

A LADY TRAIN DESPATCHER.

Retires After Giving a Service of Forty Years.

RAN A WIRE ON MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Niles, Michigan.—Miss Rebecca Bracken, who has recently retired from the service of the Michigan Central, after serving the Company as operator and train despatcher for forty years, is widely known among railroad people. Miss Bracken was retired on account of ill health and has been granted a monthly allowance, or pension, for the remainder of her days.

The great army of railroad men who are constantly shifting back and forth through Niles, upon four divisions of the Michigan Central, together with the great multitude of commercial men, have known Miss Bracken for years on account of continual business associations.

Miss Bracken has very grey instead of the glossy dark brown hair that crowned a youthful face over forty years ago, when she began, as a girl, the study of telegraphy at the Niles office. But her eyes will sparkle as brightly, and her voice rings as merrily as of yore. Forty years of daily dealings with the travelling public and of the strenuous experience of railroad life, together with the love of good books, has rendered Miss Bracken a brilliant conversationalist.

Recently she was surprised by a delegation of Michigan Central conductors and officials, who called to express their good will and to leave a diamond ring, and a "railroad register," in neat printed form, containing the names of the donors. Miss Bracken, in her work, had always been closely associated with the railroad conductors. At the conclusion of the presentation, Miss Bracken expressed her appreciation with great composure.

Superintendent Mr. Snow and Master Mechanic D. R. MacBain were among the railroad officials present when the ring was presented to Miss Bracken, and delivered kind remarks to her.

SUCCESSFUL DESPATCHER.

According to the statement of railroad men, Miss Bracken is a remarkable woman. "She knew more about time cards and how trains ought to move in relation to one another in passing Niles than any other employee or official on the road," said a conductor who had taken orders from her for years. "You see, at Niles is the junction of the main line and the air line division, the west divisions and the South Bend divisions. While a conductor is running over the air line division he has no knowledge of what is doing on the main line, and when his train passes onto the main lines at Niles for the run to Michigan City the conductor must make a careful study of the Niles register in the telegraph office to get the lay of the trains, see which ones have gone, and which ones have right of way against him."

"It is easy enough to miss a bet in looking over a train register. The case of a passenger train for some days being several hours late is an instance. Like a guardian angel this woman was always watching us,

and the smooth way she passed out a tip or a suggestion left no chance for resentment. It fostered a deep feeling of friendliness. She would not say, like some domineering operators, 'Don't you see that No. 17 is late?' But she would come to the window and say, 'No. 17 will arrive so and so.'

Her vigilance has saved many a poor fellow his job. Niles is a pretty difficult place to get out of with a freight train sometimes, and when Miss Bracken saw a way to help us out of town she did so. That helped us over the road and we liked it."

POPULAR WITH MEN.

"But let me tell you where this little woman was the host. After a hard run from Jackson to Niles, perhaps having been bucking snowdrifts all night, a conductor will often be pretty snug along with his weariness, and if he has some message to send to the chief despatcher or division superintendent it is apt to be ill considered and couched in language harsh enough sometimes to cause a man his job or insubordination. What would Miss Bracken do but tone it down, cut out the raw-hiding, as we say in railroading, or maybe side track the message altogether, if it contained nothing of much importance. Most operators, if they tried that, would sometimes side track an important message, but not so with her. Many of us would not be working for the Michigan Central today but for the saving grace of that little woman. She was always larger than her job, and had she been a man she would have been superintendent of a division of the railroad before retiring."

"It was during the war when I started to learn," said Miss Bracken in relating how she happened to start in the business of railroad operator. "I think it must have been in 1865. I was a young girl, and a girl friend came to our house to get me to accompany her to the depot. A soldier train was going through Niles that day, and the girl with me had a soldier friend upon that train whom she wished to see before he went to the front. We were waiting at the depot in the jam of people and Mrs. L. Abrams, the wife of the operator, asked us to take seats in the telegraph office. It was the days of paper operators—they are most all sound operators now. Mrs. Abrams was helping her husband, and I entranced with what she was doing. 'If she can do that I can,' I said to myself. A few days later, having gained the consent of my parents I asked Mrs. Abrams to have her husband take me as a student. He wrote to the superintendent of telegraph at Kalamazoo, for his consent, and I was soon working, ambitious to do good work." Miss Bracken grew up with railroad changes, and the interesting evolution of the business, continuing service in the Niles, Michigan, office until she was retired with an unprecedented record.

ACTIVE AT EIGHTY-SIX.

Earl of Wemyss, One of England's Remarkable Old Men.

MARRIED A WIFE AT EIGHTY-TWO.

London.—One of the most remarkable men in the House of Lords is the venerable Earl of Wemyss, who caused no little amusement the other day by sitting down on his own silk stool at the conclusion of a fiery speech on the evils of Sunday trading. It recalled a more sensational performance in the same line when the Earl crushed another hat, a hat that did not belong to him, and thereby acquired the distinction of being the only man who had ever struck his sovereign.

It occurred during a debate in the House of Lords when the Earl was making a vehement harangue in favor of a militia ballot. The King, then the Prince of Wales, chanced to be occupying a seat in front of him. Emphasizing one of his points with a magnificent gesture, the zealous peer brought his clenched fist down hard on the royal hat, bonneting his future ruler most effectively. It was characteristic of the Earl that he did not allow the untoward incident to disturb the thread of his discourse, postponing his apologies to a more convenient season. But his Royal Highness displayed great agility in getting out of range.

PROPHET OF EVIL.

Though 86 years old last August, Lord Wemyss shows no sign of mental decrepitude. Tall, lean, willowy, burning with the fire of unquenchable enthusiasm, gaunt and rugged in his oratory, his silver locks flying wildly about his ears, the keen features sharpened by time and political conflict, he would pass for some war-seamed Scottish chieftain, hero of a score of tales of border fray. He is a prophet of woe—a modern Jeremiah whose voice is filled with lamentations. He believes conscientiously that England is following in the footsteps of Rome and hastening to the end. Ever since he entered public life he has preached a doctrine of national pessimism. The times to

him have always been out of joint. But his sincerity and patriotism cannot be disputed. No man has done more to foster the volunteer movement. It was forty-five years ago that he first assumed command of a corps, and his gift, the Elcho Challenge Shield, still testifies to his practical interest in the body whose motto is "Defence, Not Defence." He has the courage of his convictions at all times and is never bothered by considerations of consistency. He has proclaimed both communism and individualism. He once opposed the habitual inebriates' bill in the house of lords on the ground that every Englishman ought to be allowed to get drunk when it pleased him to do so.

WEDS AT EIGHTY-TWO.

In his own person he furnishes the best refutation of his jeremiads on national decadence. Though he long ago passed the age when most men are supposed not to have anything more than one foot in the grave, he is still sound in mind and limb, is a keen sportsman, hunts, fishes, drives his own motor car, makes speeches full of fire and vigor whenever the spirit moves him; writes books and beguiles what leisure he has left at his favorite hobby—sculpture.

When he was a widower of eighty-two, he married for the second time a charming young bride, the daughter of the late Major Blackburn, and niece of the last baron of that name. He succeeded to his title and some 60,000 acres in Scotland in 1883.

He helped Sir Robert Peel reform the corn laws and for more than three score years has been in the thick of every parliamentary fight. His heir is Lord Elcho, a man of forty-eight. One year he moved the adjournment for the Derby and the next year the amendment against the House adjourning, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: "Just to see a horse race."

ROUGH SIONED JEWS.

That Precipitated Bloody Riots in Russia.

St. Petersburg, May 12.—According to private advices from Schilomir, the fruits of the anti-Jewish riots are there sixteen dead and over a hundred wounded, mostly Jews. Martial law was proclaimed at Schilomir today. The city is filled with troops, and order generally is restored, though individual cases of violence are still occurring. A renewal of the rioting is feared Saturday evening and Sunday next. Stores which have been barricaded in fear of tumult are gradually re-opening, and ordinary life in the city is resuming.

The same private advices bring the news of a further anti-Semitic outbreak in Gostynin, in the Province of Warsaw, in which many Jews were injured and houses pillaged. No fatalities, however, are reported, but Jewish circles here fear further developments not only in Schilomir and Gostynin, but also in other localities along the Polish frontier, where the Jewish element is numerous, and the anti-Semitic sentiment is strong.

The official account of the Schilomir tumult assigns the origin of the rioting to an encounter between a party of Jews went boat riding and some roughs on the bank of a river. The latter stoned the Jews, who defended themselves with revolvers, wounding several of the "roughs" party, but not seriously. Reports of the encounter quickly spread, arousing the Christian populace to frenzy. The Jews also banded together for mutual protection, and thought a general encounter was prevented by the troops, several minor riots occurred, in one of which a Jewish boy was killed, and several other persons injured.

The disorder culminated on May 7 in a pitched battle between Jews and Christians in the public squares in the centre of the city. Simultaneously there were collisions in several of the suburbs. The principal bloodshed occurred today, and the rioting assumed apparently an organized character. Finally the military, of which there were three regiments stationed in the town, intervened and dispersed the crowds. Numerous arrests were made, including forty Christians.

May 8 saw no renewal of the fighting on a grand scale, but instead the rabble, dividing into small parties, plundered stores and houses where they could evade the military, and several committed murders.

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THE LATE DR. COY.

Passed Away While Visiting Relatives at Wakefield.

Wakefield, Mass., Item.)

Dr. Judson Coy, who had been visiting with his wife and family in this town for several weeks past, passed away at the Massachusetts general hospital, Boston, last Saturday night, after quite a long illness. Dr. and Mrs. Coy came to Wakefield with their two children on 8th of March, and since that time have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Coy's cousin, Mrs. Louis A. Pickering of Central Street, and with her uncle, George E. Donald, superintendent of the town farm.

The family resided at Lower Prince William, York County, N. B., but came to Wakefield that Dr. Coy might receive proper medical treatment. He was taken to the hospital soon after their arrival in town, and improved in health so that he was able to return to his family. But a relapse came in about a week, and he was again confined to the hospital for a fortnight, where he died Saturday about 8:20 p. m.

Funeral services were held at Mrs. Pickering's home yesterday afternoon the Rev. Hugh A. Heath officiating. Undertaker Fessenden had charge of the arrangements.

Dr. Coy was born in Nashua, N. B., and received his medical education at Edinburgh, Scotland, where he studied about five years. On his return to America he commenced practice in Chelsea, Mass., where he was a well known and successful physician for fifteen years. He was married at his late home in Lower Prince William, N. B., after his departure from Chelsea. Dr. Coy leaves, besides his wife and two children, one brother, Havelock Coy, a lawyer residing in Fredericton, N. B.

During Mr. Coy's stay in this town he purchased a residence on Cordis Street. Mrs. Coy leaves town tonight for her former home in New Brunswick, where she will settle her affairs and return later to occupy her new home.

Mrs. Coy has the sympathy of her relatives, and among the friendships made since her arrival, in her bereavement.

ENTER CANADIAN FIELD.

United States Pottery Concern to Operate in Quebec.

Trenton, N. J., May 12.—The sharp competition between the English pottery manufacturers and the Trenton Pottery Company, in Canadian territory, has caused the Trenton Pottery Company to purchase the "Sandy" McDowell pot-

tery at St. Johns, Quebec.

The Trenton Pottery Company is now operating the plant on a small scale, and about fifty of the best sanitary waremakers in this city will be sent to St. Johns shortly to act as head men in the shops. The potters in St. Johns are mostly French Canadians, and the English employees are potters who came from the potteries in England.

St. Johns, Quebec, was a formidable rival to English manufacturers some years ago in general ware. But recently these potteries closed down on account of too much competition. In the past year the demand for most doubled over the year pre-sanitary ware in Canada has al-

lived. The Trenton Pottery Company, as well as other local sanitary ware manufacturers, were sending car after car load of ware across the border. The greatest shipments were made to British Columbia.

When the English manufacturers learned of this rich field for sanitary ware they cut prices.

The purchase of this plant is considered a most important move, as it places the local concern on an even footing with the English firms.

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The Cook Medicine Co., Windsor, Ontario. Nos. 1 and 2 are sold in Fredericton by all druggists.

CITY ELECTION.

An election for one alderman for St. Ann's ward in the City of Fredericton, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George W. Ross, Esquire, will be held on

MONDAY, 22nd May

Held at the following place, viz:

Division No. 1

For all voters residing or owning property above the centre line of Carleton Street, p. located at or near the City Hall in the said city.

Division No. 2.

For all voters residing and owning property in the remainder of the said city, not included in Division No. 1, at or near the County Court House, in the said City.

Polls will be opened at the above named places at nine o'clock a.m., of the said day of Election, and will close at the hour of four o'clock, p.m., of the same day.

Squadron for the office of Alderman must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, also before four o'clock on Monday, the 15th day of May instant, and must be signed by at least two qualified Electors, and the signatures attested to under oath.

Forms for nomination can be procured at the City Clerk's Office.

A Certificate of the City Treasurer, showing that all rates and taxes of the Candidate have been paid within the time required by law, must be attached to each nomination paper.

Held at the office of the City Clerk, Fredericton, on the third day of May, A. D. 1905.

By order of the City Council,

J. W. McCREADY, City Clerk.

May 6 1905.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

Tender for Bridge Sub-Structures.

Separate Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside "Tender for Sub-Structure of Bedford Bridge," or "Tender for Sub-Structures of Mitchell and St. Leonard Junction Bridges" as the case may be, will be received up to and including

WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of MAY, 1905, for the sub-structure of a double-track bridge to be erected near Bedford Station, N. S., and for the sub-structures of two single-track bridges,—one to be erected near Mitchell Station, Que., and the other near St. Leonard Junction Station, Quebec.

Plans and specifications for the sub-structure at Bedford may be seen at the Station Master's office at Bedford, N. S.; those for the sub-structures at Mitchell and St. Leonard Junction, may be seen at the Station Master's Office, St. Leonard, Junction, Quebec. Plans and specifications for all three works may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer, Moncton, N. B. Tender forms may be obtained at all places where plans and specifications are exhibited.

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D. POTTINGER, General Manager.

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