

ELECTRIC RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

MR. F. L. WANKLYN.

WITH considerable enterprise Toronto capitalists have, during the past year, taken definite action towards securing control of the street railway franchises of several cities in England, with the object, evidently, of electrifying the systems. Foremost among these



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capitalists has been Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, president of the Toronto Street Railway, who has made several trips across the Atlantic in that connection. So much of his time has been thus devoted that it became necessary to relieve him of some of his duties in Canada, and the appointment of a manager for the Toronto Street Railway was decided upon by the company. The person to receive this appointment is Mr. Frederick L. Wanklyn, of Montreal, whose portrait we present.

The new manager is an engineer of large experience, and has an intimate knowledge of street railways, having spent several years supervising the construction of such in Lombardy. He was born in Buenos Ayres not quite 38 years ago, and educated at Marlborough College, England. He served a regular pupilage under the late Charles Sacre, M. Inst. C. E., Chief Engineer of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway, at the Gorton Works, Manchester. His first appointment was that of resident engineer of the Tramways and General Works Company on their lines in Lombardy, Italy. Subsequently he became general manager and engineer of the Lombardy Road Railways Company, with headquarters at Milan.

Upon coming to Canada he was appointed to the position of assistant mechanical superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway, under Mr. Herbert Wallis, M. Inst. C. E., and subsequently was given charge of the extensive works of the company at Point St. Charles, in Montreal. Since the change in the administration he has filled the position of master mechanic. During the conversion of the Montreal street railway, and the erection of the new power-house, he acted as consulting mechanical engineer to the company. He is a member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers and an associate member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, England.

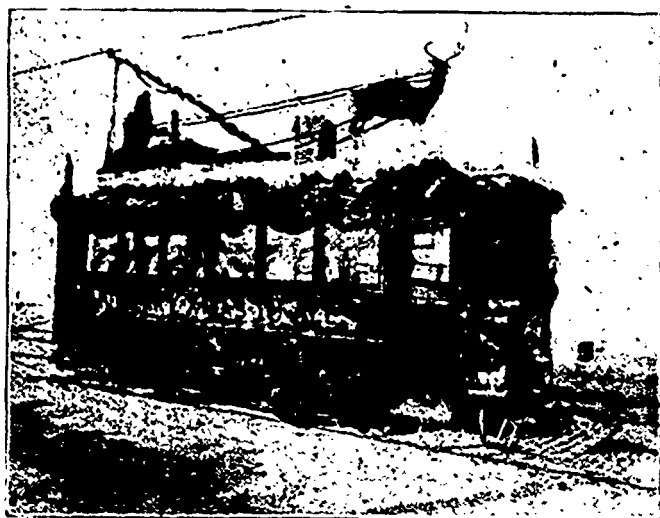
Before leaving Montreal, the employees of the Grand

Trunk Railway shops presented Mr. Wanklyn with a handsome illuminated address, expressive of the good feeling which existed between them. He was also presented with a gold-headed cane by the employees of the rolling mills.

Those who are best acquainted with the new manager consider the step a wise one on the part of the company, and we have no doubt that proof of his ability will be forthcoming in still further improvements to an already prosperous road. Mr. Wanklyn has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors.

SANTA CLAUS ON A TROLLEY CAR.

An illustration appears herewith of the trolley car from which Santa Claus gladdened the hearts of the children of Ottawa by the distribution of Christmas fruit and candies, which was referred to in our last issue. Mr. Warren Y. Soper, of the firm of Ahearn & Soper, caused letters to appear in the daily papers, signed "Santa Claus," which stated that he would visit Ottawa on the day before Christmas and make a day-light tour through the streets on top of an electric car. A time table was furnished indicating at what time he would reach certain points, and before that time the streets were thronged with men, women and children. When the car appeared it was covered with snow and ice, indicating its recent arrival from the far north. On the front vestibule were the figures "1896," and on the rear "1897." The interior of the car was filled with toys of every description, and Santa Claus was on top driving his reindeer, with a basket of toys on his back. The motorman and conductor were costumed as Icelanders, and an Eskimo played on a cornet during the trip. As the car proceeded, Santa Claus distributed the oranges, etc., assisted by several persons inside the car.



A CHRISTMAS CAR.

Some four thousand oranges were placed at the disposal of the children, the scrambling for which created no little amusement.

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MR. E. F. G. Fletcher, Gravenhurst, Ont., in remitting his subscription to the *ELECTRICAL NEWS*, writes: "Your paper is improving with every number, and I consider it far ahead of any other electrical paper I take."