

The Newfoundland Legislature has passed an act imposing a tax of \$2,000 a year on all express companies doing business in the colony.

The Dominion Ex. Co. announced the opening of the remainder of its summer routes on the steamer lines for the current season, June 1.

L. E. Wright has been appointed agent Canadian Ex. Co., at Collingwood, Ont., succeeding A. Henser, who has resigned to go to the Northwest.

The names of the Dominion Ex. Co.'s offices at Rat Portage, Ont., and Arundel, Que., have been changed to Kenora and Huberdeau respectively.

The Dominion Ex. Co.'s general circular no. 77 contains lists of the points to which Boundary district, Kootenay district, and Puget Sound point rates apply.

The Canadian and American Ex. Co.'s are arranging for a new office in St. John, N.B., the present offices not having the yard accommodation required by the increased business.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has placed its service on the Tillsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Ry., and has opened offices in connection therewith at Eden, Mount Elgin, Port Burwell, Salford, Staffordville, Tillsonburg and Vienna, Ont.

The Canadian Northern Ex. Co. has adopted the new uniform money order. The new issue is in light and dark chocolate, with the company's trade mark in the centre and the words "Canadian Northern Express Co." in minute type covering the background.

D. J. McFeggan, heretofore Route Agent Dominion Ex. Co., at North Bay, Ont., has been appointed Route Agent at Toronto, succeeding C. A. Dobson, transferred, and W. Aitchison, heretofore agent at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has been appointed Acting Route Agent at North Bay, and is succeeded by H. E. Baker.

The Dominion Express Co. and the C.P.R. Telegraphs have heretofore had a joint agency at Hamilton, Ont., in charge of C. J. Jones. Owing to increased business it has been found necessary to establish separate offices. The Dominion Express office has been opened at 10 James St. south, with C. A. Dobson, heretofore route agent at Toronto as agent. C. J. Jones remains as agent of the C.P.R. Telegraphs, with office at 8 James St. south.

The Canadian Northern Ry. has completed its main line construction as far west as Battleford, Sask., and the Canadian Northern Ex. Co. is placing a service on that section with offices at Carmel, Bruno, Dana, Lally, Vonda, Aberdeen, Clarkboro, Warman, Dalmeny, Elbow, Lacrosse, Baltimore, Goodrich, Hartboro, Maymont, Lucerne, Denholm, Brada, North Battleford. The company also expects to operate very shortly a service on new short line built by the C.N. Ry. between Winnipeg and Brandon, Man.

### Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The G.N.W. Telegraph Co. moved into its new offices, St. Peter St., Quebec, early in June.

The C.P.R. Telegraph Department has arranged to inaugurate a call-box and telegraph messenger service in Quebec city.

The C.P.R. Telegraph Department announces a reduction of 20c. a word in cable rates to Japan, taking effect July 1.

The Canadian Northern Telegraph Co. recently announced a reduction of rates between Port Arthur, Ont., and Winnipeg.

J. H. Kent, Manager C.P.R. Telegraph Department, has been elected an honorary member of the American Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents.

The Canadian Northern Telegraph Co. has opened offices at the following points: Fork River, Mafeking, Sanford, St. Laurent, Marchand, Ogilvie, Underhill, Man.; Humbolt, Melfort, N.W.T.

The Cunard str. *Campania*, on a recent voyage, while in mid-ocean, was in communication with the Marconi wireless telegraph stations in England and on the American coast at the same time.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. is installing a telegraphic call-box system in St. John, N.B. The C.P.R. Telegraph Department has decided to install a call-box system there and at Halifax, N.S.

The Marconi wireless telegraph station, which the Dominion Government is fitting up on Sable Island, was expected to be completed by the end of June. It will communicate with the recently completed station at Camperdown, N.S.

Referring to the new cable tax in Newfoundland, the Premier recently stated it was the intention to charge the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. \$4,000 for each of its three stations, established without official sanction, in the island if it were proved that a commercial business was being done.

The C.P.R. Telegraph Department has opened offices at Maryville, Ryan, B.C.; Harding, Man.; Filmore, Forget, Francis, Howard, Leavings, Redvers, Walsh, N.W.T.; International Pier, Stellarton, N.S.; Bouchette, Que., in addition to opening offices at tourist points for the summer season.

In connection with the corps of engineers branch of the Canadian militia, a field telegraph company is to be organized. The present equipment of this company will consist of two cable wagons with four drums, each containing two miles of wire, and the other necessary fixtures and instruments.

The Fessenden Wireless Telegraph Co.'s station at Ottawa has not proved a success, and it is stated that a new site will have to be chosen. The Dominion charter, which the company is applying for, is similar to that already granted to the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. The location of the stations, etc., will be subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Co. has issued a notice calling attention to the fact that the British Pacific cable route to Australia, Fanning Island, Fiji Island, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island and Tasmania, offers the cheapest tariff to the places named from all points in the U.S., and directing that unless specially routed otherwise by the sender, all messages are to be sent by the British line.

The Government telegraph lines in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia have been placed under the charge of J. S. Macdonald of Qu'Appelle, Assa., with the title of General Inspector of Government Telegraphs. The Yukon telegraph line from Ashcroft, B.C., to the Alaskan boundary will also be under the charge of a General Inspector of Government Telegraphs, J. E. Gobeil having been appointed to that position. His headquarters have not yet been fixed.

A. B. Macdonald, of Meat Cove, N.S., has been appointed Inspector of the Dominion Government Telegraph lines in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The department is about to have a building for office and dwelling erected at Bay St. Lawrence, 12 miles from Meat Cove, to which point the Magdalen Islands and St. Paul's cable terminals will be carried for more convenient operation. For the present Mr. McDonald's headquarters will be at Meat Cove, but, later on, he may be

moved to Bay St. Lawrence. His title will be General Inspector Cape Breton Telegraphs.

M. W. Crean, who is at present superintending the construction of a telegraph line paralleling the cable stretch between Bersimis and Manicouagan, rendered desirable in consequence of the liability of the cable to interruptions and delays, has been appointed Inspector for the Government telegraph lines below Quebec, on the north shore of the St. Lawrence to Chateau Bay, and in the counties of Montmorency, Charlevoix, Chicoutimi and Saguenay, including Grosse Isle. His title will be General Inspector of North Shore Telegraphs, and his headquarters will be at Quebec.

The U.S. Signal Corps has issued a map showing its telegraph lines in Alaska, and the cable connection with Seattle, Wash. The junction points with the Canadian telegraph lines in Yukon Territory are also shown. The telegraph line extends from Valdes to the Yukon boundary, near Eagle City, 437 miles; with a branch from Ketchumstock to St. Michael, 817 miles, and from Safety to Nome, 24 miles; St. Michael and Safety, 107 miles, are connected by wireless telegraph apparatus. The land lines and the wireless stations cover 1,385 miles. The cable system extends from Seattle to Valdes, with a branch from Sitka to Skagway, a total of 1,666 miles.

According to the figures contained in the recent budget speech of the Minister of Finance of Newfoundland, the colony expended during 1904 \$6,000 on Marconi wireless telegraph apparatus for the Labrador coast, and \$1,250 for alterations at the post office for the telegraph service. Out of the surplus revenue it was proposed to expend \$14,000 for an extension of the Marconi wireless telegraph system and \$10,000 on new postal and telegraph offices. The general estimates for the current year provide \$350,014 for post office and telegraph purposes, and the estimated receipts show \$48,000 from telegraphs, and \$22,800 from the cable and telephone tax. A resolution imposing a tax of \$4,000 is levied on every cable landed in the colony. The Government has in contemplation the laying of a cable between Basque, Nfld., and Canso, N.S. For this purpose, and for the purpose of extending the telegraph lines in the island a loan of £68,500 is being arranged. At the same time a loan of £322,717 will be raised to pay the telegraph award to the Reid-Newfoundland Co.

The Marconi wireless telegraph station near Halifax, N.S., was completed June 3. It is located close to the Camperdown signal station of the Imperial Government, some 14 miles down the harbor from the city of Halifax. It is said to be complete in every detail and is reported to be now in perfect working order. The Marconi construction crew is now at Sable Island erecting a station. This station is expected to be completed early in July, and the Marconi Co. expects to get messages through between Camperdown and Sable Island on July 1. These stations are the two most important ones for navigation and commercial purposes in North America. An average of five vessels fitted with Marconi wireless apparatus pass within radius of the Sable Island station every day, and the Marconi Co. officials expect that they will receive an average of at least 60 commercial messages a day from these vessels. These messages will be retransmitted to the Camperdown station. Both the C.P.R. and the Western Union Telegraph companies are putting in wires to this latter station. This will ensure a good land wire service, and it is now only a question of a few weeks before a passenger on board a New York liner will be able to be in telegraphic touch within a radius of 150 miles from Sable Island. During the