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Since the publication of the last issue, we have decided that the News Letter should come out on a monthly schedule; thus it is hoped that an issue will appear in time for each meeting. further plans have been made for the Bulletin, viz: its publication will not follow any regular schedule; rather an issue will be produced whenever sufficient contributions have been received to present a larger and better balanced Bulletin than in the past. We expect that three or four a year can be published under this system. A plan to include a page with reproductions of photographs is also under consideration. With these definite plans formulated, we confidently believe that our publications will continue successfully and expand as our membership grows.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting of September 21st, held at the home of Garner Charles, started the season off with outstanding success. Fourteen members and two guests were present to provide an impressive turnout. The meetings should improve in quality from now on with our returning Active Service Members plus the new additions to our membership which may be expected from time to time. Two old members who had not been around for some time were welcomed back, Arnold Browne and Douglas Knowles.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

It was noted in the newspaper recently that our secretary, Edward F. Bush, now a Flying Officer in the RCAF, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Douglas Knowles says that his brother John may be back in a month's time. He has evidently been sending back copious amounts of photos of English tramways.

Another prominent juice fan member of our organisation, Bill Bailey, may possibly be home before the end of the year. His home address has changed to 2006 Queen Street East.

Two of our regular Toronto members have also moved; Bob Brown to 317 St. Clements Avenue and Andrew Merrilees to 56 Castle Frank Road. Arnold Browne is now permanently in the city at 132 Armstrong Avenue.

SUGGESTED SHORT EXCURSION

William Sharp has put forward a Saturday afternoon fantrip proposal which should certainly fit the time-table and pocketbook of most of our members. Briefly it is:

Leave Toronto, Glen Echo Road Terminus of the North Yonge Railways, at 3:00 PM. on a northbound car. Arrive Richmond Hill at 3:40 PM. Walk to the CNR station and catch motor train (usually # 15844 of late) southbound at 4:20 PM., arriving back at Toronto at 5:05 PM. (outside platform of Union Station). Total fare would be about 95¢. Would it not be a good idea for some of us to get together one of these Saturday afternoons and take this jaunt?

THE DIRECTORATE

Some confusion has been registered as to just what is the present make-up of the Directorate, so to clear this up, and to let our newer members know also, here is a list of the present officers:

President

Albert S. Olver**

First Vice President Second Vice President Third Vice President Secretary Acting Secretary

Treasurer

Acting Treasurer Assistant Secretary

Acting Assistant Secretary

Curator

John W. Griffin
Douglas W. Knowles
Robert S. Brown
Edward F. Bush**
William T. Sharp
John A. Macnab**

Stuart I. Westland

John D. Knowles**

R. John Bost

Garner N. Charles

NOTE: ** On Active Service

The locations of the next four meetings of the Society are as follows:

Friday, October 19 - home of Basil Headford, 434 Eglinton Avenue East

Friday, November 16 - home of R. J. Bost, 18 Cornish Road

Friday, December 21 - home of J. H. Walker, 218 Inglewood Drive

Friday, January 18 - home of J. W. Griffin, 101 Douglas Drive

There is a possibility that the February or March meeting will be held at the T.T.C. Head Office, as the Directorate has under consideration applying to the Commission for showing its publicity film "40 Million Miles" and a talk on future developments for Toronto, which would certainly provide an interesting evening.

OTHER NOTES

CNR locomotives recently observed as being newcomers to the Toronto area are: No. 793, 7141, 7146, 7202, 8397, 8400, 8345

"Canadian Transportation" reports that the CPR has received seven new Diesel switchers from Alco between July 20 - August 20. Most of them have been seen around Toronto yards recently. In addition, they have received eight new light Pacifics, Class G-5-b. We presume the numbers are 1202 - 1207, although this has no definite proof.

A new maple leaf monogram is appearing on the tenders of the U-1-f semi-streamlined Mountains of the CNR, only recently built. It consists of a smaller white "Canadian National" letters on a green maple leaf, set on a red rectangle as a background, whose size is about the same as that of the previous well-known herald.

- <u>T.T.C. Notes</u> The open track extension to the Small Arms Plant, west of the Long Branch Loop, ceased operation on the morning of October 15^{th.}. Night car 4187 was the last passenger car to use the rails; the Small Witts began using the regular loop with the first day trip, and removal of the extension, placed in operation about October 1942, was begun the same day. Work Cars noted on the job were C-1, C-2, and W-7.
- Two Flat Car Snowploughs are being built for the T.T.C. by National Steel Car co. at Hamilton currently, and should arrive soon. They will be the first new Service Cars since 1924.
- During the summer cars 1504, 1518, and 1850 were scrapped after collisions.