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NOTICES

The Regular Members of the Association are reminded that the Annual Dues for the year 1940 are now payable. Members of the Parent Society should make their cheques payable to The Canadian Railroad Historical Association and send them to the Treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Bevington, Department of Immigration and Colonization, Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal.

Regular and Out-of-town Members of the Association are required to pay a subscription rate of Fifty Cents for the Bulletin. Such members who desire to remain on our mailing list should send their subscriptions to the Treasurer at once. Libraries and other institutions who have been receiving complimentary copies are also invited to subscribe.

The ANNUAL REPORT of the PRESIDENT

The close of the eighth year of our existence as the Canadian Railroad Historical Association finds us successfully pursuing the ends and objectives of our particular field of activity; namely the marking and preservation of historical railway sites, the collection and preservation of all manner of objects, records and miscellaneous material appertaining to the railways of the past. Nor, do we confine ourselves exclusively to the Canadian field, as our name and title would indicate. As a fact, we are, I may assuredly say, equally interested in the early history and development of the railways of the world, and especially those of the United States and of Great Britain, with both of which Canada's railways have always had intimate ties of relationship. Indeed, it would not serve our good interest if we were to pay no attention to the fields of history outside of our own.

We have found an affinity of interest also, in the early history of steam-boat navigation. And while this is definitely something apart from that of the railways, it serves our interests, and commends itself to all railway historians; for, as

the steamboats and the railways were linked in serving the transport lines in their beginnings, so shall they remain linked in historical records.

Our lecture platform has during the past year been graced by several speakers whose topics of discourse have proved interesting and instructive. In this respect I may pay tribute to Ald. J. Alex. Edmison, Mr. R.C. Johnston, of the C.N.R., Mr. F.A. Pouliot, of the C.P.R., and Ald. John Verry, and our fellow member, R.V.V. Nicholls. It is our intention and our sincere desire to develop this feature of our Association. The high standard we have sought to attain to in the past has continued to be maintained, and our speakers and their themes of discussion are always and ever interesting. Moreover, our platform is our most potent factor of publicity. Our Association stands to be judged and valued according to the representative standing of our platform speakers.

Another stimulating feature of our Association is our fine weather tours abroad in the land, and even into the United States. The free and easy system of mutual accommo-

dation effected between the members taking part have made these tours socially as well as historically interesting. While I have left to the Secretary to report the time and place of these events, I must make note of the highly successful excursion to the plant of the Johns-Manville Co., Ltd., Asbestos Mines, P.Q. in the month of July. It was the most successful of our many excursions since our foundation.

We never receive our latest copy of our Bulletin without a feeling of great appreciation of the work of its editor, and our energetic fellow member, Mr. R.V.V. Nicholls. It is to be observed that he has aimed high in its production and has achieved eminent success. This is not perfunctory flattery on our part. We are sincere in saying that our Bulletin is well worthy of the files of the Library of Congress and the Parliamentary Library, in both of which its members are now to be found. That Mr. Nicholls has obtained much valuable assistance from Mr. Robert R. Brown must also be noted. The impressive lists of Canadian railway locomotives appearing in our Bulletin are the fruits of Mr. Brown's indefatigable research. We do, however, regret the omission of the Editor's name from the front page. We advise that this omission be filled, both for the information of the reader, as well as in justice to the Editor.

We recommend that our affiliation with the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society be maintained, as well as our good relationship with the American Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, and with all kindred bodies with which we have formed an acquaintance. In this manner we can obtain notoriety throughout the continent where such organizations are to be found.

The proposal to organize a branch of our Association in Toronto has aroused a new and added interest in our outlook and activities. The matter has already passed the primary stages of discussion, and has now come to the point where tangible results are about to go into effect.

Mr. Nicholls has conducted our side of these discussions solely up to the present. It now remains for us to approve of the same and so bring into being a Toronto Branch of our Association.

The substance of his tentative proposals would make for an autonomous body linked to our own in name and objective, but wholly independent to work for its own interest in Toronto even as we do for ours in Montreal. In this way we shall be living up to our order as an Association rather than a society, and thereby avoid conflict of local interest such as we have witnessed in the life of certain organizations elsewhere, where an attempt was made to establish branches under a central control of the parent body. Under the proposed order there could be no possible ground for jealousy, and every incentive for mutual co-operation. Could this plan be extended, as we hope it shall eventually be, we would have our name known nationally and locally throughout the Dominion of Canada, and we would effect a wider and national interest in the work to which we have set our hands, and which should be the work of Canada at large.

The past year has been marked by our abandonment of the historic Chateau de Ramezay, wherein we were founded, as our headquarters, and their temporary location in the home of our Vice-President, Mr. C.L. Terroux, 48 Rutland Road, St. Lambert. This change was brought about by the fact that Mr. T.C.H. Smith, our Secretary, who came to office one year ago, resides in St. Lambert. In consequence of his office he was called upon to refer to our documentary material in answering correspondents. He found it impossible to visit the Chateau as often as the demands of his office required, and to accommodate him, as well as Mr. Terroux, who also has extensive correspondence, and occasion to refer to our material, we transferred the same to the latter's

residence for the most part, the remainder going to Mr. Smith's care.

In the meanwhile our regular monthly and special meetings have been held on several occasions in Mr. Terroux's home, as well as in the homes of Messrs. August Angers, O.A. Trudeau and Mr. Nicholls, and twice in the R.R. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 360 Sebastopol Street. To all who have so graciously entertained us, we extend our profound thanks.

The establishment of a permanent headquarters, however, is one which cannot be dealt with readily. The questions of expense of maintenance as well as safety of location are as serious as they are vitally important... [Editorial Note: With the permission of the President, a section of his Report appertaining to an amended constitution has been deleted].

We note over the past year the addition of several new and valuable members, both local and out-of-town. We may observe, as we have done in previous reports, that we have a limited membership; not limited by written rule, but by the disposition of those whose interest we appeal to. Some join with us; others do not feel attracted to our orbit of endeavor.

In military circles they say that one volunteer is worth five conscripts. By the same principle we might say that we prefer to have our membership maintained and recruited on strictly voluntary lines rather than by urging and impressing people into our circle. At the present time the personnel of our circle is small in number but ideal in quality, and we aspire to enlist only those who are qualified by temperament to follow in the particular line of research and activity that we pursue. A large but unemotional membership would not help our endeavors, and would soon fall apart in natural consequence.

Railway historians, and those interested in railway lore are a class to themselves, and generally speaking, not a numerous one. It was to accommodate the interest and promote the pursuits of this class that

our Association was formed. Indeed, our circle is what it was intended to be at its outset, a circle of students of railway history, so we can readily understand the limitations of natural selection which must always govern our size and character.

We recommend that the membership fee, \$2.00 per annum, remain unchanged.

The list of donations received during the past year was both valuable and interesting, and has materially increased the large store of historical matter now in our possession. Our thanks are due to all who so contributed to our collection.

We stand under obligations of thanks and gratitude to our fellow members who handled the transference of our property to St. Lambert from the Chateau de Ramezay, especially to Mr. Terroux, who furnished the vehicles to transport it, and superintended the work. To Mr. Nicholls for his great service in indexing and tabulating the material as it was removed, a very patience-taxing work, and one admirably well done. For their respective co-operation in this work we must also record our thanks as due to Mrs. Bevington, Miss O'Dowd, Mr. Tom O'Dowd, and Mr. L.A. Renaud, Curator of the Chateau de Ramezay.

We are not forgetful, either, of the generous manner in which members gave accommodation in their automobiles to fellow members not so provided, to enable them to participate in our excursions. It is this spirit which has made our Association what it is, a friendly and harmonious circle.

In conclusion we may make a few recommendations. We advise that a suitable membership card be issued to all members this coming year; that is, a small card of stiff, strong texture, which will retain its form and stand handling. All members should be able to produce such a card in museums, or other places they visit where their identity might win them favor.

We would recommend that the

Federal constitution of our Association be regularly printed, if the same can be done at a price within the capacity of our funds. These would serve to supply intending branches to be formed with the necessary instrument of instruction and could be sold at a small fee per copy where numbers were called for.

We recommend that all branches to be formed be told of our additional interest in steamboat history and records, and be asked to adopt our policy in the interest of that

attractive historical field.

We conclude by recording our own personal thanks to the membership for all the favors and tokens of esteem I have received at their hands, and for which I remain sincerely grateful. And I am in duty bound to express my sorrow at the passing with the year, 1939, of our mutual and trusty friend, D. A. Loomis of Burlington, Vermont, who served the interests of our Association so well and generously.

John Loye, President.

The ANNUAL REPORT of the SECRETARY

MEETINGS:

There were 10 regular meetings held.

- 4 in Chateau de Ramezay
- 2 in R.R. Y.M.C.A.
- 4 in private homes.

One special open meeting in the Mount Royal Hotel.

Two executive meetings.

Three excursions:

1. to Asbestos, July 9th
2. to Adirondacks region, October 9th
3. to Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, November 11th.

MEMBERSHIP:

There are at present 31 Regular members, of which 24 have been active during the year. 26 Out-of-Town members.

New members added - Regular - 2
Out-of-Town - 1.

Average attendance of regular members at monthly meetings - 12.7.

T. C. H. Smith
Secretary.

The ANNUAL REPORT of the TREASURER

RECEIPTS

On deposit Bank of Montreal Jan.1939	69.43	
Membership fees	43.00	
Membership fees 1938	2.00	
Bulletin subscriptions	10.00	
Bank interest	.57	
		<u>\$125.90</u>

EXPENDITURES

R.V.V.Nicholls - Bulletin expenses 1938	20.00	
Affiliation Antiquarian Society	5.00	
Therrien Freres - stationery	9.86	
E. A. Green - miscellaneous	4.00	
Therrien - stationery	23.91	
Mount Royal Hotel	10.00	72.77
		<u>52.23</u>
B a l a n c e		

Bank Balance January 9th, 1940 \$52.23

Amount outstanding due to Bulletin Editor \$20.00

M. E. Bevington,
Treasurer.

The ANNUAL REPORT of the BULLETIN EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

The Editorial Committee of the Bulletin beg to submit its report for the year 1939. According to custom it is arranged in two parts: Part I is a statistical report of the Committee's administration during the past year, Part II contains comments upon that administration and offers recommendations for the coming year.

Part I

Bulletin No.	Copies printed	Pages [★]	Stencils required	Paper required	Extra Lists	Loco. Printed	Paper cost	Typing cost	Post- age
8	80	11	9	880				\$2.00	\$1.30
9	80	8	6	640	60			1.50	1.15
10	65	7	5	455	30			1.50	2.10
11	65	10	8	650	60			2.00	
TOTALS			<u>28</u>	<u>2775</u>			<u>3.30</u>	<u>7.00</u>	<u>4.55</u>

★ includes covers.

Total Income:

Subscriptions, 26	\$13.00
Materials on hand,	
Stencils, 12 ...	2.30
Grant	14.04

Total\$ 29.34

Total Costs:

Stencils, 46.....	\$8.49
Paper, 3000 sheets	3.30
Typing.....	7.00
Postage	4.55
Use of mimeograph,	
\$2 per 1000 sheets	6.00

Total \$ 29.34

The vouchers that accompany this report cover all expenditures, except those for postage.

Part II

It will be remembered that at the Annual Meeting of January, 1939, following the recommendation of this Committee, it was decided to require that both Regular and Out-of-town members subscribe to the Bulletin. This new arrangement operating over the past year has resulted in a revenue of Thirteen Dollars, which under ordinary circumstances would have reduced the operating deficit from its 1938 figure of \$21.85 to \$8.04. However, as anticipated, it was necessary to reimburse McGill University to the amount of \$6.00 for the use of the mimeograph and so the deficit for the year 1939 stands at \$14.04. This deficit is covered by the grant from general funds authorised at the last Annual Meeting, which permits of a maximum annual deficit of \$20.

During the past year a routine was established of sending the February issue, containing the annual reports of the Association's committees free to all members, numbering approximately 60, and to a special list of libraries, institutions, and private persons, numbering 15, and of sending the remaining three issues to the 10 honorary members, 25 subscribers and the special list of 15. It is recommended that this arrangement be continued. It may be anticipated that if a Chapter is established in Toronto that there will be derived therefrom an additional 15 to 20 subscriptions. It is to be hoped that those libraries and institutions which now receive the Bulletin free will feel that its value equals its price and will become subscribers. Keeping the above considerations in mind, it is recommended that a maximum grant of \$20 again be voted to the Committee to guarantee the operating deficit for 1940.

For the information of the members there is appended to this report a list of the back-issues of the Bulletin, with the number of copies that are still available. These may be purchased at the regular price of Fifteen Cents each or Fifty Cents for four.

Bulletin No.	No. of copies available	Bulletin No.	No. of copies available
1	-	7	13
2	1	8	17
3	15	9	16
4	7	10	6
5	4	11	6
6	-		

Respectfully submitted,

R.V.V. Nicholls, Chairman,
John Loye,
Robert R. Brown

We announce with deep regret the death on November 16, 1939, at Poultney, Vt., of Daniel A. Loomis, General Manager of the Lake George Steamboat Company and Honourary member of this Association.

Mr. Loomis was born at Whitehall, N.Y., on March 24th, 1870, and while still in his teens spent his summer vacations on the Lake George steamers of the Champlain Transportation Company. In later years he served successively as table waiter, steward, deckhand, and purser, finally coming ashore in 1890 as assistant to the general manager. He succeeded Captain George Rushlow in that position in 1903 and served in it for 34 years until the Company was sold by the Delaware & Hudson R.R. on April 1st, 1937 to the Corbin Interests. However, he continued as General Manager of the Lake George Steamboat Company until his death, thus completing 53 years of continuous service with one company.

As was befitting to an officer of the oldest steamboat company in continuous service in the world with a history dating back to 1826,

Mr. Loomis was deeply interested in the history of the Lake Champlain steamboat services; indeed his office in Burlington was a veritable museum whose treasures now pass to the Fleming Museum in that city and the Marine Museum in Norfolk, Va. He was elected an Honourary Member of our Association in 1933 and served it as lecturer, writer, and generous friend. His donations to its collections will ever be prized.

In tribute to him we quote from an editorial in the Burlington Daily Free Press written in 1936 at the completion of his 50th year with the Company: "To most Burlingtonians, Dan is the personification of much that Lake Champlain means to this city. His expansive grin is like the beauty of the sunset over the Lake and his booming voice like the roar of the waves against the rocks in time of storm. His usually unruffled disposition is emblematic of the placidity of the Lake when the winds of heaven breathe softly and there is calm upon the waters."

LIST of MEMBERS

Honourary Members

Sir Edward Beatty	Montreal	C. E. Fisher	Boston
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J. W. Griffin	Toronto		

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

It is with great pleasure that we announce the formation of

THE TORONTO CHAPTER
of
The Canadian Railroad Historical Association

Negotiations tending to this end were initiated last September and as a result of them a formal petition was presented to the Association at its Annual Meeting on January 10th. This petition was accepted and thereby there was brought into being the first chapter of the Association. The headquarters of this Chapter is in the City of Toronto, its membership list already numbers thirteen persons, with the following acting as the executive: President, Albert S. Olver; Treasurer, Arnold S. Browne; Secretary, John W. Griffin.

Address all correspondence to:

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Secretary of the Toronto Chapter, Mr. John W. Griffin,
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Toronto, Ont.

Resumé of the Minutes

Parent Society

Meeting of December 13th: The death of our honourary member, Mr. D.A. Loomis, on November 16th was announced. From his estate a donation of books and maps were received. A preliminary report on the negotiations for the formation of a Toronto Chapter was presented. This meeting was held in the home of Mr. C.L. Terroux.

Meeting of December 15th: A public meeting in the Mount Royal Hotel with Alderman John Kerry, K.C., as guest speaker. His topic was "Seeing Wartime Europe by Rail".

Meeting of January 10th, Annual Meeting: The reports of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and of the Bulletin Committee were read and approved. The following officers were elected:
Honourary President, Mr. Victor Morin; Honourary Vice-presidents, Sir Edward Beatty, Mr. S.J. Hungerford, Mr. Charles E. Fisher - President, Mr.

John Loyer; Vice-president, Mr. C.L. Terroux; Treasurer, Mrs. M.E. Bevington; Secretary, Mr. T.C.H. Smith; Directors, Messrs. D.F. Angus, F.J. McClure, Charles Viau - Custodian, Mrs. C.L. Terroux; Chairman, Marine Committee, Mr. R.W. Shepherd; Chairman, Editorial Committee, Mr. R.V.V. Nicholls.
A petition was received from a group of railroad historians in Toronto asking for permission to be permitted to form a chapter in that City. The petition was granted. A fund was set up to cover the operating deficit for the year 1940. The following regular members were elected, Miss Sheila Austin of Chambly and Mr. Stanley Lowe of Quebec City. A temporary committee was set up to recast the Constitution and By-laws of the Association and to rewrite the By-laws of the Parent Society. In order to permit of the implementation of its recommendations the Annual Meeting was adjourned until February. This meeting was held in the home of Mr. R.V.V. Nicholls.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

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