

Telegraph, Telephone and Cable Matters.

James Rainnie, who has been in Western Union Telegraph Co.'s service since 1866, the past 47 years having been spent at Sackville, N. B., has retired.

L. Longmoore, who was night manager, Montreal Telegraph Co., at Montreal, about 50 years ago, and who retired from active service some 20 years ago, died at St. Lambert, Que., Jan. 10, aged 78.

The British military authorities advised telegraph and cable companies recently that plain language messages for Great Britain and beyond, containing only one text word, would not be passed.

Nelson McRae, who died at Wyebridge, Ont., Jan. 21, aged 76, was local manager of the Montreal Telegraph Co. at Wyebridge in 1872, and later acted for the Great North Western Telegraph Co. till the company closed its office there.

George Haddon Stead, whose appointment as Superintendent, District 5, Great North Western Telegraph Co., Saskatoon, Sask., was announced in our last issue, was born at Eccles, Lancashire, Eng., Apr. 29, 1875, and commenced his telegraph service in 1889, since when he has been, to Apr., 1902, successively, messenger, delivery clerk, counter clerk, operator, bookkeeper and chief operator, G.N.W.T. Co., Winnipeg; Apr., 1902, to Oct., 1910, local manager, Canadian Northern Telegraph Co., Winnipeg; Oct., 1910, to Dec. 31, 1914, Superintendent, Western Lines, C.N. Telegraph Co., Winnipeg.

The Montreal Telegraph Co.'s report for 1914, shows total assets of \$2,313,556, and liabilities consisting of, capital \$2,000,000; excess in value of property \$151,823; dividend payable \$40,000; unclaimed dividends, etc., \$4,214; contingent fund \$117,517. The property is operated by the Great North Western Telegraph Co., under a lease for 97 years from July 1, 1881, and the operation, maintenance and dividends are guaranteed by the Western Union Telegraph Co. The officers for the current year are:—President, Wm. McMaster; Vice President, W. R. Miller; other directors, B. McLennan, R. MacD. Paterson and H. E. Rawlings, the last mentioned succeeding the late W. Wainwright.

Transportation Conventions in 1915.

- Jan. 19-21.—American Wood Preservers' Association, Chicago, Ill.
- Mar. 10-10.—American Railway Engineering Association, Chicago, Ill.
- April.—American Association of Demurrage Officers, Boston, Mass.
- Apr. 26.—Association of American Railway Accounting Officers, Atlanta, Ga.
- May.—Association of Railway Claim Agents, Galveston, Tex.
- May.—Railroad Master Tinnors', Copper-smiths' and Pipefitters' Association, Chicago, Ill.
- May 4-7.—Air Brake Association, Chicago, Ill.
- May 12.—American Association of General Baggage Agents, Los Angeles, Cal.
- May 17-19.—Railway Storekeepers' Association, Chicago, Ill.
- May 17-20.—International Railway Fuel Association, Chicago, Ill.
- May 19.—American Railway Association, Atlantic City, N.J.
- May 20-21.—American Association of Railroad Superintendents, San Francisco, Cal.
- May 21-24.—American Association of Freight Agents, Richmond, Va.
- May 26-28.—Master Boiler Makers' Association, Chicago, Ill.
- June 9-11.—American Railway Master Mechanics' Association, Atlantic City, N.J.
- June 14-16.—Master Car Builders' Association, Atlantic City, N.J.
- June 15.—Train Despatchers' Association of America, Minneapolis, Minn.
- June 16.—Freight Claim Association, Chicago, Ill.
- June 22-25.—Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents, Rochester, N.Y.
- July.—American Railway Tool Foremen's Association.

- July 14-17.—International Railway General Foremen's Association, Chicago, Ill.
- Aug. 17.—International Railroad Master Blacksmiths' Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Sept. 14-16.—Roadmasters' and Maintenance of Way Association.
- Sept. 14-17.—Master Car and Locomotive Painters' Association of the United States and Canada, Detroit, Mich.
- Sept. 21-24.—Railway Signal Association, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- October.—American Association of Dining Car Superintendents.
- Oct. 4-8.—American Electric Railway Association, San Francisco, Cal.
- Oct. 19-21.—American Railway Bridge and Building Association.

Transportation Associations, Clubs, Etc.

- The names of persons given below are those of the secretaries unless otherwise stated:
- Canadian Car Service Bureau—J. Reilly, Manager, 401 St. Nicholas Building, Montreal.
 - Canadian Electric Railway Association—Acton Burrows, 70 Bond Street, Toronto.
 - Canadian Freight Association (Eastern lines)—G. C. Ransom, Canadian Express Building, Montreal.
 - Canadian Freight Association (Western lines)—W. E. Campbell, 502 Canada Building, Winnipeg.
 - Canadian Railway Club—J. Powell, St. Lambert, Que. Meetings at Montreal 2nd Tuesday each month, 8.30 p.m., except June, July, and August.
 - Canadian Society of Civil Engineers—C. H. McLeod, 176 Mansfield St., Montreal.
 - Canadian Ticket Agents' Association—E. de la Hooke, London, Ont.
 - Central Railway and Engineering Club of Canada—C. L. Worth, 409 Union Station, Toronto. Meetings at Toronto, 3rd Tuesday each month, except June, July, and August.
 - Dominion Marine Association—F. King, Counsel, Kingston, Ont.
 - Eastern Canadian Passenger Association—G. H. Webster, 54 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal.
 - Engineers' Club of Montreal—R. W. H. Smith, 9 Beaver Hall Square, Montreal.
 - Engineers' Club of Toronto—r. B. Wolsey, 94 King Street West, Toronto.
 - Express Traffic Association of Canada—W. H. Burr, Chairman, Toronto.
 - Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Rate Committee—James Morrison, Montreal.
 - International Water Lines Passenger Association—M. R. Nelson, New York.
 - Niagara Frontier Summer Rate Committee—James Morrison, Montreal.
 - Nova Scotia Society of Engineers—A. R. McCleave, Halifax, N.S.
 - Quebec Transportation Club—A. F. Dion, Quebec.
 - Ship Masters' Association of Canada—Capt. E. Wells, 45 St. John Street, Halifax, N.S.
 - Toronto Transportation Club—W. A. Gray, 143 Yonge Street, Toronto.
 - Western Canada Railway Club—Louis Kon Box 1707, Winnipeg. Meetings at Winnipeg, 2nd Monday each month, except June, July, and August.

Trade and Supply Notes.

The matter which appears under this heading is compiled, in most cases, from information supplied by the manufacturers of, or dealers in, the articles referred to, and in publishing the same we accept no responsibility. At the same time we wish our readers distinctly to understand that we are not paid for the publication of any of this matter, and that we will not consider any proposition to insert reading matter in our columns for pay or its equivalent. Advertising contracts will not be taken with any condition that accepting them will oblige us to publish reading notices. In other words, our reading columns are not for sale, either to advertisers or others.

F. H. Hopkins & Co., railway and contractors' supplies, etc., Montreal, have opened an office at 1206 Union Trust Building, Winnipeg, in charge of J. W. Purcell.

Algoma Steel Corporation Ltd., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has reopened its Montreal office at 211 McGill St., and has appointed G. A. Irwin Sales Manager.

Northern Crane Works, Ltd., Walkerville, Ont., has issued a booklet, "Cranes and Hoists," illustrating and giving particulars of a number of cranes of various types for railway and other service.

Canadian National Carbon Co., Ltd.—W. H. Arkenburg, formerly Publicity Manager, Union Switch & Signal Co., has been ap-

pointed to the National Carbon Co.'s Sales Department, with charge of railway and signal work in Canadian territory.

The National Steel Car Co., Ltd., Hamilton, Ont., has, we are officially advised, received orders for about \$250,000 of work from the British Government and for over \$1,000,000 worth from the French Government.

The National Boiler Washing Co., Ltd., Montreal, which installs boiler washing plants in locomotive houses and in industrial heating plants, is now conducting its western business from 1206 Union Trust Building, Winnipeg, the office being in charge of J. W. Purcell.

Canadian Car & Foundry Co. The President, Senator Curry, who has been in Europe, was expected back in Montreal at the end of January. W. W. Butler, Vice President, arrived in London from Canada on Jan. 5. A press cablegram says that the company is opening an office in London.

Wall calendars for 1915 have been received from Bird-Archer Co., manufacturers of boiler chemicals, New York; W. W. Butler Co., Ltd., railway, marine and mining supplies, Montreal; Hart-Otis Car Co., Ltd., Montreal; and Pratt & Whitney of Canada, Ltd., small tool manufacturers, Dundas, Ont.

Ohio Brass Co., Mansfield, Ohio, has issued O-B Bulletin for November and December, as a car equipment number, containing, among other matter, articles on Tomlinson couplers, a high speed third rail interurban railway, O-B trolley retrievers, and overhead construction at Atlantic City and Shore Ry.'s car barns.

The Herbert Morris Crane & Hoist Co., Ltd., Toronto, has issued book 46, a loose leaf binder containing a collection of bulletins illustrating and describing, with dimensions and price lists, a selection of its standard manufactures, including chain blocks, trolleys, travelling blocks, hand cranes, overhead runways and various lifting and shifting devices and accessories. It has also issued in separate form, but suitable for insertion in the binder, Bulletin B11, respecting its belt-driven friction hoist.

Buoy Lighting.—The Department of Marine has decided to establish a uniform system of characteristic for gas lighted buoys and gas beacons, making buoy or beacon lights which are to be left on the starboard side in going up stream, occulting red lights, and port hand lights occulting white lights. That is, red buoys will carry red lights and black buoys white lights. For special positions, such as middle grounds, fairways, etc., special arrangements will be made. White lights will, however, be favored where possible. It is proposed to make the changes on the opening of navigation, or by May 1.

The Ideal Incinerator and Contracting Co. has been incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act, with power among other things to build railway sidings and switches, and to carry on the business of general contractors, and to manage tramways, docks, harbors, piers, wharves, canals, etc., but the company is not to operate or control any public utility or municipal franchise. The provisional directors are:—J. T. White, K. W. Wright, G. R. Sproat, F. M. McDowell, Miss M. W. Allan, Toronto.

The writing of first class specifications and contracts is an art that cannot be acquired except through experience; but nevertheless its acquisition can be hastened materially by a thorough drill at the technical school in the underlying principles of such writing as well as in the practice of their composition.—Waddell.