

C. A. GOODNOW



GOODNOW HEAD OF ROAD MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION

Charles A. Goodnow, general manager of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, was yesterday elected chairman of the executive committee of the Road Managers' Association, succeeding P. A. Deane, who recently resigned.

As chairman of the executive committee Mr. Goodnow will be the controlling agent from the transportation viewpoint in all dealings between the twenty-eight Chicago roads and their men. He will also be the representative of the roads in all questions between the different lines and the city authorities. It was largely through this office that Mr. Deane became so well known representing the railroads in the freight handlers' strike and other troubles affecting the thousands of men employed by the lines entering this city.

Mr. Goodnow was born in Baldwinville, Mass., and is fifty-two years old. After having graduated from high school he entered railway service as a telegraph operator for the old Vermont & Massachusetts road, now part of the Fitchburg system. He became train dispatcher for the Troy & Greenburg line, then owned by the State of Massachusetts, but now a link of the Fitchburg. In 1881 he was appointed superintendent of the New Haven & Northampton road. Five years later he came West and was employed as superintendent of construction of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Company.

Two years after becoming connected with the Milwaukee & St. Paul he was appointed division superintendent, with headquarters in Marion, Ill., and in 1895 he was made assistant general superintendent.

After five years he was appointed general superintendent in Chicago and when Rowland Miller resigned the presidency for the office of chairman of the board of directors Mr. Goodnow was made general manager.

Mr. Goodnow was general manager of the St. Paul about one year when he quit the service of the company to become general manager of the Rock Island system. With the latter company his service was short, covering a period of less than a year, when he was appointed general manager of the Chicago & Alton road, which office he now occupies.

In his dealings with employees Mr. Goodnow has a reputation for fairness. In his new office he will be called upon to deal with the local wage earners of every line entering the city when questions involving the transportation companies and the employees arise.