

Trains Lionel

Lionel Train, CNR Despatcher, Retires, 50 Years of Service

About 150 friends and co-workers gathered at the Club Canara yesterday evening to pay honor to Lionel the "Big" Train on the occasion of his retirement from the Canadian National Railways following a half century of service.

Born in Kinmount 65 years ago, "The Big" Train, as his friends are won't to call him, joined the CNR as an assistant agent in 1911. Shortly after this he was promoted to operator and agent and, in 1917, became a train despatcher. In 1927 he became an assistant chief despatcher, followed by his advancement to chief despatcher for the Belleville division in 1937, serving in this capacity up to his retirement at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

In introducing the guest of honor, Alex Wilson, operations manager at Belleville, noted that the banquet was being held in a building which Mr. Train had been instrumental in bringing into being, the CNRA Club building.

A number of CNR executives who had worked "with not for," as W. J. Rupert, operations manager of the London division emphasized, Mr. Train during their career in the company were on hand to express their appreciation of his work and guidance.

Much mention was made of the assistance, direction and advice which Mr. Train was always ready to give those working with and under him and of his ability to recognize talent in a person and recommend that man for advancement.

MANY PAY COMPLIMENTS

Amongst those paying these heartfelt compliments to the guest of honor were J. J. Campbell, superintendent of transportation at Toronto; J. A. Lomas, superintendent of transportation at Belleville; C. E. Goodenough, assistant su-

perintendent at Port Huron, Michigan, who also brought the best wishes of a number of Mr. Train's friends in the Detroit and Battle Creek divisions; W. E. Tate, general superintendent of transportation at Toronto; V. E. Morton, retired assistant superintendent from Toronto; J. Smyth, superintendent at Oshawa; C. E. Shaver, operations manager at Toronto; J. J. Robertson, building master at Toronto; and Newt. Thompson, retired chief clerk from Belleville.

Following the presentation of some gifts for himself and Mrs. Train, who was unfortunately absent because of a forthcoming operation, Mr. Train thanked all those present and absent, who had given him their co-operation at all levels and in all departments during his 50 years of service with the CNR. He noted that at the time he was first employed with the railway the going wage rate was \$30 a month with no assigned days off.

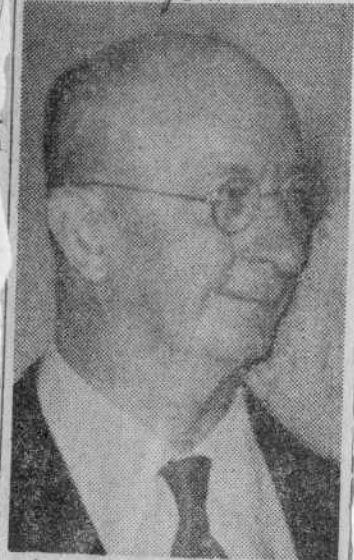
He expressed his thanks to those whom he had served under for the practical education which he had received from them and urged those whom he was leaving behind to carry on co-operatively to keep the CNR operating as efficiently as possible to keep her "in the black."

Following the presentations,

banquet and speeches those assembled took part in the dance to give "The Big" Train in a big send-off. Indeed, as many made humorous reference to during the evening, the 34-car pile-up, blocking off the CNR mainline and the Trent Canal on that morning was possibly the biggest send-off any retiring railroad man had ever received.

Lionel Train Dies Suddenly At His Home

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A prominent local railroader, Lionel Train died suddenly at his Purdy Street home in Belleville last night. He was in his 67th year.

Mr. Train retired in May 1961 from Canadian National Railways, whom he had worked for most of his life. He came to Belleville in 1926 as chief despatcher for the railroad from Lindsay. Born in Kinmount, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Train.

His association with the railroad also included a leading role in its local social activities. A past president of Club Canara, he was still serving on the club's executive as its secretary-treasurer at the time of his death. A keen golfer, he was a member of the Bay of Quinte Country Club. In other community activities Mr. Train also was a member of the IOOF.

He is survived by his wife the former Marian Argue, three brothers and two sisters; Percy, Toronto; Vivian, Toronto; Garnet, Calgary; Mrs. Donald (Phyllis) Webster, Australia; Mrs. Blake (Audrey) Howard, Toronto.

Resting at the Bush Funeral Home. The funeral notice appears elsewhere in this edition.

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