

violate sec. 2 of the act of 1898, which provides that no foreign vessel shall transport passengers between ports or places in the U.S., directly or by way of a foreign port under penalty of \$200 for each passenger. Three of the passengers landed in Vancouver, went across to Victoria, and proceeded to Seattle by the C.P.R. str. Princess Beatrice, and the other 10 went by rail from Vancouver.

The Department of Marine has issued a new edition of the Canadian list of lights and fog signals corrected to April 1. This will be supplied free to all mariners applying for it.

The cruiser Canada, which is being built at Barrow-in-Furness, Eng., for the Dominion Government, was launched June 14, the christening ceremony being performed by Lady Strathcona.

The Dominion Parliament is considering an act amending the Pilotage Act, by appointing the Minister of Marine to be the pilotage authority of any district whenever it appeared to be in the interests of navigation to do so. The object of the act, it was explained, is to meet certain difficulties which have arisen.

The Canadian Government is calling for tenders for a monthly steamship service from Montreal and Halifax, to Mexican ports, on the Atlantic coast, and between Vancouver and Mexican ports on the Pacific coast. The steamers are to be not less than 3,000 tons carrying capacity, have sufficient passenger accommodation, and to steam not less than ten knots an hour.

An order-in-council has been passed substituting a new regulation for that dated May 30, 1893, whereby certain privileges in regard to exemption from provisions of the Steamboat Inspection Act were granted to steamers registered elsewhere than in Canada, but engaged in the coasting trade of Canada. The new order provides that all vessels shall be subject to the Steamboat Inspection Act unless they have certificates for the then current year from the British Board of Trade, English Lloyds, French Lloyds, Norwegian Lloyds, or the British Corporation for the Survey and Registration of Shipping.

The Dominion Government has cancelled the agreement made with Colombier Bros., of Bordeaux, France, for a France-Canada steamship service on the ground that the service given was not in accordance with the contract. The steamers have called at St. Pierre, Miquelon, the French islands off Newfoundland en route. The Government is negotiating with the Canadian Lines (Ltd.), in which Sir W. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., of Liverpool-on-Tyne, Eng.; W. Petersen, New Castle-on-Tyne, Eng.; and a number of those connected with the Canadian Lake and Ocean Navigation Co. are interested to take up the contract.

### Among the Express Companies.

H. M. Gain has been appointed Assistant Route Agent Canadian Ex. Co., with headquarters in Quebec city.

The Alaska Pacific Ex. Co. has opened its summer service on steamers leaving Vancouver for Dawson, Yukon and intermediate points.

The Canadian Ex. Co.'s route on the Temiscouata Ry., heretofore in charge of H. C. Creighton, Superintendent, has been transferred to F. H. Hackett, Route Agent.

The estate of the late G. Cheney, Vice-President of the Canadian Ex. Co., has been entered for probate at Montreal by W. G. Cheney, the value being placed at \$25,750.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened its routes for the season on the lines of the Deseronto Navigation Co., the Niagara Navigation Co., and the Rainy River Navigation Co.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has closed its office at Caldwell, Ont. The name of its office at Kingsburg Junction, Que., has been changed to Villeroy, and its offices at Boiestown and St. Martins, N.B., have been re-opened.

The Western Ex. Co. has extended its service from Bismarck to Washburn, N.D., on the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Ry., and in connection therewith has opened offices at Washburn, Wilton and Underwood, N.D.

G. W. Newcomb, Hopewell Hill, N.B., is reported to have resigned the agency of the Canadian Ex. Co. at that point, because he refused to have anything to do with the handling of intoxicating liquors shipped into that place.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has established a route on the Cape Breton Ry., and in connection therewith has opened offices at Point Tupper and St. Peters, N.S. It has also established a route on the steamer line between Mulgrave and Canso, N.S.

The American Ex. Co. has adopted a letter of identification for the use of travelling representatives of firms who carry American or National Ex. Co.'s money orders. In connection therewith the Dominion Ex. Co. has authorized its agents to pay, without demanding personal identification, orders of these two companies when presented by persons holding such letters of identification, the orders paid to be endorsed "Cashed under letter of identification no. —."

The Canadian Ex. Co. announces that in addition to the facilities given by the Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry. to points on the Gaspé coast, a steamer line runs in summer twice a week between Dalhousie, N.B., and Gaspé, calling at a number of intermediate points. Shipments for points reached by steamer only are to be routed via Dalhousie, while shipments to points reached by both rail and steamer are to be routed by the shipper, whose instructions are to be taken at the time of shipment.

### Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. has closed its office at Mira, N.S.

The Great North-West Telegraph Co. has closed its offices at Belleville station, Hawkesville, Ont.; Montcalm, Montcalm Mills, St. Andre Junction, Que.

The United States Signal Department is installing wireless telegraph stations at Nome and St. Michael, Alaska. The cable service between these two points became inoperative during the spring, and no signals can be passed over it.

The Dominion Government passed an act at its current session increasing the capital of the North American Telegraph Co. from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and authorizing it to extend its lines throughout Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

A despatch from Edmonton, Alta., states that the extension of the Government line from there to Athabasca Landing was completed and in operation to Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., June 9. The balance of the line is expected to be completed by the end of July.

W. Spence, a telegraph operator at the Reid Newfoundland Co.'s office at Lewisport, Nfld., has been committed for trial at the November assizes on a charge of maliciously removing a telegraph wire used in the operations of the postal telegraph line at that place.

The annual convention of the Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents was held at Indianapolis, Ind., June 15 and 16. W. W. Ashald, of the G.T.R., Montreal, was a member of the "Topics Committee." W.

J. Camp, Electrical Engineer C.P.R. Telegraphs, was also present.

P. S. Archibald, C.E., Moncton, N.B., has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland an arbitrator in the case of the Reid Newfoundland Co. against the Government concerning telegraph lines. D. MacMaster, K.C., Montreal, has been appointed on behalf of the company; the third arbitrator has not been named.

Richard Fuller, who died in Hamilton, Ont., June 12, was the contractor for the construction of the Government telegraph line from Fort Pelly, Sask., to Edmonton, Alta., and for some years prior to his death was a director of the Great North-West Telegraph Co. He was in the employ of the Great Western Ry. for a number of years, acting from 1856 for about 20 years as lumber buyer for the mechanical department.

The Great North-West Telegraph Co. has opened offices at Beaumaris, Jessops Falls, Muskoka Wharf, Port Sydney, Tobermory, Ont.; Little Metis Lighthouse, St. Denis Wharf, Que. These are summer season points, the offices being closed during the winter. New offices have been opened at Creemore, Farrans Point, Lynedoch, Millington, Washago, Ont.; Kiskisink, Villeroy (formerly Kingsburg Jct.), Que.

The Canadian Northern Ry. is constructing a telegraph line from Keist's Mills, 30 miles beyond Erwood, Sask., to Prince Albert, and Scott Griffin, Superintendent of the C.N. Telegraph Co., states that it is expected that the line into Edmonton, Alta., will be completed by the end of the year. The line has been completed from Grand View, Man., to Kamsack, Sask., and the work is being proceeded with rapidly from that point.

The C.P.R. has established a school in Montreal for teaching telegraphy, shorthand and typewriting for the benefit of its younger employees. Teachers have been engaged for the three subjects, and rooms set apart for the classes in the basement of the old Olivet Baptist church, adjoining Windsor st. station. A charge of \$2 a month is made for instruction, which will be returned on the completion of the course provided 80% of the attendances have been made.

The C.P.R. Telegraph Department has opened offices at Gerrard, Glacier, Lardo, Poplar, Proctor, St. Leon, Troup Junction, B.C.; Bowsman, St. Claude, Eden, Marchand, Ogilvie, Woodridge, Mowbray, Man.; Brooks, Sheho, Coleman, Castle Mountain, Grayson, Kincorth, Seven Persons, Suffield, Tabor, N.W.T.; Mira, N.S.; Bears Pass, Dalton, Hedderleigh, Kama, Metagama, Mattawin, North Lake, Otter, Queenston, Rondeau, Ont.; Maniwaki, Que.

The 10th anniversary of the opening of the Postal Telegraph Co.'s building in New York, was celebrated May 23 and 24, those present including C. R. Hosmer, Vice-President P.T. Co. and Commercial Cable Co.; J. Kent and W. J. Camp, C.P.R. Telegraph Department, Montreal; and F. B. Gerrard, who is in charge of the Commercial Cable Co.'s offices at Canso, N.S. The occasion was also the 60th anniversary of the sending of the first telegraph message by Professor Morse between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md.

The Canadian Marconi Co. has signed a contract with the Dominion Government to equip seven stations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and on the Atlantic seaboard. The first stations to be equipped will be at Fame Point, Gaspé County; Heath Point, Anticosti Island; Point Amour on the Labrador coast, and at Belle Isle lighthouse. The stations are to be in working order by the end of Aug. The other three stations are to be in working order by June 30, 1905, and will probably be located at Cape Race, Nfld.; Sable Island, and at the Straits of Canso.