

Folder Display and Distribution.

The Railway and Steamship Folder Display Co., Toronto, which is already handling the folders of a number of railway companies, has taken several new contracts lately. It has contracted to display the folders of the Pennsylvania Rd., the Quebec and Lake St. John Ry., the Niagara Gorge Rd., and the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. in its folder racks. It will make a similar display for the Northern Navigation Co. of Ontario, the Northwest Transportation Co., and the Niagara, St. Catharines, and Toronto Ry., and in addition will handle the entire distribution of folders of the three last-named companies to ticket agents in Canada. The first distribution of them will be made beginning about the end of April, after which ticket agents requiring further supplies should apply direct to the Railway and Steamship Folder Display Co. for them.

This Co. has considerably increased its equipment of folder racks, and has compiled an accurate list of all ticket agents in every province of the Dominion and in Newfoundland, which is the first complete list that has been got out. It has been copyrighted so as to reserve it for the exclusive use of the Co.

The Magnetawan River from Burk's Falls to Ahmic Harbor, Ont., covers a stretch of navigation over 40 miles in extent. The surrounding townships are settled by a pioneer hardy race of Anglo-Saxon people, who are cultivating their free grant lands under exceptional difficulties owing to the fact that their farm produce, together with their forest products, have to be floated up the river to Burk's Falls, where they encounter a portage of about 2 miles before they can place their supplies upon railway cars; and this portage,

owing to the hilly nature of the country, costs more than the average profit obtainable upon the commodities the settlers are in a position to ship. The Ontario Legislature, when Sir Oliver Mowat was Premier, took in the situation and granted a subsidy of \$7,500 towards the construction of a railway across the portage, and later, at the instance of Premier Ross, finding this subsidy insufficient, has supplemented it by an additional \$2,500. Application is now being made by the Magnetawan River Ry. Co. to the Dominion Government for an additional subsidy of \$15,000, under an arrangement by which the colonists will only be taxed \$1 a car for their produce across the portage. At a conference recently with the Dominion Government, the propriety of giving the required aid was carefully considered, and it is hoped that the Minister of Railways, who is thoroughly conversant with the territory, will recommend the subsidy applied for. If this is done, more than a dozen townships will be benefited by immediate access to markets, as the railway will be completed and in operation before July 1 next. (Nov., 1900, pg. 334.)

Development of Street Railways in Canada.

By W. G. Ross, Comptroller Montreal Street Railway.

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