

## WE KNOW HIM HERE.

MR. GEO. TAYLOR, THE FREIGHT  
AGENT OF THE I. C. R.A Very Hard Worker, He Expects His  
Clerks to Work, Too—An Estimate and  
Description of Him by "Geoffrey Cuthbert  
Strange."

MONCTON, July 23.—My pleasant task this week is to describe the General Freight Agent of the I. C. R., Mr. George Taylor. Perhaps I can scarcely describe him as being so great a favorite on the Intercolonial as either of his immediate predecessors in these pages. He is much older and consequently rather more "set in his ways," to use a common expression. He has the reputation of being a strict disciplinarian, and rather a martinet as far as his own staff are concerned, viewing a clerk very much as a piece of machinery which has been bought and paid for, and is, therefore, bound to render a very full equivalent for the price given. But—a large but with a capital B—the most grumbling clerk who was ever refused permission to go to a baseball match during office hours, and who boiled over with indignation at the refusal, if asked suddenly, even before he had time to cool, whether Mr. Taylor was a hard man to work for or not, would be sure to answer: "Well! 'the old man' grows sometimes and is pretty sharp, but if he won't let you off as often as you'd like to go, he takes no holidays himself, and there is not a man on the I. C. R. who works harder than George Taylor. He is thoroughly square, too; he won't do a fellow an injury if he can help it, and he would do a good deal before he would get one of his clerks into trouble. If one of them gets into any scrape he will send for him and give him the very deuce, but he won't report him unless it is absolutely necessary, so I don't know any other office I'd rather be in; though he might have let me off this afternoon, all the same." This is rather high praise from a clerk towards his chief, but a man always bows before the quality a school boy prizes so highly—a reluctance to tell.

Mr. Taylor is a Scotchman by birth, and has all the sterling qualities of his countrymen, and much of their proverbial caution. He is very careful about making a promise, and almost invariably adds: "I will do all that I can," because when his word is once given it is sure to be kept.

One rather amusing characteristic of the G. F. A. is a little peculiarity he has of putting two and two together, comparing notes, as it were. If you should happen to witness a fire, or a runaway accident, and relate your experience to Mr. Taylor, he would take the deepest interest in your narrative, and listen attentively, but five minutes afterwards, if another person told him the same story, he would listen just as attentively, and ask just as many questions as if he had never heard it before. He has not forgotten, not by any means. He never forgets. He is

merely comparing the two versions, and seeing if they agree.

Unlike most of his confreres, Mr. Taylor is very prominent in all church matters, with the exception of bazaars, of which he thoroughly disapproves. He has been for many years warden of St. George's church, and his purse is ever open when he is called upon to subscribe to any charitable object. Like Mr. Archibald, he is fond of social intercourse, and is frequently to be met at festive gatherings. But it is perhaps in his own home that Mr. Taylor is seen to greatest advantage. He seems a type of a gentleman of the old school, genial, courteous and hospitable, with a slight burr on the "r" in speaking, which tells unmistakably that he was born amongst the heather.

Mr. Taylor is tall and portly, with iron-gray hair, bright blue eyes and a ruddy complexion, slightly scarred from an attack of small-pox, contracted some years ago, while on a visit to Montreal. It is rather a stern face when in repose, but lighted up by a marvellously kindly smile, which breaks over it like sunshine, changing its whole character in a moment.

Geoffrey Cuthbert Strange.

WHAT "EXPERIENCE" SAYS.

The Advice of a Practical Man on the Exhibition.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: Last fall, when the public-spirited citizens of St. John conceived the project of starting an Exhibition Association, with the city as its permanent headquarters, it was but following out a plan already carried out in Canadian cities, and notably in Toronto. The object was to bring St. John to the front, and show to our own people and those of the maritime provinces that though St. John had been devastated by a fire, now become historic, her prestige as a distributing centre for commercial manufactures had only temporarily suffered, and that her enterprising people are again prepared to do what her commanding position places in her power.

To this end frequent meetings were held, and wide newspaper publicity was given to it. The project was discussed irrespective of party. Names such as "grit" and "tory" were words as unfamiliar in the board of trade rooms as if they had never been. Editors forgot their partisanship, and political chiefs merged their distrust into a magnanimous forgetfulness of politics. At length, discussion culminated in the formation of an association, and an application to the legislature to give it a status and a name. The preliminaries being thus arranged, officers have been appointed, the sum of \$5,000 named as a capital to work with, shares fixed at \$5, and \$1,000 being paid up, the exhibition association has become one of the live institutions of the commercial capital of New Brunswick.

While the above preliminaries were in progress, further newspaper discussion and talk among the members of the association, as to whether the exhibition should assume Dominion aspect or confine itself to the maritime provinces, took place. And as the affair began to take in new features, and a deeper hold upon the public, the St. John agricultural society was looked upon as a possible assistant in the matter. Accordingly its directors were waited on and asked whether they would not merge their forth coming annual fall show with the larger proposed one under the auspices of the association, and thus combine the whole to the barrack square, with the exhibition building as the grand center of the whole. This proposition was received by some of the directors with a suspicious shake of the head, and a really 'too too'. The civic body and the gentlemen who look after the agricultural interests of the county were thus placed in a disagreeable antagonistic position.

The association sent a committee to meet the legislature while in session to try and obtain a small grant. But the government felt too poor to accede to their wishes, but after much lobbying the government secretary would only give \$1000 to the Agricultural society, to be expended in premiums for cattle and horses and under instructions as to how the money should be distributed. Since then, however, the government have provided to put \$2000 in the estimates for next year, and this amount can be anticipated by the association. Last week the city council voted \$2000 to the association, and will repair the exhibition building.

The Exhibition association are therefore provided with say \$5000 of available funds, and a call upon the shareholders of another 20 per cent. may or may not be necessary.

The St. John Agricultural society have their grant, and enough for the usual purposes of holding an ordinary fall show, added to the \$1000 given by the government for the purpose as already stated. If the agricultural society persists in its determination to hold a show on their Moosepath grounds, while the city exhibition is in full blast, it must weaken both—make what should be an interesting department of the latter nil, and the former only a local show, three miles from the city and not an attractive spot when you get there.

This is the climax that has been reached after about nine months effort on the part of the citizens and the farmers to amalgamate their funds and combine their ex-

hibitions, and it must be admitted that it is unsatisfactory and if carried out will end in disappointment.

But it is not too late to reconsider the matter. The citizens wish to show the manufacturing and commercial capabilities of the new St. John, to induce strangers to come and see them as they are and to study the many points that make the city a trade centre for the maritime provinces. This will react on the farmers not only of the county but of the province. What will build up the city must help the country, and as the barrack grounds are on the edge of the city, in fact within the original plot 810 of old St. John, with all the necessary buildings except the cattle sheds, and a track sufficient as it now is to show off the paces of the equines, with room to enlarge it—let the show be undivided and the Exhibition palace the centre.

EXPERIENCE.

THE LATEST INJUSTICE.

The Railway Employees are Not to Have a Vacation.

The very latest act of tyranny on the part of the I. C. R. authorities has been the abolition of the two weeks' holiday which has been, since the very opening of the road, conceded—I will not say as the privilege, but as the just due of the most shamefully underpaid class of men in the dominion, men upon whose shoulders a large amount of responsibility rests, who must be thoroughly trustworthy, thoroughly reliable, and always at their post. They occupy the position of gentlemen, and are expected to support the honor upon a salary which, in many cases, hardly equals that of a first-class man servant. A man with a family to support does not exactly grow fat upon an income of \$450 a year, or even \$500, and many of the government clerks in Moncton—married men—are living upon just that magnificent stipend. After a man has been in the service for ten years, or more, he may—if he has a hopeful disposition and plenty of influence—begin to look forward to \$600, or even \$650, but higher than that his ambition does not, as a rule, soar. Last year the authorities of this railway, which is owned by the people, announced that in future the usual two weeks' holidays would be deducted from the clerk's salary, so that their pampered menials should no longer enjoy their holidays at the expense of the already overburdened and hardly used government, eat their cake and have their cake as it were and if they wanted to take their wives and children away for a little change let them pay for it themselves. Of course those who were fortunate enough to have influence, got their money refunded to them a month or two after they returned, as witness the case of Mr. H. Carvell last week, but the friendless ones had to suffer in silence. Now the rein has been drawn a little tighter; there are to be no holidays at all, and should any overworked clerk take a holiday, he runs the risk of being discharged for absence without leave. It seems to me that if I were the chief, I would stand up for my rights too, and insist on paying my own expenses when I took a trip, say to British Columbia. But somehow I don't believe he will.

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