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A SERVICE OF NOTICE.

SIR HENRY THORNTON, who has consented to assume the heavy duties of President of the Canadian National Railways, has given out an interview in London, which looks like a service of notice on the public of the conditions under which he approaches the task.

"Canada," Sir Henry is reported as having said, "has embarked upon Government ownership on the sole principle that will bring success, namely, no political influence or interference. That has been made clear by the Prime Minister. I should not have looked at

the proposition if I had not been sure that both the Government and the people wanted this."

Whether the assurance the new President of the C. N. R. received that there would be no political influence or interference in the operation of the Government system, was given voluntarily by Premier King, or was made a condition of acceptance by Sir Henry Thornton, is not manifest from the above quoted interview, and perhaps does not matter greatly. What is important is that the divorce of the railways from politics is, and will remain, an essential condition of Sir Henry's continuance in the position of C. N. R. President. From the tenor of his public statement, it may be expected that any attempt at political inter-meddling by the Government or its party friends will meet with his sturdy opposition, and, if need be, his resignation.

On no other condition could a President be procured for the C. N. R., who would be worth having.

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