

**Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.**  
—The report for the past year shows that the properties acquired included all the coal in and underlying some 1,900,000 acres of land, known as the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Ry. Co.'s land grant, together with the operating mines, railways, shipping docks and certain timber lands, in addition to other small areas not included in the land grant. During the year contracts were made for railway coal tonnage in Mexico, and this field is being thoroughly investigated to secure the best results possible. With the nearness to completion of the Panama canal the directors look forward to greatly increased business.

Electricity continues to be the supreme power for urban and suburban railway service, and note should be made of the fact that the Edison stor-

age battery cars which have been operating during the past year in New York city have been giving reliable and satisfactory service. The application of electric traction to steam roads is not making the progress which was expected when the New York Central and the New Haven and Hartford installations had proved how reliable and punctual a service could be given. Figures of cost are difficult to obtain, but, as the report on the proposed electrification of Boston suburban roads showed, the first cost of these changes from steam to electric power is so great as to discourage investments of this character. There is a consensus of opinion that the alternating-current, overhead trolley will be used for long distance service, and the direct-current, third-rail system for terminal and suburban work.

**THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY OF CANADA.**

NOTICE is hereby given, that the ordinary general half-yearly meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, London, E.C., on Thursday, the 18th April, 1912, at twelve o'clock noon precisely, for the purpose of receiving a report from the directors, for the election of directors and auditors, and for the transaction of other business of the company.

Notice is also given, that the transfer books of the company in London and Montreal will be closed from Saturday, the 16th day of March, to the day of meeting, both days inclusive.

By order,

ALFRED W. SMITHERS,

Chairman.

H. H. NORMAN,

Secretary.

Dashwood House, 9 New Broad Street, London, E.C., 9th March, 1912.

**NOTICE.**

The General Railway Signal Company, the owners of the exclusive rights to Canadian patents No. 92323, No. 93127, No. 96256, and No. 97758, issued to Young and Townsend, and covering methods of signalling electrified railways, wishes to call the attention of all possible users of the devices and systems covered by such patents, to the fact that it is prepared to sell and furnish, at short notice, all such devices and to install such systems upon any railway in the Dominion of Canada.

All inquiries regarding the above should be addressed to the office of the company, Room 506, Eastern Townships Bank, 263 St. James St., Montreal, Que.

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