

Wallis; Managing Director, R. W. Shepherd; other directors, R. Bolton, A. F. Riddell.

The contract for the construction of the extension of the south pier of the ship canal at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has been let to W. Birmingham, Ottawa, at a cost of \$65,000. The work will be proceeded with at once.

The St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal Co. will apply next session of the Dominion Parliament for an act extending the time for the commencement of its projected canal from the St. Clair river to near Pelee Island, Lake Erie.

The Ontario Wrecking Co., of which Capt. C. S. Perry, of Oconto, Wis., is President, proposes to place a wrecking outfit on Georgian bay, with headquarters at Owen Sound. For its U.S. business the Company is building two tugs at Manitowoc, Wis.

A number of well-known navigators on the Great Lakes and the inland lakes of Ontario have died recently, among them being Capt. J. Murphy, of Throoptown; Capt. R. Gillies, of Port Colborne; Capt. G. Crandall, of Lindsay, and Capt. H. McDonald, of Peterboro'.

The Rockport Navigation Co. recently declared a dividend of 15% for 1903. Two years ago the Company was about \$900 in debt. Following are the directors for the current year: J. Cook, J. A. Davis, M. Tennant, A. E. Haffie, C. W. M. Collough. R. Poole is Secretary-Treasurer; G. Potter and C. W. McCollough are auditors, and — Carnegie, Manager.

The Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Co. will apply next session of the Dominion Parliament for an act extending the time for the commencement and completion of its undertaking. The Company proposes to construct a 20 or 25 ft. channel between Montreal and Lake Huron, utilizing as far as possible the Ottawa and Mattawa rivers, the lakes on both sides of the divide between the Ottawa valley and the Lake Nipissing valley, Lake Nipissing and the French river. Belcourt & Ritchie, Ottawa, are solicitors for the applicant.

The Keewatin Flour Mills Co. has been organized under the Dominion Companies' Act with a capital of \$2,000,000 and offices at Ottawa. The Company is given power among other things to own and operate steam and other vessels and to carry on a general navigation business on the inland lakes and rivers of Canada; also to subscribe for the capital stock of steamship or navigation companies. The provisional directors are: J. Mather, A. W. Fraser, R. M. Cox, G. Burn, E. H. Bronson, J. Coates, of Ottawa; E. C. Whitney, of Whitney, Ont.; D. L. Mather, Rat Portage, Ont.; Hon. J. D. McGregor, New Glasgow, N.S.; R. L. Borden, of Halifax, N.S.

The Grand Council of the Canadian Association of Masters and Mates held its annual meeting in Toronto Feb. 10, Capt. Wilson presiding. W. Ireland, Parry Sound, Secretary, reported that there had been an increase of 200 members during the year, and the Treasurer reported a balance of \$31.15. A number of subjects were discussed, and it was decided to urge the Dominion Government to more strictly enforce the laws regarding examinations of masters and mates, and also in regard to the qualifications of small boats carrying passengers. The following were elected officers for the current year: Grand Master, Capt. Jas. Wilson; First Officer, Capt. A. Milligan; Secretary, Capt. W. Ireland; Treasurer, Capt. M. McKay; Grand Pilot, Capt. E. A. Booth; Look-out-man, Capt. W. J. Madors; Grand Watchman, Capt. Pearsall; Auditor, Capt. MacIntyre and McCoppen. A branch of the Association has been formed in Toronto, with Capt. McGiffin as Master, and Capt. Jackson as Secretary.

### Manitoba and Northwest Territories.

The Imperial Fish Co. is having a steamer built at Selkirk, Man., for its trade on Lake Winnipeg.

The Northern Fish Co. will add a steamer, now under construction on Lake Winnipeg, to its fleet early in the season.

The Dominion Fish Co. is having its steamer the City of Selkirk repaired, and is having a vessel constructed for its trade on Lake Winnipeg.

Capt. Coats, who is having a steamer built at Prince Albert, Sask., for the Saskatchewan river trade, is also having constructed wharves, docks, freight sheds and a workshop, besides houses for himself and partners at McDonald's flats, near Edmonton, Alta.

The Great Lakes and Northwest Transportation Co. will apply next session of the Dominion Parliament for an act of incorporation. Power will be asked to improve the navigation between Lake Superior and Red River at or near Winnipeg, and thence north and west through Lake Winnipeg or other lake or lakes and rivers to the Saskatchewan river and the Northwest; to improve the navigation of the Saskatchewan river and its tributaries; to construct a transportation route by water from the headwaters of the Saskatchewan river to Lake Superior, and generally to improve the navigation of other streams and waterways of the Northwest, and to charge and collect toll for the use of the same, and to do a general manufacturing and merchandise business. Authority will also be asked to develop power, to own and operate steam and other vessels, to construct wharves, elevators, etc., and to carry on a general transportation and forwarding business. German & Pettit, Welland, Ont., are solicitors for the applicants. Notice of application for a similar charter was given in 1903, but it was not proceeded with.

### B.C. and Pacific Coast Shipping.

The C.P.R. new coast steamer Princess Beatrice, recently completed at Vancouver, is running between Victoria, B.C., and Seattle, Wash.

The C.P.R. Pacific coast steamer Tees struck on Trail island on a recent trip from Victoria, B.C., to Skagway, Alaska, but was floated without having received material damage.

The Fraser River Lumber Co. recently purchased the str. Hong Kong, and having had her thoroughly overhauled and refitted, has placed her in the towing service in charge of Capt. H. Young.

The Venture Steamship Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated at Victoria under the B.C. Companies' Act with a capital of \$30,000, to purchase the str. Venture and carry on a general navigation business.

Capt. D. Butler is having built at Victoria, B.C., a steamer 90 ft. long, 18 ft. beam and 7 ft. depth of hold, for freight traffic between Victoria and Fraser river ports. The hull will be launched early in April.

The C.P.R. str. Princess Victoria has had some of her internal fittings rearranged during the winter. Some special suites of rooms have been arranged, and a number of other conveniences for the comfort of travellers added.

The B.C. Legislature at its recent session passed an act providing that the master and first officer of any coasting vessel of 250 tons and over shall be returning officer and deputy returning officer, and shall take the votes of the officers and crew of their vessels in connection with any election held, while the vessel may be at sea.

The C.P.R. proposes to construct a new steamer for the Nelson-Kootenay Landing

route, and two freight barges for the Proctor-Kootenay Landing route on Kootenay Lake, B.C. R. Marpole, General Superintendent Pacific Division, was recently at Nelson in connection with the matter and stated that the barges would be built at once; the new steamer might also be built this season. It is understood that the new steamer will be of the same type as the Rossland, and will be fitted with twin screws.

D. A. Ansell, Mexican Consul General at Montreal, is endeavoring to secure the necessary capital to establish a line of steamers to run between Canadian and Mexican ports.

The Houston Line of Liverpool, Eng., is withdrawing some of its freight steamers from the South African trade, and proposes to place them on a run between Canadian ports and Great Britain.

Press reports have recently been current that the C.P.R. had sold the Athenian and Tartar, two of its Pacific steamers to the Japanese Government, but Sir Thos. Shaughnessy says there is no foundation for the reports.

The Royal Marine Insurance Co., Montreal, declared a dividend of 15% as the result of its first year's operations. The following were elected directors: A. A. Allan, J. Carruthers, D. W. Campbell, J. B. Tresidder, S. Carsley, H. A. Allan and J. S. Bennett.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the International Mercantile Marine was fixed for a date in Feb., but has been adjourned until June. The consolidation of the various constituent companies has not been completed, but it is stated that what has already been accomplished has resulted in a considerable reduction in the operating expenses. J. A. Ismay has been elected President, and will have his office in New York. Mr. Ismay was heretofore Chairman of the Company owning the White Star steamers.

W. Petersen & Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne, have been appointed agents in the United Kingdom and Canada for Transport Canadian, which will commence a service between Antwerp, Bordeaux and Montreal in April. The Canadian Ocean and Inland Line from Rotterdam and London to Montreal, of which W. Petersen & Co. are also managers, will be continued as in 1903, and will also work in connection with the steamers of the Canadian Lakes and Ocean Navigation Co., running between Montreal and Port Arthur.

### Among the Express Companies.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened an office at Hartington, Ont.

The Canadian Ex. Co. is fitting up a store in the telephone building, Sydney, N.S., for a local office.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has extended its service on the Bay of Quinte Ry. on the recently completed extension from Tweed to Bannockburn, Ont.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened an office at Lloydminster, Sask., in the all-British colony. The first shipment was forwarded from Winnipeg Feb. 16.

The Dominion Ex. Co., owing to the recent fire, has opened an office at 130 Peter st., and at the C.P.R. station, Quebec, until permanent arrangements are made.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has extended its service on the Labelle branch of the C.P.R., between Labelle and Nominigue, Que., and has opened offices at Annunciation and Nominigue.

J. F. Bryce, assistant to the Vice-President Canadian Ex. Co., has recently been travelling through Nova Scotia, with a view of arranging for extensions of the Company's service there.