

P. M. Arthur, chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, dropped dead during a speech which he was making at the banquet at the annual convention in Winnipeg, July 16. He had just said, "It may be my parting words to many of you," when he fell back and died in a few minutes. The Railway and Engineering Review says: "Mr. Arthur had for many years maintained a dignified and conservative attitude which commanded universal respect. During the earlier years of his official career he met with continual opposition from the more radical and hot-headed elements in the organization. He was always opposed to strikes except as a last resort. While he was not always able to control the situation, and hence at times was forced into positions not always tenable, he gradually brought all elements over to his side and made the organization respected by railway officials as well as the public. Few so-called labor leaders have ever won respect in so high a degree. The success of the brotherhood under its conservative policy has been so marked that it is hardly possible that it can in the future be led to depart from it by any leader who might be so disposed."

Geo. Spencer, who has been appointed Superintendent district 1 Ontario division, C.P.R., at Toronto, was born in London, Eng., Feb. 21, 1865, and entered railway service in 1880, since which his record has been: July, 1880, to March, 1881, assistant

agent, Toronto, Grey and Bruce Ry., at Dundalk, Ont.; Mar., 1881, to July, 1881, agent, Waldemar, Ont., same road; July, 1881, to Oct., 1882, operator Toronto freight office, same road; Oct., 1882, to Nov., 1883, train dispatcher, Toronto, same road; Nov.,

1883, to June, 1884, same position with Ontario and Quebec Ry., which leased the T.G. and B.Ry.; June, 1884, to Aug., 1887, same position with C.P.R., that company having absorbed the O. and G.Ry.; Aug., 1887, to Aug., 1889, train dispatcher, C.P.R., at

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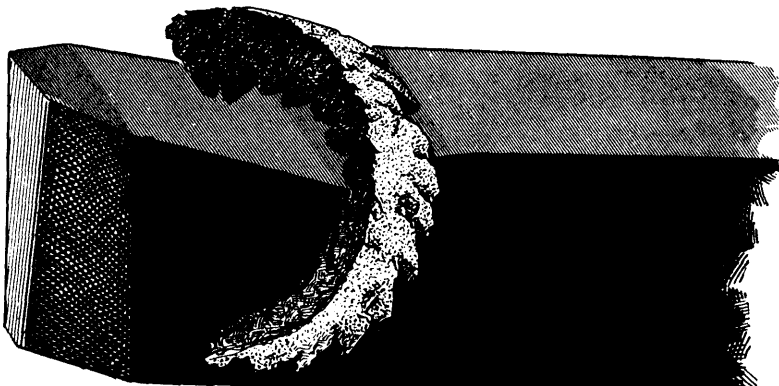
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