

Mainly About Electric Railway People.

Percy Lewis has been appointed Purchasing Agent, British Columbia Electric Ry., vice C. A. Lee, transferred to electrical engineering department.

J. P. McKenzie, heretofore Master Mechanic, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent, Saskatoon Municipal Ry., Saskatoon, Sask. This is a new position.

Capt. Guy Boyer, of the 22nd Battalion, C.E.F., and formerly a Montreal St. Ry. official, is reported as under eye treatment in England owing to lachrymose gas effects.

F. D. Burpee, Superintendent, Ottawa Electric Ry., who is on leave of absence for military service, has been promoted from captain to major in the 207th Battalion, now stationed at Ottawa.

F. S. Woodcock, Traffic Manager, Saskatoon Municipal Ry., Saskatoon, Sask., having resigned on enlistment for service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the position has been abolished.

D. L. Welch, heretofore General Freight Agent, Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Ry., is reported to have been appointed Travelling Auditor, London & Port Stanley Ry., London, Ont.

L. G. Ireland, heretofore Manager, Brantford Municipal Ry., has been appointed Assistant Engineer, Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, in charge of operation of distribution systems, Central Ontario Power System.

Nugent M. Clougher, who was in Ottawa some two years ago, attempting to promote the Ottawa Rideau Lakes & Kingston Ry., has been granted a temporary commission as lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and has been appointed to the s.s. President, additional for Royal Naval Air Service.

Wilford Phillips has been appointed General Manager, Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co., instead of Manager as heretofore. He returned to Winnipeg recently, after four months leave of absence, which he spent in California, being a large part of the time in the open air and doing a great deal of motoring in the Los Angeles district, which improved his health very much.

J. M. Ahearn, heretofore Assistant Master Mechanic, Ottawa Electric Ry., has been appointed Assistant Superintendent in charge of equipment, with control of the repair shop and car barns, and of matters dealing with rolling stock. He has worked in street railway electrical departments for some 15 years and had considerable experience on the Pacific Coast.

W. G. Ferguson, Local Manager, Peterborough Radial Ry., which has been bought by the Ontario Government with other Electric Power Co. property, and transferred to the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario for management, remains in the same position as heretofore, reporting to L. G. Ireland, who has been given charge of operation of distribution systems, Central Ontario Power System.

Major Norman C. Pilcher, General Manager, Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co., Sherbrooke, Que., who went on active service a little more than a year ago, has been killed in action in France. He was appointed General Manager, Sherbrooke Ry. & Power Co., Sept. 1, 1910, and for some time prior to that had acted as Manager of the Fort William and Port Arthur Electric Railways, then being

operated jointly. He is survived by a widow and one son, both of whom are at present in England.

D. L. Welch, who is reported to have been appointed Travelling Auditor, London & Port Stanley Ry., London, Ont., was born at Clinton, Ont., Feb. 29, 1892, and entered railway service, Nov. 24, 1909, since when he has been, to June, 1911, relieving agent, Buffalo Division, Pere Marquette Rd.; June, 1911, to May, 1913, cashier, same road, Wallaceburg, Ont.; May, 1913, to Feb., 1916, local freight and passenger agent, Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Ry., Chatham, Ont.; Feb. 20 to May 13, 1916, General Freight and Passenger Agent, same road, Chatham, Ont.

Electric Railway Notes.

The Winnipeg Electric Ry. is carrying all soldiers in uniform, during all hours of all days, on workmen's tickets, 8 of which are sold for 25c.

The Dominion Power & Transmission Co., Hamilton, Ont., has had 120 employees enlist for overseas service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

The City of Calgary, Alta., has passed a daylight saving bylaw, and the Calgary Municipal Ry. has been operated under the new time since May 7.

The Manitoba Public Utilities Commission has heard considerable further argument as to the expediency of compelling the Winnipeg Electric Ry. to operate its cars across the Arlington bridge, and decided May 10, to take the whole matter again into consideration. The question hinges upon what are adequate safety appliances on the cars.

The Winnipeg City Council, on April 24, adopted the daylight saving plan, and passed a bylaw declaring it in operation. The Winnipeg Electric Ry. started operating its cars in accordance therewith April 26. The Winnipeg, Selkirk & Lake Winnipeg Ry. cars to Selkirk and Stonewall continued to be operated on standard time.

The British Columbia Electric Ry. put a new time table in force April 10, between New Westminster and Chilliwack, the principal features of which are the allowance of more trains at the terminal, the last trains leaving each end an hour later than formerly, and the running of one train a day in each direction through between Vancouver and Chilliwack.

The Ontario Legislature has authorized the city of Windsor, and the towns of Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway, to join in the formation of one public utilities commission to supervise all public utilities within their boundaries. It is claimed that this will effect some saving of expense, and that the unity of policy over a large area, will be of very great benefit to the area involved.

The Quebec Appeal Court, gave judgment, May 29, affirming the decision imposing a penalty of \$1,000 on M. Martin, Mayor of Montreal, for ignoring an interlocutory injunction restraining him, and the Montreal Board of Control from dealing with any proposed contract between the city of Montreal Tramways Co. The proposal referred to was the Hebert contract, which was before the Board in June, 1915.

The hearing of the case of Moodie against the Cataract Power Co., was concluded before an Ontario Supreme Court judge at Hamilton, Ont., May 6, the action being dispensed with costs. The

plaintiff, John Moodie, sought to recover \$6,624 alleged unpaid dividends on shares held by him. The Cataract Power Co., is one of the constituent companies of the Dominion Power and Transmission Co. The judge held that the plaintiff had failed to justify his claim.

The British Columbia Electric Ry. is substituting clear for ground glass windows in the partition between the motor-men's vestibule and the passenger section of its cars. Some 20 cars had been altered up to May 8, and if the experiment is approved by the public, the remainder of the cars will be altered accordingly. The opaque glass was put in some years ago because of a government order, but W. G. Murrin, General Superintendent, says it has many disadvantages.

An arrangement is reported to have been made between the British Columbia Government and the British Columbia Electric Ry., under which the company's employees are to have one day off work in every eight days, the agreement to come into effect June 15. The men are, as far as possible, to have short days on Sundays, but the entire working force is to hold itself in readiness for work on all holidays in addition.

A joint committee representing the municipal councils of Windsor and Walkerville, Ont., met May 18, to discuss a proposal to run motor busses on the streets in opposition to the Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg Ry.'s electric cars. Council has advised that a motor bus line is not a railway within the meaning of the agreement between the councils and the railway company, and may be operated by them without violating the franchise.

Brantford Municipal Ry. employees have asked the Department of Labor for the appointment of a conciliation board to enquire into conditions of service. Among other things which the men desire are one week holiday with pay, seniority in runs, abolition of outside running board on open cars, bi-weekly inspection, increased pay, shorter hours after the war, free uniform after one year of service, and abolition of charge for first \$10 worth of tickets.

The Manitoba Court of Appeal reserved judgment recently in the Winnipeg Electric Ry.'s appeal against an order of the Manitoba Public Utilities Commission, granted on the application of Winnipeg City Council, requiring the company to prevent the escape of electric current into the city's water pipes. The grounds on which the appeal were based were that the Public Utilities Act is unconstitutional, the Commissioners having the powers of a Superior Court judge, which powers can only be exercised by an officer appointed by the Dominion Government; and further, provided the Act were constitutional, then that the Commissioner exceeded his powers in making the order, the company's railway having been built in accordance with plans approved by the city.

Sale of International Transit Co.—The Algoma Steel Corporation has sold to the Great Lakes Power Co. its power plant and also the International Transit Co.'s street car line and ferry franchise at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., but not the Trans St. Marys Traction Co.'s street car line in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The latter is still being handled by the Lake Superior Corporation's interests. James Heyworth, Harvester Building, Chicago, is the principal person interested in the Great Lakes Power Co.