Bart., who was elected a director, British Columbia Electric Ry., at the recent annual meeting of shareholders in London, Eng., has been created a Baron of the United Kingdom, with the title of Baron Beaverbrook, of Beaverbrook, N.B., Canada, and of Cherckley, Surrey, Eng.

C. G. Newton, formerly agent, London & Lake Erie Ry. & Transportation Co., St. Thomas, Ont., has been appointed Accountant at London, Ont., which position was occupied by L. Tait, who was also Secretary-Treasurer, prior to his appointment as Secretary-Treasurer, London St. Ry. The L. & L. E. R. & T. Co.'s directors will probably appoint a Secretary-Treasurer at their next meeting.

William Henry Dinsmore, whose appointment as Traffic Superintendent, British Columbia Electric Ry., Vancouver, was announced in our last issue, was born at Meaford, Ont., Apr. 14, 1877, and entered B.C.E.R. service, Feb. 1, 1901, since when he has been, to Oct. 31, 1909, conductor; Nov. 1, 1909, to Oct. 31, 1915, Inspector; Nov. 1, 1915, to Feb. 29, 1916, Chief Inspector; Mar. 1 to Dec. 1, 1916, acting Traffic Superintendent, City Lines, Vancouver, B.C.

Leonard Tait, heretofore Secretary-Treasurer, London & Lake Erie Ry. & Transportation Co., has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer, London St. Ry., vice G. C. Holding, who has resigned, in order to devote his time to his private affairs. He commenced railway service in 1899,

with the Michigan Central Rd., at London, and has also served with the G.T.R. and C.P.R., and returned to the M.C.R. in Feb. 1905 as chief clerk to Freight and Passenger Agent, London. He was appointed Soliciting Passenger Agent, New York Central Rd., Toronto, and in Nov., 1912, he was appointed accountant, London & Lake Erie Ry. & Transportation Co., and later, Secretary-Treasurer of the company.

Lewis Clark Haskell, Secretary-Treasurer Southern Power Co., who has also been appointed Secretary-Treasurer, Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co., Montreal, was born in Pennsylvania, Jan. 2, 1883, and graduated with the degree of B.A., from Colgate University, in June, 1905. From 1905 to 1908, he was Assistant Manager, Haskell Lumber Co., and Salmon River Ry., Fassett, Que.; 1900 to 1911, Secretary-Treasurer and Manager, Labrador Electric Co., Murray Bay, Que.; 1912 to 1913, Secretary-Treasurer, South Shore Power & Paper Co., Montreal; 1913 was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Canada Power Co., Montreal, which company has taken over the Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co.

W. C. Franz, who has been elected President of the Trans-St. Marys Traction Co., of Sault Ste. Marie, to succeed the late T. J. Kennedy, was born at Bucyrus, Ohio, Mar. 14, 1871. In 1889 he entered the Toledo & Ohio Central Ry.'s service, remaining until 1901, when he went with the Hocking Valley Ry. in West Virginia, serving as Trainmaster and Superintendent. From 1906 to 1908 he engaged in railway construction work and coal development in West Virginia, and on Sept. 1, 1908, was made General Manager of the Lake Superior Corporation, succeeding to the Vice Presidency in 1913. He is also Vice President of the Algoma Steel Corporation, Ltd.; President of the Cannelton Coal & Coke Co. and the Lake Superior Coal Co.

Hon. James Leitch, K.C., Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario, who died at Toronto, Feb. 7, after a prolonged illness, was born at South Branch, Stormont, Ont., June 2, 1850, and was educated at Williamstown and Cornwall, Ont. He became a barrister in 1876, and was created a Q.C. in 1889, practising his profession in Cornwall. He was reeve of Cornwall in 1884, mayor 1885-86, member of the High School Board there since 1887; life governor and a director, Cornwall General Hospital; and was also, for some time, President, Stormont Electric Light & Power Co., and Cornwall Gas Co. On the formation of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board in 1906, he was appointed Chairman, and held that position until 1912, when he was appointed to the bench.

James B. Woodyatt, who has been appointed General Manager, Southern Canada Power Co., Montreal, which owns the Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co., operating the street railway, and other utilities in Sherbrooke, Que., was born at Brantford, Ont., July 2, 1886. He was, from Apr. to July, 1905, chain man, Niagara & Welland Power Co.; July to Sept., 1905, topographer, Toronto & Hamilton Ry.; Apr. 1906 to Dec. 1908, apprentice, Canadian Westinghouse Co., Hamilton, Ont.; Dec. 1908 to June 1909, investigating ice conditions, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Dominion Government; June 1910 to June 1910, sales engineer, Allis-Chalmers-Bullock, Ltd., Montreal; June 1910 to July 1913, Super-

intendent of Power, Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co., Sherbrooke, Que.; July 1913 to Oct. 1916, General Superintendent, Southern Canada Power Co., Montreal.

Electric Railway Finance, Meetings, Etc.

Cape Breton Electric Co.:

	Dec. 1916	Dec. 1915	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1916.	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1915.
Gross	\$40,284.39	\$36,267.87	\$393,666.68	\$357,214.07
Exp.	22,346.19	19,625.69	231,264.97	206,427.82
Net	17,938.20	16,642.18	162,401.71	150,786.25

Hamilton St. Ry.—The City Treasurer reported recently on the financial relations between the city and the company as follows:—

Total receipts, 1915	\$569,694.15
Total receipts, 1916	706,789.14

Increase	\$137,094.99
City's share, 1915	\$45,575.53
City's share, 1916	\$56,543.13

Increase	\$10,967.60
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The city's share in 1916 was \$4,772 more than the highest previous year, viz., 1913.

Kitchener & Waterloo St. Ry.—The annual report of the operations for 1916, presented to the Kitchener, Ont., Light Commission, Feb. 7, showed net profits of \$3,606.47. Of this 25% is paid to the town of Waterloo, in return for running rights.

It was also reported that the net profits for Jan., 1916, were \$330.53, against \$252.97 for Jan., 1916.

London & Port Stanley Ry.—The London Railway Commission announces that the gross railway earnings from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1916, were \$178,211, and total expenses \$146,321, leaving a net operating profit of \$31,890. There was an increase of \$5,300 in the operating expenses over the same period, 1915, of \$10,000 in the total expense, and of \$39,000 in the gross earnings. The net earnings were \$27,500 more for the 1916 period than for the 1915 one, which was the first under the Commission's operation.

Port Arthur Civic Ry.—Traffic statistics for January:

	1916.	1917.
Revenue	\$6,797.20	\$8,104.00
Military tickets	6,854.00	4,375.00
Ordinary tickets	8,607.00	7,504.00
Workmen's tickets	27,747.00	50,612.00
School children	4,446.00	8,292.00
City officials	1,652.00	2,079.00
Cash fares	102,687.00	114,541.00
Total passengers	152,754	188,071
Transfers issued	15,386	18,976

Toronto Ry.—Earnings for Jan., \$510,052.52; city percentage, \$76,507.88. From figures compiled by one of the Toronto newspapers, it appears that since the commencement of the company's franchise, early in 1891, \$72,917,572.31 were received in fares, and \$9,249,213.13 paid to the city as percentage on earnings. The receipts for the first year of operation were \$291,765.17, not much more than half of the receipts for Jan. 1917, the city percentage being \$23,017.08.

The Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co. has been taken over by the Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd., but maintains its corporate capacity as heretofore. Following are the officers:—F. W. Teele, President; J. B. Woodyatt, General Manager; L. C. Haskell, Secretary-Treasurer; Chas. Johnstone, Comptroller, all with offices at 330 Coristine Bldg., Montreal; F. A. Chisholm, Superintendent, Light and Power Department, and F. X. Couture, Superintendent, Railway Department, with offices at Sherbrooke, Que.