

At a recent meeting of the Royal Society of Canada in Toronto the following resolution was passed, stating that the society highly appreciated the work done by the Dominion Government for the benefit of navigation through the tidal survey department, representing that the further and speedy extension of the work is of the highest practical importance to shipping, and renewing its representations in favor of the establishment, under the Minister of Marine, of a hydrographic survey department, for the sea coasts, similar to those found necessary by other maritime nations. A committee was appointed to present the resolution to the Government.

The U.S. treasury department has advised the customs department that an inspection fee of \$8, and a tonnage tax of 8c. a ton has to be collected on Canadian vessels entering U.S. lake ports. This decision was given on the protest of the Niagara Navigation Co. against the charge of \$305 for inspecting its four steamers. There is no fee charged for inspecting U.S. vessels in Ontario, but the U.S. authorities instruct their officers to collect fees from Canadian vessels until "the Department is officially informed that the Dominion has enacted a similar reciprocal law in regard to inspection" as is in force in the U.S.

Among the Express Companies.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has closed its offices at Blackstock, Falkenberg and Forestville, Ont.

The Alaska Pacific Ex. Co.'s service on the Yukon river was opened for the season on June 1.

M. J. Lampkins, who for a number of years was an agent for the American Ex. Co., died at St. Catharines, Ont., recently.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened offices at Republic, Wash.; Bonanza, and Marysville, B.C., and Mt. Tremblant, Que.

The Alaska Pacific Ex. Co. has issued a tariff of rates from Dawson to Yukon river points between Dawson and St. Michael's.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has reduced its rates between points on the Crow's Nest and Boundary divisions of the C.P.R. from 10 to 30%.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has opened offices at Flat Lands, N.B., Allan's Mills, St. Louis, St. Octave and Valcartier, Que., and Glanworth and Stevensville, Ont.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has opened a route on the Midland Ry. of Nova Scotia, with offices at Brooklyn, Mira, Scotch Village, South Maitland and Windsor.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has moved into its new offices at the corner of George and Granville streets, St. John, N.B. The Halifax, N.S., office has been moved to 16 King st.

The British America Ex. Co. has closed the following offices: Blind River, Brient, Cutler, Garden River, Josephine, Kagawong, Port Findlay, Port Elgin, Spragge, Trembly, Ont.

The Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co. put in operation on its lines on June 2 a system of parcel delivery by special car. The service will be continued during the summer months.

The Dominion and U.S. Ex. Co.'s joint office arrangement at Detroit, Mich., was cancelled May 15, when the Dominion and Pacific Ex. Cos. established a joint city and station office there with T. H. McCort as joint agent.

The Dominion Express Co. has withdrawn its service from the lines of the Canadian Northern Ry., from Fort Frances, Ont., to Erwood, Sask.; and the Winnipegosis and Gilbert Plains branches, being succeeded by the Canadian Northern Express Co., June 1.

The Dominion Ex. Co. offered to transmit free of charge all money subscribed towards the relief of the suffering and distress occasioned by the recent colliery explosion at Fernie, B.C.

The Western Ex. Co., controlled by the Dominion Ex. Co., and operating on the Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Sault Ste. Marie Ry., and the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Ry., has closed its offices at Milwaukee, Wis., and Chicago, Ill. It has also withdrawn from its connection with the U.S. Ex. Co.

W. S. Stout, Vice-President and General Manager of the Dominion Ex. Co., left Montreal June 9, on the car Canada, on a trip to the Pacific coast, which he expected to occupy five or six weeks. He was accompanied by V. G. R. Vickers and W. Walsh, general agents at Montreal and Toronto, respectively.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened the following routes for the season of navigation:—Deseronto Navigation Co., between Deseronto, Northport, Belleville and Picton, Ont.; Niagara River Line, between Toronto, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queenston, Ont.; Rainy River Navigation Co., between Rat Portage and Fort Frances, Ont.

The Alaska Pacific Ex. Co. has completed arrangements to operate on the steamers of the North-Western Commercial Co., the Centennial and Oregon, in addition to those of the Pacific Clipper Line, the Nome City and John S. Kimball, which affords good service for all express shipments to Cape Nome until the close of navigation late in Oct.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has removed its headquarters from St. Francois Xavier st., Montreal, to the new G.T.R. general office building on McGill st. The receiving offices are in the basement, the financial and money order departments on the first floor and the general offices on the fifth floor. A branch office has been opened at 136 St. James st., Montreal.

The Northern Pacific Express Co. withdrew its service from the Emerson, Morris, Brandon, Hartney, and Delta branches of the Canadian Northern Ry., and from Winnipeg to Beaver, June 1, being succeeded by the Canadian Northern Express Co. These lines are the branches of the Northern Pacific Ry. Co., in Manitoba, and are now leased to the Canadian Northern Ry. Co. The N. P. Express Co. will retain an office in Winnipeg.

Instructions issued May 10 by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, require that shippers' manifests be filed at the customs house for all shipments to non-contiguous territories of the U.S., i.e. Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippine islands. These instructions are important and positive, and all shipments transferred to the Alaska Pacific Ex. Co. at Seattle, destined to Alaska, must be accompanied by manifests or invoices showing contents and value, otherwise such shipments will be refused until regulations are complied with.

At the recent session of the Dominion Parliament G. Taylor, M.P., called attention to what he described as an abuse of the postal system, the post office, he said, practically doing an express business. The Postmaster-General, in reply, stated that public opinion would not support any proposal to restrict the use of the mails for postal matter only; the carrying of small parcels was inaugurated a number of years ago and was popular, and every precaution was taken in order not to delay the delivery of letters because of the parcels.

The Canadian Northern Ex. Co. was incorporated at the last session of the Dominion Parliament with W. Mackenzie, D. D. Mann, Z. A. Lash, K.C., E. W. McNeill, Toronto, and R. J. Mackenzie, Winnipeg, as incorporators, to carry on a general express business. The Co. commenced operations on the Canadian

Northern Ry. June 1. The officials of the railway company are for the present acting for the C.N. Ex. Co., and communications should be addressed to D. B. Hanna, General Superintendent, Winnipeg. Agents are located at the following points: Atikokan, Emo, Fort Frances, Fort William, Kasha-boiwe, Mine Centre, Port Arthur, Rainy River, Stanley Jct., Ont.; Beaudette, Warroad, Minn.; Altamont, Baldur, Beaver, Bedford, Belmont, Brandon, Carman, Dauphin, Delta, Dunrea, Elgin, Eli, Emerson, Ethelbert, Gilbert Plains, Gladstone, Grand View, Hartney, Hilton, Homewood, Letellier, Makinak, Methven Jct., Miami, Minnitonas, Minto, Morris, Minette, Oakville, Plumas, Portage la Prairie, Roland, Rosebank, Rounthwaite, Somerset, Sperling, Sprague, Steinbach, Ste. Agathe, Ste. Anne, St. Boniface, St. Jean, Swan Lake, Swan River, Wawanesa, Winnipeg, Winnipegosis, Man.; Erwood, Sask.

The Dominion Ex. Co. is erecting a building at the Union Station, Toronto, as the premises it at present occupies there are required for additional baggage accommodation. The new building is located to the west of the present express room, and immediately north of the train shed. It measures 80 ft. from north to south and 84 ft. from east to west, with an alley way 13 ft. wide between it and the present express room. As at present planned, it will be two stories high, with walls sufficiently strong for an additional two stories, if such should be required. The parcel office will be located in the northwest corner, and the staircase to the offices on the upper floor on the northeast corner. A large vault is being placed on the south wall against the train shed. Receiving and shipping doors will be placed on all sides of the building. The upper floor will consist of one large room for clerks, with a private office near the staircase. The vault will be carried up for the use of this flat. Cloak rooms and lavatories will be placed on the east wall. The floor girders will be of steel, having long spans and as few columns as possible, which will also be of steel, in order to give as little obstruction as possible to the handling of goods on the ground floor. The exterior will be faced with red brick, and will harmonize, generally, in design, with the present buildings. The cost will be about \$20,000. The architects are Burke & Horwood.

Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The C.P.R. telegraph department is stringing an iron wire on the Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. between St. Thomas and Walkerville, Ont., 130 miles.

The G.N.W. Telegraph Co. has laid a submarine cable from the mainland near Windermere, Ont., across Lake Rosseau to the Royal Muskoka hotel.

The C.P.R. telegraph department has ordered 200 tons no. 9 copper wire, or about 1,900 miles, from the Eugene F. Phillips Electrical Works, Montreal.

It is proposed to purchase the line belonging to the C.P.R. telegraph department between Papineauville and Cheneville, Que., and use it as a telephone line.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. is reported to have made arrangements with two telegraph companies in Canada for the inland transmission of messages received from the station in Cornwall, Eng., or from vessels at sea.

The Pacific Commercial Cable Co., which proposes to lay a cable from San Francisco, Cal., to the Philippine Islands, via Honolulu, has increased its capital from \$3,000,000 to \$12,000,000. The first section of the cable will, it is reported, be laid this year.

The G.N.W. Telegraph Co.'s branch at the Montreal stock exchange is now working with