

Steamer W. D. Matthews (expended to date)	223,090 60
Insurance unexpired	7,000 00
Balance in Dominion Bank	21,850 05
	\$257,940 65
LIABILITIES.	
Capital	\$563,300 00
Balance of profit carried forward	24,640 65
	\$587,940 65

The board for the current year is the same as before, viz: President, W. D. Matthews; Managing Director, J. H. G. Hagarty; Superintendent, S. Crangle; other directors, C. S. Gzowski, G. F. Hagarty, E. B. Osler.

Notices to Mariners.

The following notices to mariners have been issued by the Department of Marine:—

- No. 116. Dec. 5.—Nova Scotia.—313. south coast, Shelburne harbor, Sand spit lighthouse moved. 314. Cape Breton, Bras d'Or lake, west bay, Clark cove, range lights established, pole lights discontinued.
- No. 117. Dec. 10.—British Columbia.—315. Tide tables for Barkley sound, Vancouver island, Alert bay, Queen Charlotte Sound, and Port Simpson.
- No. 118. Dec. 17.—Nova Scotia.—317. south coast, Halifax harbor, Pleasant shoal, bell buoy established. 318. South and east coast, from Pennant Point to Cape North, winter buoy service, bell buoys and whistling buoys.—New Brunswick.—319. St. John river, Belleisle bay, Hatfield point, back range light discontinued.
- No. 119. Dec. 22.—Nova Scotia.—320. south coast, entrance to Lockport, Bull rock, bell buoy established.
- No. 120.—Dec. 23.—Ontario.—322. Georgian bay, west side, Lion's Head harbor, light established.
- No. 121. Dec. 23.—New Brunswick.—323. Bay of Fundy, North shore, Tiner point, fog alarm established.
- No. 122. Dec. 30.—British Columbia.—324. Grenville channel, western entrance, Watson rock, beacon carried away.

Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

Capt. F. L. Lockhart died at Hantsport, N.S., recently, aged 57.

Capt. J. K. Hatfield, one of the oldest master mariners in Nova Scotia, died at Yarmouth recently, aged 85.

Tenders for the construction of the dry dock at St. John, N.B., will be considered by the Imperial Dry Dock Co., early in Feb.

The St. John, N.B., city council is asking for tenders for the construction of a steel screw ferry steamer. The contract is to be let early in Feb.

The str. Senlac, for the St. John-Halifax run, was launched complete at St. John, Jan. 4, and was placed in service at the end of the month. Capt. N. McKinnon has been appointed master.

The special committee of the St. John, N.B., city council, which has been considering the question of harbor improvements, is awaiting advices from the Dominion Government before taking further action.

Thos. Fraser, who was in charge of the Carmichael shipyards at New Glasgow, N.S., for many years, and had charge of the construction of the str. Mulgrave for the Dominion Government, died recently at New Glasgow.

The Tidal Survey branch of the Department of Marine has published tide tables for Halifax, Quebec, Father Point and St. John, N.B., for 1904, with tidal differences for Nova Scotia, the Bay of Fundy, the Gulf and River St. Lawrence; and information on the currents.

The Barkentine Nora Wiggins Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the Dominion

Companies' Act with a capital of \$9,600 and head office at Yarmouth, N.S., to acquire the barkentine Nora Wiggins, of Yarmouth, and to carry on a general navigation business. The provisional directors are: B. Davis, F. Ladd, J. H. Killam and Rev. W. H. Keartz, of Yarmouth.

The Star Line Steamship Co. at its annual meeting at St. John, N.B., elected the following directors and officers: President, Jas. Manchester; Vice-President, A. H. Hannington; Secretary and Manager, R. Orchard; other directors, C. E. Taylor, T. H. Bullock and G. R. Vincent. It was decided not to declare a dividend for the year, on account of the loss of the str. David Weston.

The Cape Breton Steamship Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies' Act with a capital of \$40,000 to purchase the str. Baines-Hawkins or other steamers, and to carry on a general navigation business, with headquarters at Sydney, N.S. The provisional directors are: D. Rudderham, R., H. C., C. H. and W. H. Harrington, J. A. Young, W. Horne, W. Hackett, J. W. and E. Ingraham, J. W. McLean, H. G. McLeod, S. H. Stevenson, G. A. and J. C. Peters, R. P. Morrison, J. M. Terrio, H. W. Black, of Sydney, and F. O'Neill, Louisburg.

The Newfoundland Government recently called for tenders for two steamers to make 26 fortnightly trips each, one for the northern service, and one for the southern and western service, the service to commence May 1, and the contract to run for ten years. The efficiency of the services given by the steamers of the Reid Newfoundland Co. has been questioned, and the Government wants to see what it will cost to get an improved service. W. D. Reid, Vice-President, R.N. Co., in a lengthy communication points out that the rates charged are 50% less than those authorized; that its steamers call at 116 more places and provide superior accommodation to the service it superseded, and that the charges for meals, etc., compare favorably with those charged in Canada and the United States for similar services.

Province of Quebec Shipping.

The new steamer which the Quebec Steamship Co. is having built in England is for its trade between New York and Bermuda.

The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. will build a 2,000 ton marine railway at Sorel, which is to be ready in the spring of 1905.

The annual report of the corporation of pilots operating between Montreal and Quebec, shows that there are 55 men in active service, and that their earnings for 1903 amounted to \$1,500 each. Seven of the pilots are over 60 years of age.

The Department of Marine has notified the Montreal Harbor Commission that the Government has approved of the plans for the erection of two-storey steel sheds on the wharves. The estimated cost of the sheds is \$2,500,000, and the Harbor Commission is arranging to call for tenders.

The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co.'s str. Carolina, which went ashore in the Saguenay river in the fall of 1903, and received considerable damage, is being overhauled at the Company's shipyards at Sorel. A number of new plates are being put in the hull, and new boilers are to be placed in position. She is expected to be completed in May. The work is being done under the charge of G. Johnston, Mechanical Superintendent.

The hull of the str. Montreal, which was burned at Montreal in Feb., 1903, was sold by the underwriters to the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., for which company she was being completed at the time of the fire. It was towed to Levis and put in the dry dock, where it was thoroughly

overhauled and renewed where necessary. In Nov. it was then towed to Sorel, where the work of reconstructing the interior of the vessel on the original lines is being gone on with, and it is expected that the vessel will be ready for her route in the spring of 1905. The work is being done by the R. and O. N. Co., in accordance with the plans prepared by the original builders, the Bertram Engine Works, Toronto, and is under the charge of G. Johnston, Mechanical Superintendent.

The Montreal Transportation Co., (Ltd.), has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies' Act, with a capital of \$500,000, to carry on a general transportation and forwarding business in Canada, to own and operate elevators, to carry on any other business which may reasonably be conducted in connection therewith; to acquire stock in similar companies, and to amalgamate with any other company having similar powers. B. McLennan, G. M. Kinghorn, T. A. Crane, A. E. Ogilvie, F. Robertson, A. Kingman, of Montreal; B. M. Britton, of Toronto, are the provisional directors. This is the new and extended charter which the shareholders of the M. T. Co. authorized the directors to apply for at a recent general meeting. The annual meeting of the Company for the election of officers was called for Jan. 21.

Ontario and the Great Lakes.

A 50-ft. tug, to be completed by April, is under construction at Owen Sound for C. Jones.

The tugs Beatrice M. and Orcadia have been sold to J. Bowman, Rossport, for fishing purposes on Lake Superior.

The Chicago and St. Lawrence Navigation Co. recently declared a dividend for the half-year of 5%, payable Jan. 2.

The str. Wexford, owned by the Western Lakes Transportation Co., is having two new steel boilers put in at Collingwood.

The str. Aletha is undergoing repairs and refitting at Kingston. She will be again on the Bay of Quinte route next season.

The Ottawa Forwarding Co. is building a new steamer at the canal basin, Ottawa, and is having repairs done to a number of its tugs.

The marine railway at Trenton, Ont., which does not appear in the published lists of the marine railways on the Great Lakes, is owned by Cooper and Hicks.

The Ottawa Forwarding Co. has been granted a supplemental charter under the Dominion Companies' Act, under which its capital has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The Kingston city council has passed a by-law providing for the construction of a wharf at the foot of Clarence st. The wharf will be used principally as a landing place for the Wolfe Island ferry.

The foremast of the Toronto schooner Emerald was found on the shore of Prince Edward county near Point Peter light, and there is now no doubt that she was lost during the storm of Nov. 15.

The Hamilton Steamboat Co.'s str. Macassa is having a new boiler put in and is being generally overhauled. It is also proposed to improve the passenger accommodation. The work is being done at Hamilton.

Capt. F. Crapp, of the Windsor str. Ionia, laid up for the winter at Milwaukee, Wis., has been missing since Dec. 30, and it is feared that he was killed in the recent accident on the Pere Marquette Rd., near Grand Rapids, Mich.

The plans for a canal round the rapids at the head of the Niagara river, on the New York side, have been completed and, together with the estimates, are before the U.S. war department. A decision on the matter is expected at an early date.