

# The Consolidation of the Canadian Northern and the Canadian Government Railways' Management.

Sir Robert Borden, in speaking at the Toronto Exhibition directors' luncheon on Sept. 9, as reported in Canadian Railway and Marine World for October, said, among other things: "The total railway mileage owned by Canada is very large, comprising nearly 14,000 miles, and reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. All the lines included in this mileage should be operated as one system, and under one management. This system should not be administered by a department of the government, but it should be connected as soon as practicable with steamship lines on both the Atlantic and the Pacific, and last, but not least, its operation should be kept absolutely free from party political interference. For these reasons, and for this purpose, the Canadian Northern Ry. System's board will be reconstituted in the immediate future." To carry out the policy indicated by the Prime Minister, an order in council was passed Nov. 20, transferring the operation and management of the Canadian Government lines, including the Intercolonial Ry. and its recently acquired branch lines, the Prince Edward Island Ry., and the National Transcontinental Ry. to the Canadian Northern Ry. directors. The order is as follows:—

"Whereas the Minister of Railways and Canals represents that under the provisions of the Department of Railways and Canals Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, chap. 35, the management, charge and direction of all government railways is vested in the minister, and by the Government Railways Act, chap. 36, Revised Statutes of Canada, sec. 49, the Governor in Council is authorized to make such regulations as he deems necessary for, inter alia, the management of all or any of the government railways: and whereas the minister further represents that, with a view to attaining a maximum of economy and efficiency in the operation of the Canadian Government Railways and of the Canadian Northern Ry. System, it is desirable that there should be a board of management of the Canadian Government Railways, consisting of the persons who comprise the board of directors of the Canadian Northern Ry. Co.

"Therefore, the Governor General, by and with the advice and consent of the King's Privy Council for Canada, is pleased to order that the order in council of June 5, 1917, P.C. 1529, whereby C. A. Hayes was appointed General Manager of Eastern Lines, and F. P. Brady was appointed General Manager of Western Lines, Canadian Government Railways, shall be, and the same is, hereby rescinded; and the Governor General in council is further pleased to order and declare that the persons from time to time comprising the board of directors of the Canadian Northern Ry. Co., shall be, and they are hereby appointed, a board of management of the Canadian Government Railways, and are hereby given the powers vested in the General Manager under the general regulations of the Canadian Government Railways, adopted by order in council of Jan. 22, 1914, P.C. 184."

The mileage of the co-ordinated lines as at June 30, 1917, was as follows:

Canadian Government Railways.	Miles.
Intercolonial . . . . .	1,510.40
Elgin & Havelock . . . . .	27.00
International of N.B. . . . .	111.30
Moncton & Buctouche . . . . .	34.00
New Brunswick & P.E.I. . . . .	36.05
St. John & Quebec . . . . .	119.87

St. Martins . . . . .	30.00
Salisbury & Albert . . . . .	45.00
York & Carleton . . . . .	10.50

Prince Edward Island . . . . .	1,924.12
National Transcontinental . . . . .	2,777.78
	2,003.03

	4,204.93
Canadian Northern System . . . . .	9,405.44

13,610.37

**Additional Directors.**—In view of the extensive mileage in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec of the lines which have been consolidated, the government has recognized the importance of giving those provinces substantial representation on the directorate, and for this purpose the Canadian Northern Ry. directors have elected the following additional directors, viz.: Thos. Cantley, New Glasgow, N.S.; A. P. Barnhill, K.C., St. John, N.B.; and Sir Hormisdas Laporte, Montreal.

**Officials, appointments, jurisdiction, etc.**—As a result of the co-ordination of the various lines and for the purpose of effectually consolidating the management, the jurisdictions of the principal C.N.R. officials have been extended over the C.G.R. also, viz.: D. B. Hanna, President; A. J. Mitchell, Vice President, Finance and Accounts; R. C. Vaughan, Assistant to President; Z. A. Lash, Senior Counsel; Gerard Ruel, Counsel. M. H. MacLeod, Vice President, Operation, Maintenance and Construction; S. J. Hungerford, Assistant Vice President; E. Langham, General Purchasing Agent, and J. P. Driscoll, General Superintendent Car Service.

C. A. Hayes, heretofore General Manager, Eastern Lines, C.G.R., Moncton, N.B., has been appointed Vice President in charge of traffic, C.N.R. and C.G.R., at Toronto.

For operating purposes the C.N.R. and C.G.R. lines have been merged and divided into Eastern Lines and Western Lines, respectively; the Eastern Lines comprising all C.N.R. lines east of Port Arthur, Ont., and all C.G.R. lines east of O'Brien, Que.; the Western Lines comprising all C.N.R. lines, Port Arthur and west thereof, and C.G.R. lines west of O'Brien, Que. F. P. Brady, heretofore General Manager, Western Lines, C.G.R., Winnipeg, has been appointed General Manager, Eastern Lines, C.N.R. and C.G.R., at Montreal; and W. A. Kingsland, formerly General Superintendent, Quebec Lines, C.N.R., has been appointed Assistant General Manager, Eastern Lines, C.N.R. and C.G.R., at Montreal. A. E. Warren, General Manager, Western Lines, C.N.R., Winnipeg, has had his jurisdiction extended to include C.G.R. lines west of O'Brien, Que. Louis Lavoie, heretofore Purchasing Agent, Canadian Government Rys., Railways and Canals Department, Ottawa, has been transferred to Toronto as Assistant General Purchasing Agent, C.N.R. and C.G.R.

The accounting and auditing departments for Eastern and Western Lines, C.N.R., located heretofore at Toronto and Winnipeg respectively, are being consolidated in Toronto. C. E. Friend, heretofore General Auditor, C.N.R., Winnipeg, has been transferred to Toronto as Comptroller, C.N.R.; and J. D. Morton, heretofore Assistant Comptroller, C.N.R., Toronto, has been appointed General Auditor, C.N.R., there. Several other officials and their staffs will be transferred from Winnipeg to Toronto on Jan. 1, particulars of which and other appointments are

given in "Transportation Appointments Throughout Canada" on another page of this issue.

The C.N.R. management has secured the old Imperial Hotel property on Adelaide St. East, Toronto, for traffic department and divisional operating offices.

The circulars announcing appointments of officials having jurisdiction over both the C.N.R. and C.G.R. are headed "Canadian Northern Railway—Canadian Government Railways," and the general officers letter headings, etc., are printed in the same way. It is said that it is the government's intention to name the whole co-ordinated system Canadian National Railways, and that the necessary legislation will be introduced at the Dominion Parliament's next session.

**Inspection of Canadian Government Rys.**—D. B. Hanna, President, left Toronto, Nov. 26, for a trip over the C.G.R. in Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and Eastern Ontario, accompanied by most of the other directors, viz.: A. J. Mitchell, Vice President; Major Graham A. Bell, C.M.G., acting Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals; Robt. Hobson, Hamilton, Ont., and R. T. Riley, Winnipeg. Other directors joined them en route, viz.: A. P. Barnhill, K.C., of St. John, N.B., at Ottawa; Sir Hormisdas Laporte, at Montreal, and Thos. Cantley, of New Glasgow, N.S., further down the line. The party also comprised M. H. MacLeod, Vice President, Operation, Maintenance and Construction; and R. P. Ormsby, Secretary, C.N.R. S. J. Hungerford, Assistant Vice President, accompanied the party to Quebec, and F. P. Brady, General Manager, Eastern Lines, joined them at Montreal. Division and other local officials joined the party en route travelling through their respective jurisdictions.

From Toronto they went to Ottawa by C.N.R., thence to Montreal by C.G.R., and from there over the I.R.C., the Quebec Bridge and the N.T.R. to Quebec. The further itinerary planned included, from Levis via I.R.C. to Moncton, N.B., where two days would be spent, and then on to Sydney, Prince Edward Island, Halifax and St. John, returning via Quebec and over the National Transcontinental, to Cochrane, Ont., and from there to Toronto the intention being to reach Toronto early in the second week of December.

The principal objects of the directors' trip are to consider the question of betterments, new construction, additional rolling stock, etc., as well as a possible reorganization of the C.G.R. staff. It is probable that after Mr. Hanna's return to Toronto a number of changes in the C.G.R. staff at Moncton, etc., will be announced.

**St. Malo Shops, Que.**—The Mayor of Quebec, on Nov. 13, telegraphed the Minister of Railways, asking that the National Transcontinental Ry. shops at St. Malo, Que., be put into operation at once, in accordance with the agreement with the city, in order to provide against unemployment caused by the closing of munition plants. The Minister of Railways replied, stating that the operation of the Canadian Government Railways had been placed under the Canadian Northern Ry. directors, and advised the mayor to communicate with the President, D. B. Hanna. This is a good beginning, and it is to be hoped that a similar policy will be adhered to.