

Freight and Passenger Traffic Notes.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has, a press report states, authorized the Pullman Co. to file tariffs increasing berth rates approximately 20%.

The Minister of Railways stated in the House of Commons April 7 that of the 59,716 cars belonging to Canadian railways in the United States on a recent date, 10,840 belonged to the Canadian National Rys., 21,028 to the G.T.R., and 12,366 to other Canadian railways.

The G.T.R., a press report states, has, as a result of a conference held at Sarnia, Ont., April 4, decided to retain Port Huron, Mich., as a terminal for freight purposes, and to rescind the order to transfer the terminal yards to Battle Creek, Mich.

A press report states that a new 20-hour train service will be put in operation by the New York Central Lines and connections between New York and Chicago, running over the Michigan Central Rd.'s Canadian Division between Bridgeburg and Windsor, Ont.

A press report states that an arrangement has been made between the Dominion and Alberta Governments under which each will pay one-third of the cost of freight from the point of entry into Canada of United States hay shipped into Alberta to relieve the shortage for stockfeeding.

The Canadian National Rys. summer time table will go into operation May 3. It is reported that there will be a number of important alterations in the services given on the lines in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, with improved services between these provinces and Quebec and Montreal. The transcontinental services, it is reported, will also be improved.

J. D. McArthur, President, Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Ry. and allied lines, was in Ottawa April 19, and was reported as seeing the Minister of Railways to endeavor to secure a loan of rolling stock to accommodate the increasing traffic on the line. It is reported that large numbers of settlers are proceeding to the Grande Prairie and Peace River Districts.

The adoption of the daylight saving bylaw by a number of municipalities in Canada will be met by the C.P.R. by the insertion of daylight saving time in red, in addition to standard time in black, in respect to trains affected. There will be a few suburban trains in and out of Montreal which will be affected, in addition to some of the through trains from United States points.

The C.P.R. is, a press report states, arranging to run an excursion to Fort Yukon, in the Arctic Circle, to see the midnight sun on June 20. The party is expected to leave Vancouver on the s.s. Princess Alice, June 12, connecting with the White Pass & Yukon Ry. at Skagway, and taking that company's river steamboats at White Horse to reach Fort Yukon June 20. It is expected to spend 48 hours at Fort Yukon and to make some side trips on the return journey to Skagway, where the Princess Alice will pick up the travellers July 1.

The Minister of Railways informed the House of Commons recently that the suspension of daily trains on the Quebec & Saguenay Ry. in Nov. 1919, was agreed upon after consultation with the Quebec, Montreal & Charlevoix Ry. Co., which suspended its daily trains also. This suspension was recommended by Gordon

Grant, Chief Engineer Q. & S. Ry., on the ground that the business offering did not warrant a daily train service. Complaints had been received, and as soon as business warrants it is intended to resume operating a daily train.

A press report dated April 21 states that train service on the Reid Newfoundland Ry. was completely demoralized throughout the past winter, owing to a succession of blizzards and rainstorms. It was impossible to get a train through from St. John's to Port aux Basques, and the only services that could be maintained were for some miles inland from either end of the line. The report also states that in the interior about 40 miles of track are covered with ice varying in thickness up to 9 ft. Gangs are clearing the line and it is hoped to resume through traffic in a few weeks.

The Quebec Superior Court on April 1 dismissed an action of M. L. Kandar against the Pullman Co. to recover damages for loss of a suitcase while travelling in a Pullman car on the New York Central Ry. Kandar left his suitcase in the aisle, and contended that it was under the company's charge. Justice Surveyor held that this had not been proved and dismissed the action, but, on the ground that the company had not done everything in its power to give the plaintiff information about the suit case, when it and part of its contents were recovered, costs were not allowed against Kandar.

The Mayor of Toronto headed a delegation from Toronto, which waited on the Dominion Government at Ottawa, April 19, to ask among other things for reduced railway rate to Toronto during the National Exhibition, suggesting that an amendment to the Railway Act should be passed giving single fares on Labor Day and restoring the fare and a third rate on other Exhibition days to cities with an exhibition of two weeks' duration. The Minister of Railways is reported to have stated that a special act of the kind would not be brought before parliament, but the matter could be submitted to the Board of Railway Commissioners on an application for reduced fares.

With the coming into operation of the C.P.R. summer train schedule on May 2, the passenger service on the line will, a press report states, approximate to that given prior to the war. The daily all-sleeping car Trans-Canada train, which was put on in 1919, and made the run between Montreal and Vancouver in 94 hours, will again be operated and on a 92 hour schedule. The first westbound train will start from Windsor St. station, Montreal, May 2, at 5 p.m., and the first eastbound train will leave Vancouver May 2 at 3 p.m. Among the other new trains will be a daily fast train leaving Montreal for Ottawa at 8.30 a.m., returning from Ottawa at 4 p.m. The double daily service between Montreal and St. John, N.B., inaugurated in the autumn of 1919, will be continued. The full summer service of trains on eastern lines will go into force June 6.

Hotel for Sydney, N.S.—Plans are reported to have been completed for the erection of a large hotel at Sydney, N.S., at an estimated cost of over \$500,000. T. Cazzolino, of the Nova Scotia Construction Co., is reported to be the principal promoter.

Aerial Transportation Notes.

J. A. Wilson, heretofore Assistant Deputy Minister, Naval Service Department, Ottawa, has been appointed Secretary of the Air Board.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Militia, is reported to have been appointed Chairman of the Canadian Air Board, succeeding Right Hon. A. L. Sifton.

The Eastern Canada Air Lines, Truro, N.S., is reported by a London, Eng., cable of April 9 to have bought 6 aeroplanes, which are on the way to Canada.

F. C. Higgins, Ottawa, a returned soldier, is the successful candidate for the position of Aeronautical Intelligence Officer, Canadian Air Board, at an initial salary of \$2,400 a year.

Negotiations are stated to be in progress for the purchase of sites for landing places for aeroplanes in Port Arthur and Fort William, Ont., and it is expected by July to have aeroplane services to Duluth and Minneapolis, Minn., established.

The Northern B.C. Aero Co. has been incorporated under the British Columbia Companies Acts with authorized capital of \$300,000 and office at Prince Rupert, B.C., to carry on an aeroplane and hydroplane freight and passenger carrier and transfer business.

Sir Fortescue Flannery, in his presidential address to the Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors, in London, Eng., recently, is reported to have said: "The airship which could fly and in fact float and submerge is no impossible dream of the future."

Canadian Aerial Services, Ltd., has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act with authorized capital of \$50,000 and office at Montreal, to deal in, manufacture and operate aeroplanes, balloons, airships and flying machines of all kinds, and for other allied purposes.

Col. O. W. Biggar, Vice Chairman Canadian Air Board, and Col. Scott, of the certificates branch of the board's work, are reported to have left Ottawa for Winnipeg and other western points April 14, to look into the various projects for commercial flying throughout the West.

The Pacific Aviation Co. has been incorporated under the British Columbia Companies Act, with authorized capital of \$100,000, and office at Vancouver. A press report states that the officers are: President, B. D. Rogers; Vice President, R. Marpole; Managing Director, G. K. Trim.

The United States Aerial Express Corporation of Detroit, Mich., is reported to have bought 12 naval airships from the U.S. Navy Department and it is said that it will establish a number of air routes, to carry mail and express, one of which it is said will be from Detroit to Toronto.

The Canadian Air Board proposes, a press report states, the organization of an air force for Canada of not to exceed 5,000 men, on a militia basis. Commissions will be given to officers, and air-men will be enlisted in the usual way, and it is reported that the first training camp will be opened at Camp Borden, Ont.

Prepayment of freight from United States—A press dispatch says that U.S. railways have given notice that on and after May 1, the charges on all freight shipped from United States points to Canada, must be prepaid in U.S. currency.