

tain fuel & stores, the property of the B.C. Smelting & Refining Co., which the C.P.R. specifically agreed to purchase separately, & which he alleged were not included in the transfer of the smelter & railway when F. A. Heinze sold out his B.C. interests to the C.P.R. last spring. He said the two companies had failed to adjust their differences, & that as the C.P.R. had refused to treat with him & fulfil its alleged covenant, Mr. Heinze was forced to sue R. B. Angus & Thos. G. Shaughnessy, as representatives of the railway, to secure payment of his claim.

At the recent annual meeting of the C. & W. Ry. Co., the following directors were elected: T. G. Shaughnessy, R. B. Angus, W. S. Taylor, T. Tait, I. G. Ogden, Montreal; R. Marpole, G. McL. Brown, Vancouver; H. E. Beasley, F. W. Peters, Nelson. Mr. Shaughnessy was subsequently elected Vice-President, & H. Campbell Oswald, Secretary.

Dominion Atlantic.—Net earnings for 11 months, to end of Nov., 1898, \$505,033, compared with \$471,292.

Thirty-two years ago the Province of Nova Scotia incorporated the Windsor & Annapolis R. Co., & amongst other concessions granted it the right to a drawback of all customs duties paid upon materials & stores required for the construction & operation of the road. The Dominion Atlantic Ry. Co. succeeded to the property & rights of the W. & A. Co., & in the Federal Act of 1896, authorizing the transfer, provision was made for the extinguishment of the exemption from the payment of duty by commuting it at a lump sum. On Oct. 7 last an agreement was signed, by which the D.A. R. Co. gave up the privilege in consideration of the payment of \$100,000, which was handed over on Oct. 19. A proclamation has been issued repealing all Provincial & Federal legislation granting the right to the drawback. This settlement does not prejudice the right of the Co. to claim a refund of all duties paid up to Oct. 19.

Grand Trunk.—The Co. has filed with the New York State Court of Claims a claim against the State for \$31,529. The claim is based on the accommodation of the State in filling up a slip which formed a part of the Erie Canal in Buffalo, & called Palmer Slip, & in filling up what was known as Evan's Ship Canal, also in Buffalo. The waterways were filled up with material excavated from Erie Canal, & the Co. sues for the loss of their use. It asks \$15,000 damages for each, & \$1,529 for injuries to the wall of a freight house situated at the corner of River street & Peacock Slip.

Great Northern (U.S.)—Gross earnings for Dec. \$2,232,708, increase \$351,524. For the 6 months, \$14,486,664, increase \$1,498,573.

Irondale, Baneroff & Ottawa.—An action was recently begun in Toronto by this Co., against the Bank of British North America, The Trusts Corporation of Ontario, & J. H. Plummer, A. D. Benjamin, H. S. Mara & Z. A. Lash, for a declaration that the bonds of the Co. have not been validly issued & are not binding upon the Co., & that the pledge of them to some of the defendants is invalid & that the defendants are not entitled to dispose of them. On Jan. 4 the Co. was ordered to put up \$5,000 as security for any loss that might be sustained by the loss of sales & an injunction was granted restraining the defendants from disposing of the bonds. On Jan. 24 plaintiff's counsel moved to continue the injunction until the trial, but after a long argument it was dissolved by the Chancellor. Bonds to the extent of \$450,000 have been issued & were pledged in Sep. 1897 under the agreement attacked in the action. The total amount of the indebtedness for which they are pledged is between \$200,000 & \$250,000. While the writ claimed a declaration that the bonds were not validly issued, plaintiff's counsel has not so far made any effort to prove the invalidity, but has attacked the manner in

which they were pledged. It is alleged the pledge was authorized at a meeting at which there were present 4 persons who purported to act as directors, & another person who purported to be a director was represented by proxy, proxies being under the special act allowed at directors' meetings. It is said that 1 of the 4 persons present was not a shareholder & therefore not qualified to be a director & therefore that as the act requires the attendance of at least 4 of the directors at any directors' meeting anything done at that meeting is not binding upon the Co.

Kingston & Pembroke.—It is said the 20,000 shares of 1st preference stock, aggregating \$1,000,000, full particulars of which were given in our last issue, pg. 255, have all been subscribed for.

Receiver J. Bawden, Kingston, Ont., is advertising for particulars of claims against the Co. After Jan. 31, he will distribute the Co.'s assets among the parties entitled thereto.

London & Port Stanley.—The following were elected in London, Ont., Jan. 12: President, J. D. Wilson; Vice-President, R. A. Carruthers; Other directors, F. J. Rumball, P. McPhillips, W. H. Winnett, S. O'Mara, H. Dinean, S. Stevely, H. M. Douglass, A. Greenlee. Secretary, C. A. Kingston; Treasurer, J. Pope; Engineer, A. O. Graydon. The line is leased to the Lake Erie & Detroit River Ry. Co.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie.—Coupons due Jan. 1 on the consolidated mortgage bonds endorsed by the C.P.R. Co. will be paid by the London office of the latter Company, Jan. 2.

Nakusp & Slocan.—Notice was recently given that the Bank of British Columbia, would pay in London, Eng., on and after Jan. 2, the interest then due on the 4% bonds of this Co.

Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan.—Net earnings for Nov. '98 were \$3,475.75, compared with \$2,473.45 for corresponding period.

Northern Pacific.—The directors have declared a dividend of 1% on the common stock, payable Feb. 3. The dividend is declared from the earnings of the first 6 months of the current fiscal year.

Quebec Central.—Traffic receipts for Dec., \$30,826.75, compared with \$27,992.46. Aggregate traffic receipts for 1898, \$450,299.98, compared with \$457,643.84. Passenger traffic increased \$9,169.47. Freight decreased \$16,572.12. Mails & sundries increased \$58.79. Earnings per mile per month, \$176.17, a decrease of \$2.87.

Quebec & Lake St. John.—Gross earnings for 10 months to end of Oct., 1898 \$239,463, compared with \$203,630. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co., London, Eng., recently announced they would pay the coupons due Jan. 1 on this Co.'s 1st mortgage 5% bonds.

Quebec Taxation.—The Court of Appeals has given judgment in favor of the city of Quebec vs. the C.P.R., & vs. the G.T.R. The former had sued the city for \$50,000 & the latter had sued for \$7,000 for taxes which they claimed the city had illegally collected. In the Superior Court the city lost both cases. But in appeals both were given in its favor. A cross appeal of the C.P.R. was dismissed.

Spokane Falls & Northern.—At the annual meeting in Spokane, Wash., Dec. 9, J. J. Hill was elected President, C. Shields, Vice-President & F. W. Bobbitt, Secretary-Treasurer.

Wellington, Grey & Bruce.—The numbers are published of 21 bonds for £2,100 sterling which have been drawn for repayment at par on Jan. 2. The estimated earnings of the railway for the ½ year ended Dec., applicable to meet interest on bonds, will admit of the payment of £2 4s. 1d. per £100 bond, & this payment will be applied in respect of coupon no. 37, due Jan. 1, 1889, & will be made on Jan. 2.

RAILWAY APPOINTMENTS, &c.

Canadian Pacific.—The General Superintendency of the Western Division, with headquarters at Winnipeg, which has been vacant since the promotion of W. Whyte to the managership of the lines west of Fort William, about a year ago, will shortly be filled by the appointment of Jas. Osborne, at present Assistant to the Vice-president at Montreal. Mr. Osborne will leave for Winnipeg, Feb. 1, to remain 3 or 4 weeks on the Western Division & will assume his new duties shortly afterwards. He entered the railway service in 1874, the following being his record:—Oct. '74 to July, '83, in Mechanical Department, G.T.R.; July, '83, to July, '86, in Mechanical Department, C.P.R.; July, '86, to Sept., '87, Chief Clerk, Vice-President's office, C.P.R.; Sept., '87, to Oct., '90, Car Accountant, C.P.R.; Oct., '90, to June, '92, Superintendent Car Service, C.P.R.; June, '92, to April, '96, Superintendent Car & Fuel Service, C.P.R.; April, '96, to date, Assistant to Vice-President, C.P.R. In April, '95, he was elected President of the International Association of Car Accountants.

R. Corbett, who was stationed at Wrangell, Alaska, in the C.P.R. ticket office, last season, has been appointed to the Co's Vancouver ticket office.

H. Carter, recently C.P.R. Yukon agent, has returned to his old position on the Soo line.

J. Cardell, Locomotive Foreman & Trainmaster at Canmore, Alta., has been appointed Master Mechanic of the Crow's Nest Pass branch.

J. Coughlin, track foreman, has been Acting Roadmaster at Schreiber, Ont., since the death of T. Newman.

Grand Trunk.—The heavy steamship traffic requiring the constant attention of the Train Master at Portland, Me., & on the lines east of Richmond, Que., C. S. Cunningham has been relieved of the portion of the 2nd district, west of Richmond, & the jurisdiction of R. P. Dalton has been extended to Richmond.

Chas. Clarke, heretofore New York State Freight Agent, has been appointed Division Freight Agent in charge of freight traffic in connection with the following lines, with headquarters at Detroit, Mich.: Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry. (including the across lake traffic via Grand Haven); Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon Ry.; Michigan Air Line Ry.; Chicago, Detroit & Canada Grand Trunk Jct. Ry. Agents at stations on the above lines will report to and receive instructions from Mr. Clarke. Agents at stations on the Chicago & Grand Trunk Ry.; Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw R.R. & Grand Trunk Junction Ry. will report as heretofore. Short & over reports at stations west of the Detroit & St. Clair Rivers are to be sent to E. Arnold, Lost Freight Agent, Battle Creek, Mich.

W. J. Hunter, heretofore General Travelling Freight Agent, has been appointed New York State Agent, with headquarters at 285 Main Street, Buffalo, vice C. Clarke, assigned to other duties, as above stated.

A. R. McIntyre having resigned, on account of ill health, the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Western Division has been abolished. A. H. Lander has been appointed Master of Transportation for the Western Division. He will have charge of the distribution of all passenger & freight equipment on the division & will make requisitions for equipment from connecting lines. G.T. equipment must not be delivered empty to connecting lines without his authority. Office at Port Huron, Mich. Local agents will send daily car reports to their trainmaster, & place orders with him for all ears required at their stations.

The office of Assistant Trainmaster, 1st District, is abolished. A. H. Lander having been assigned other duties, J. Munday has been appointed Chief Train Despatcher, Montreal Terminals, 4th & 5th Districts, & 2nd