

PASSING OF A. GUTHRIE

Head of the Firm of A.
Guthrie & Co., Contrac-
tors, is Dead

Archibald Guthrie, the millionaire railway contractor whose firm did most of the Great Northern construction work through Hannaford, died in Chicago last week.

During his early career Mr. Guthrie was as prominently identified with actual railroading as he later became in the business of railroad contracting. He was born in Lanark county, Canada, in 1846, came to Minnesota in 1868 and entered the employ of the St. Paul & Pacific Railway company as a laborer and section hand. He rose to the various posts of trainmen, and eventually served as superintendent and general superintendent. As superintendent he was located at Grand Forks, Barnesville and Breckenridge. He was associated with the company for many years, and was still in its service after it became known as the Great Northern line.

Becoming interested in the railroad contracting business he severed his connection with the railroad company and became a member of the firm of Foley Bros. & Guthrie. Later he embarked in business under the firm name of A. Guthrie & Co., and was at the head of that firm when he died. As a railway contractor his name was prominently identified with much of the important railway extension work accomplished in the Northwest, and he successfully carried out some of the most pretentious plans of railway building in the country.