

RAILROAD MEN MEET.

Conference Held at Washington by
American and Canadian Lines on
the Transcontinental Rate War.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—D. B. Caldwell, Chairman of the Western Passenger Association; P. S. Eustis, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway; J. Sebastien, General Passenger Agent Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, and George H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway had a conference with the Inter-State Commerce Commissioners to-day upon the subject of the Western rate war.

This contest has been going on some time between the Western American lines on one side and the Canadian Pacific on the other. The war has reached a ruinous stage for all parties concerned, and embraces rates from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, but the lines west of Chicago are most largely affected. The representatives of the American lines did not file any petition or complaint, but explained to the commission the situation.

The commission has no authority in the matter, except to order an investigation of the competition, which has reached such grave proportions, or perhaps become a mediator between the rival companies for a settlement. The Canadian Pacific Company, by its General Passenger Traffic Manager, D. McNichol, and Attorney A. C. Raymond, also conferred with the commission to-day and gave their view of the rate war. There were also conferences between Mr. Caldwell and Mr. McNichol, but so far nothing like an understanding has been reached.

Trunk Line Association Meeting.

A well attended meeting of the general passenger agents of the railroads belonging to the Trunk Line Association was held yesterday in the Jersey Central Building, in Liberty Street. One of the objects of the meeting was to discuss the disturbed condition of passenger rates in the Northwest. Ineffectual attempts have been made within the past three months, by conference and otherwise, to stop the rate-cutting on what is known as Klondike business. At the conclusion of yesterday's meeting Commissioner L. P. Farmer, who presided, said that nothing definite had been agreed upon.