closed a contract with the Pontiac & Pacific Jct. Manager, who has been running his trains since January last lighted with acetylene to light the Gatineau Valley trains. The Canada Atlantic has asked us to make an offer to light the cars on its two lines.

Twelve hundred freight cars will be equipped at the C.P.R. shops in Winnipeg this year with Westinghouse air brakes. This will reduce the running time of a freight train of these cars between Winnipeg & Fort William by fully one-third, as there is little time lost in slowing up a freight with an air brake attachment as compared to when stopped by the trainman. The freedom from accidents is also a great consideration.

The Canadian Pacific will build at its Perth, Ont., shops 300 flat & 500 box cars for delivery between now & August. They will be of 60,000 lbs. capacity & 35 ft. long; the flat cars will be 8 ft. 6 in. wide over frames & 4 ft. 2 in. high, & the box cars 8 ft. 11 in. wide over frames & 7 ft. 2 in. high inside. All cars will have M.C.B. 4½ in. x 8 in. steel axles, C.P. standard bolsters, Westinghouse air brakes, M.C.B. cast-iron journal boxes & journal box lids, C.P. standard five-coil springs & 30-ton trucks & cast-iron wheels to weigh 600 lbs. each. The cars are now being turned out at the rate of 8 flat & 6 box cars a day.

FINANCE, REPORTS, ETC.

Canadian Pacific Fixed Charges.

Following is a statement of the fixed charges as presented with the last annual report:

FI	KED CHARGES 1897.	
f=	1st Mortgage Bonds 5%\$	740 021 66
£7,191,500	Danisas Ourhan	
\$ 7,000,000	Province of Quebec, 41-20%	283,500.00
£1,100	North Shore 1st Mort-	267.66
•	gage 5%	207.00
£200,000	Canada Central 2nd Mort-	
	gage 6%	58,400.00
	Canada Central 1st Mort-	
	gage Sinking Fund	51,100.00
£200,000	St. Lawrence & Ottawa	0.
2)200,000		38,933.34
•	Man. S. W. Col. Ry. 1st	30,933.34
\$ 2,544,000		
	_ Mortgage 5%	127,200.00
	Toronto, Grey & Bruce	
	Rental	140,000.00
£4,007,381 158. 5d.	Ontario & Quebec Deben-	•
241113	tures 5%	975,129.56
\$ 2,000,000	Ontario & Quebec (ordi-	91319-3-
\$ 2,000,000	Ontario & Quebec (orun-	
^	nary) 6%	120,000.00
£1,330,000	Atlantic & Northwest Ry.	
	1st Mortgage, less Gov-	
	ernment proportion	136,333.34
£750,000	Algoma Branch 5%	136,333.34 182,500.00
70 10-7	Rental, Farnham to Brig-	
	ham Jct	1,400.00
	nam jet	2,400.00

Rental Mattawamkeagte Vanceboro Rental New Brunswick Railway system Rental of Terminals a Toronto Rental of Terminals a Hamilton Rental Hamilton Junctio to Toronto Rental St. Stephen Milltown Ry Interest on Montreal & Western Ry. purchase	a3,800.00 t 370,799.75 t 35,149.22 t 17,931.35 n 23,548.36 t 1,366.66
Issues for General purposes£3,933,744 Issue for China & Japan Steamers Issue for Souris Branch	•
£5,657,748	\$1,101,374.95
Issue for acquiring Mortgage Bonds of Roads of which principal or interest is guaranteed by C.P.R.:— 1 year on£3.756.235 6 mos. on£9.552 3,805,78	7 736,036.80
£9,463,533	\$1,837,411.75
Interest on Land Grant Bonds	591,567.33

Canadian Pacific Land Grants.

SALES-

AMOUNT AVERAGE ACRES. REALIZED. PER ACRE.

SALES— · A	ACRES. E	RALIZED. I	ERACRE.
Can. Pac. Land Grant, 1897 1896	135,682 66,624	\$431,096 220,360	\$3.18 3.30
Man. S. West. Grant, 1897 1896	63,800 21,254	234,644 88,568	3.6 8 4-17
Total sales1897 1	199,482 87,878	665,740 308,928	3.33¾ 3.51½
Position of Land Gr	RANTS A	r DEC. 31,	1897.
CANADIAN PACIFIC— Original Grant Surrendered to Governme		25,000,000	Acres.
agreement of March 30			
Souris Branch Land gran	ıts	18,206,986 1,611,520	
Sales to Dec. 31, 1897 Less cancelled in 1897	3,758,748 46,898	19,818,506 3 3 - 3,711,850	
Quantity of land unse Manitoba South Wester Total Grant Sales to Dec. 31, 1897 Less cancelled in 1897	N— - 235,75	Acres. 1,396,800	
Quantity of land uns	old	223,229	1,173,571
COLUMBIA & KOOTENAY— Total Grant		Acres. 190,000 1,888	
Sales to Dec. 31, 1897		. 1,800	188,112

C.P.R. Traffic Train Earnings, 1897.

Mi	leage.	Earnings.	Earnings per traffic train mile.
Passenger	73,999 26,734	\$ 7,039,001.3 14,744,181.9	7 \$1.12
Total 16,1	00,733	\$21,783,183.28	\$1.35

The above includes earnings from mails, express & sleeping cars, but not lake steamers, Pacific steamers, British Columbia lake & river steamers, telegraph, elevators, rents, &c., the net earnings from which amounted to \$1,555,393.

EXPENSES PER TRAFFIC TRAIN MILE, 1897.

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		xpenses per raffic train
	Expenses.	mile.
Maintenance of way and struc-		
tures	\$ 3,018,748.00	0.187
Motive power	4,211,586.61	0.262
Maintenance of cars		0.059
Traffic and general expenses.	4,849,451.76	0.301
•	\$13,034,800.39	\$0.809

C.P.R. Earnings & Expenses.

The gross earnings, working expenses, net profits & increases over 1897 from Jan. 1, 1898, are as under:

Earnings.	Expenses.	Net Profits.	Increase.
Jan., \$1,672,372.04	\$1,156,744.45	\$515,627.59	\$142,284.49
Feb, 1,494,596.98	1,070,929.62	423,667.36	38,844.28
Mar, 2,079,479.06	1,326,245.55	753,233.51	233,020.67

\$5,246,448.08 \$3.553,919.62 \$1,692,528.46 \$414,149.44

The traffic earnings for April, 1898, were \$1,925,000, against \$1,601,000 in April, 1897, an increase of \$324,000.

C.P.R. Land Sales.

Acres.		Amount.	
1897	1898	1897	
9.943	\$ 73,924.00	\$33,872.00	
	66,399.00	27,573.00	
	109,010,09	29,080.33	
10,785	140,275.84	37.745.69	
	1897	1897 1898 9,943 \$77,924.00 8,163 66,399.00 8,727 109,010.09	

Grand Trunk Earnings.

These figures include the G.T. of Canada, the Chicago & G.T., & the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Rys.

Jan Feb Mar April	1,674,453	1897 \$1,639,614 1,522,246 1,803,279 1,776,840	Increase. \$276,718 152,207 245,691 141,637
	\$6.558.222	\$6.741.070	\$816.252

MADE IN THE FOLLOWING WIDTHS 24, 27, 32, 36, 50 & 72 inches.

STANDARD & SHADES ALWAYS IN STOCK.

PURE MOHAIR VELVET

Total land owned by the Company..... 17.468,339

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Always Stamped "Lisango," and Lister & Co, Ltd., Manningham.

Every yard on the selvages.

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