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U.S. RAILWAY STATISTICS
 On June 30, of this year, there was a total single-track mileage of 240,438.84 miles in the United States, an increase of 3,604.77 miles over the corresponding mileage at the close of last year. Returns were rendered for 240,830.75 miles of line operated, including 10,357.19 miles used under trackage rights. The aggregate mileage of railway tracks of all kinds covered by operating returns was 351,766.59 miles. This mileage was thus classified: Single track, 240,830.75 miles; second track, 21,658.74; third track, 2,206.39; fourth track, 1,488.78; yard track and sidings, 85,581.83. These figures indicate an increase of 9,451.35 miles over corresponding returns for 1909 in the aggregate length of all tracks, of which increase 3,265.30 miles, or 34.04 per cent., represent yard track and sidings. The number of railways for which mileage will be included in the report is 2,196. In addition, 301 switching and terminal companies reporting to the commission, showing a total mileage owned on June 30, 1910, of 3,884.62 miles, were assigned as main track and 2,270.41 as yard track and sidings. During the year railway companies owning 8,614 miles of line were reorganized, merged, or consolidated.

Mr. John Adair, manager of the Home Bank branch in Fernie, B.C., has been promoted to the position of assistant manager of the bank at Winnipeg and supervisor of its Western branches. Mr. Adair has been connected with the Home bank for five years, having been manager at Cannington, Walkerville and Fernie successively. His appointment to Winnipeg returns Mr. Adair to a field of past experience gained in a connection extending over twelve years with the Bank of Commerce. Before coming to the Home bank Mr. Adair filled an important official post in the Winnipeg office of the Bank of Commerce.

A company capitalized at \$8,000,000 has been formed in London for the purpose of carrying on mining operations in Alaska.

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How the Postal Department is Robbed by the Politicians

(By The Guide Special Correspondent)

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—The corridors near the House of Commons post office have been obstructed all this week by heaps of mail bags containing campaign literature which is being sent out by both political parties to the electors throughout the length and breadth of Canada. Teams have been at work almost continuously hauling the mail bags away and extra clerks have been employed to handle the rush of business. Business, however, is hardly the proper word, for all this huge quantity of mail is being carried by the post office department free of charge. This is done under the regulation that permits members of parliament to send and receive mail free when at Ottawa, by placing their initials upon the envelopes when mailing letters and parcels, and by having letters addressed to them at the House of Commons or the Senate, where two fully equipped post offices are maintained. This privilege, if not abused, is a very proper one, for members of Parliament are called upon to write a great many letters on the business of the country, and if they had to buy stamps the expense would be considerable and sometimes the letters of their constituents would go unanswered.

Stationery is also supplied at the public expense, and a sum has been provided for next session to pay for a corps of young lady stenographers to write letters and address envelopes for members who have hitherto had to do all this themselves or pay for the work out of their indemnities. Members of Parliament also avail themselves of the free use of the mails to send copies of

their own speeches to their constituents, and this leads to a great deal of time in the House of Commons which might have been devoted to business being taken up by long speeches which have already been made by someone else.

Campaign literature and political pamphlets are also permitted to be sent through the mails free and in this respect the franking privilege has undoubtedly been abused by members of both political parties.

Pure Case of Graft

On the occasion of the provincial elections in Nova Scotia two months ago a large quantity of pamphlets were printed in that province, sent to Ottawa by freight and express, and there franked with the initials of certain M.P.'s, thereby defrauding the country of the postage which rightly should have been paid by the politicians of Nova Scotia.

Many readers of The Guide received, no doubt, some weeks ago, copies of the reciprocity speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. Clifford Sifton and other members of Parliament, and more recently pamphlets published by the Canadian National League, and by the Liberal and Conservative parties, setting forth the reasons why they should support this or that party in the coming election. All this was carried through the mails at the expense of the public, and most, if not all of it, in envelopes which were also paid for with government money.

Franking Privilege Extended

When Parliament was dissolved on Saturday last nearly everyone was

Appeal to Regina Electors

R. Fletcher, the Farmers' Candidate, addresses the Regina Constituency electors as follows:

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(Signed) R. FLETCHER.

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taken by surprise, and a large quantity of literature still remained at the offices of both parties in Ottawa. There being no Parliament any longer there were no M.P.'s with the right to frank mail, and it looked as if the post office surplus would be swelled. The government side might have sent out their mail under the franks of Ministers, but this would have laid them open to criticism, and on Tuesday, after one of the slowest days the House of Commons post office had since the House met last November, the postmaster-general issued instructions that the franks should be recognized till Saturday, August 5. Initials made with a rubber stamp are permitted, and for the past four days a small army of clerks has been employed by both parties addressing and filling envelopes and stamping on franks. If they can complete their work by Saturday, every man on the voters list will receive several packages of mail, all carried at the public expense. If they cannot get through by Saturday, the time will probably be extended.

When we talk about the Initiative and Referendum we hear a lot about the great labor and expense which would be involved in printing and sending out ballots. But that is another story.