

Cancellations of Shipbuilding Orders in United States.

In addition to 2,000,000 tons of steel ships the contracts for which have been cancelled since last November by the U.S. Shipping Board, 2,000,000 tons more are being cancelled, according to a statement by Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the board. No details are given as to the sizes of ships and the yards affected. The statement refers to the necessity of balancing the fleet and also to the war prices of the contracts. Chairman Hurley says, "We feel that we should now be building only at peace prices," and states that the cancellation of all existing contracts is under contemplation, where keels have not acutally been laid. This statement, issued from the shipping board's office Apr. 25, is amplified and somewhat changed by a statement issued May 5. According to the latter, the type of vessel that will be most largely needed for post-war ocean carriage is a combined freight and passenger vessel of at least 12,000 to 15,000 tons d.w. carrying capacity, and the cancellations are to be made with a view to preparing for placing orders for this type of ship.

Among the Express Companies.

E. A. Williams has been appointed agent Canadian Northern Ex. Co., Prince Albert, Sask., vice N. W. Storie, transferred.

R. A. Mitchell has been appointed General Agent, Canadian Ex. Co., Toronto, vice R. G. Wilkins, who has retired after 50 years service.

The American Railway Ex. Co., is applying to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to increase express rates between U.S. and Canadian points.

N. W. Storie, heretofore agent Canadian Northern Ex. Co., Prince Albert, Sask., has been appointed agent at Edmonton, Alta., vice H. J. Morrison, transferred.

Edward Todd, of Owen Sound, Ont.,

who died in Florida, May 21, at one time conducted a telegraph, express and ticket office business in Owen Sound, and is said to have introduced the first telegraph instrument there in 1866. He retired from business in 1896.

Telegraph, Telephone and Cable Matters.

W. H. Doyle has been appointed acting local manager, Western Union Telegraph Co., Moncton, N.B., during the illness of W. H. Crandall.

G. C. Baudrin has been appointed local manager, Great North Western Telegraph Co., Quebec, Que., vice W. T. Leslie, transferred to other duties at Ottawa, Ont.

R. F. Errington, heretofore operator at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has been appointed local manager, Great North Western Telegraph Co., Regina, Sask., vice R. T. Dawson, resigned.

The Great North Western Telegraph Co. has opened offices at Beaumaris, Helderleigh and Rosseau, Ont., and Beatty, Sask., and has closed its offices at Fort Coulonge and Milnikek, Que., and Pass Lake, Ont.

An Ottawa press report states that the Dominion Government is likely to abandon the direct operation of its telegraph lines, and to merge its eastern lines with the Great North Western Telegraph Co.'s system and the western lines with the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Co.'s system. It is also stated that powerful wireless telegraph stations are to be erected in Yukon territory.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. was reported recently to have decided to build a wireless telegraph station at Montreal, working direct with Paris, France. We are advised that the report is at least premature. The company is making experiments in regard to long distance reception in Montreal, and the possible erection of a wireless station there will depend on the result of these experiments.

An order in council has been passed

authorizing a fee of \$5 for candidates for emergency certificates of proficiency in radiotelegraphy. These certificates have hitherto been issued, valid only until the next regular examination, without fee, and there has been a tendency to abuse the privilege. The order in council, which cancelled all licenses for amateur and other non-essential radiotelegraph stations throughout Canada, has been rescinded, and the pre-war regulations have been resumed.

In reply to question in the House of Commons May 5, re the operations of the Commercial Cable Co. in Canada, the following information was given: The company, which is a U.S. incorporation, has its head office in New York, and F. G. Burstall, Hazel Hill, N.S., is the superintendent in Canada. So far as the government is aware no employe of the company was refused permission to enlist for overseas military service. After the passing of the Military Service Act, exemptions were applied for by the company on behalf of cable operators and these were granted. The government control of the cable station and the staff was limited to censorship and was not extended to the relations between the company and its employes.

Trade and Supply Notes.

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Whiting Foundry Equipment Co., Harvey, Ill., has issued a folder on Whiting bucket cranes, describing and illustrating different types of cranes used by railways, etc.

Armstrong Whitworth of Canada Ltd. At the recent annual meeting the following directors were elected: President, Sir Percy Girouard, K.C., M.G.; Vice President, M. J. Butler, C.M.G.; other directors, Right Hon. G. H. Murray, G.C.B.; Hon. G. G. Foster, K.C.; F. B. T. Trevelyan, H. B. Walker, H. H. Vaughan, Lawrence Russell. Messrs. Vaughan and Russell are now directors. With M. J. Butler, they comprise the executive committee in charge of the company's works in Canada.

Steel Company of Canada—At the recent annual meeting several changes were made in the directorate. Robt. Hobson was re-elected President. C. A. Birge retired from the Vice Presidency, but remains on the executive. F. H. Whitton, heretofore General Manager, and R. H. McMaster, heretofore Assistant General Manager, were elected Vice Presidents. G. H. Duggan, President, Dominion Bridge Co., Montreal, was elected a director, succeeding C. Alexander, of Providence, R.I., who retired.

Safety Car Heating & Lighting Co., New York. The directorate for this year has been constituted as follows: President, W. L. Conwell; Vice Presidents, J. A. Dixon, R. Parnly and J. P. Soper, President, Soper Lumber Co.; other directors, C. A. Austin, President, Mercantile Trust Co.; R. Barbour, President, Barbour Flax Spinning Co.; E. M. Bulk-

Sault Ste. Marie Canals Traffic.

The following commerce passed through the Sault Ste. Marie canals during April, 1919:

ARTICLES.	Eastbound.			Total.
	Can. Canal.	U.S. Canal		
Lumber.....m. ft. b. m.		2,650		2,650
Flour.....Barrels				
Wheat.....Bushels	1,896,073	14,832,927		16,729,000
Grain, other than wheat.....Bushels	791,941	3,384,100		4,176,041
Copper.....Short tons				
Iron Ore.....Short tons	198,736	940,590		1,139,326
Pig Iron.....Short tons				
Stone.....Short tons	750	1,150		1,900
General Merchandise.....Short tons	5	6		11
Passengers.....Number		3		3
Westbound.				
Coal, soft.....Short tons		415,824		415,824
Coal, hard.....Short tons		142,864		142,864
Iron Ore.....Short tons				
Mfd. Iron and Steel.....Short tons	2			2
Salt.....Short tons		5,000		5,000
Oil.....Short tons		46,656		46,656
Stone.....Short tons				
General Merchandise.....Short tons	5,299	1,252		6,551
Passengers.....Number	9	4		13
Summary.				
Vessel passages.....Number	167	549		716
Registered tonnage.....Net	326,682	1,764,087		2,090,769
Freight—				
Eastbound.....Short tons	277,897	1,478,369		1,756,266
Westbound.....Short tons	5,301	611,596		616,897
Total Freight.....Short tons	283,198	2,089,965		2,373,163

The Canadian canal opened Apr. 12, and the U.S. canal, Apr. 10.