

the White Pass & Yukon route would be extended to Dawson & Yukon River points. This was effected through a traffic arrangement with the Canadian Development Co., which operates a number of steamers from White Horse to Dawson. The understanding is that one of the C.D. Co.'s steamers is to leave the northern terminus of the road each day, & handle all the freight offered by the railway. The steamers which will be engaged are the Australian, Anglian, Canadian, Victorian & Columbian. Work on the extension of the railway from Bennett to White Horse is proceeding as rapidly as men & money can push it. By the opening of navigation it is expected that rails will be laid into White Horse & trains in regular operation. Then the worst difficulties of the trip from Skagway to Dawson will have been overcome. Mr. Hawkins says he expects to have a daily train & boat service from Skagway to Dawson, & to reduce the time of a through trip from Seattle to Dawson to an average of between 6 & 7 days. By the traffic arrangement goods will be billed & tickets sold through to Dawson from Puget Sound & B.C. points, saving the shipper the trouble of looking after his stuff en route. A terminal station will be established by the railway at Dawson. R. T. Elliott has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the river division, & C. M. Chambers, General Agent at Dawson. By the new arrangement through contracts for shipment of goods may be made.

Telegraph & Cable Matters.

Toronto City Council has memorialized the House of Commons in favor of the Government acquisition of telegraph lines.

A storage battery of the latest & most improved type is being installed in the G. N. W. T. Co.'s office at Ottawa to replace 630 cells of Cellaud battery.

In our Feb. issue, pg. 59, we gave a full description of the C.P.R. Co.'s Telegraphs' new building on Hastings St., Vancouver. An illustration of it is given on this page.

The G.N.W.T. Co. reports brisk & increasing business throughout the country, & anticipates heavier business during the coming season than it has had for a great number of years.

For some time past rumors have been afloat respecting a proposed amalgamation of the Western Union & the Postal Telegraph companies. It is said, on what should be reliable authority, that they have no foundation in fact.

The G.N.W.T. Co.'s London office, which was totally destroyed by fire last Feb., is now fitted up in permanent shape, pending erection of the new building now being put up to replace the old one, & which the Co. will occupy when completed.

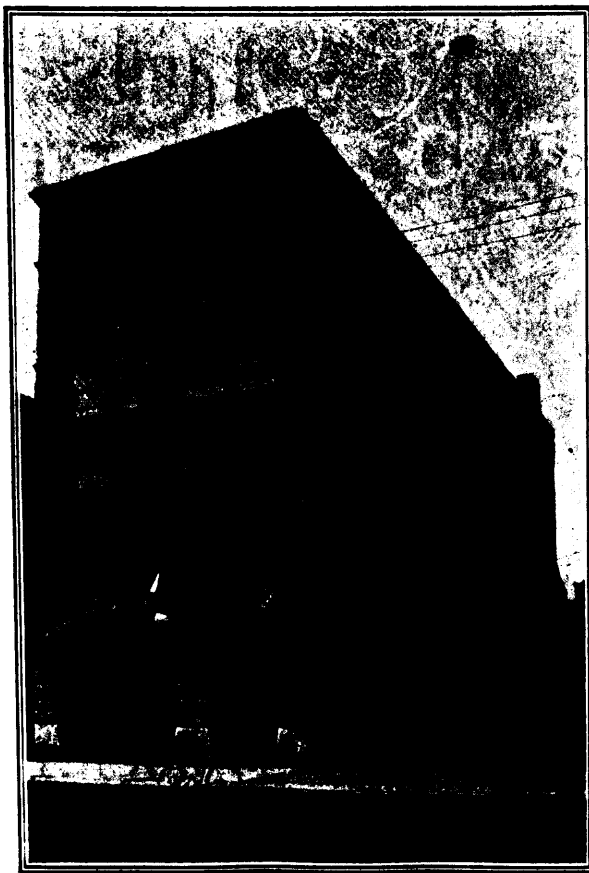
The G.N.W.T. Co. has placed a large order for enameled iron signs for its offices with the Acton Burrows Co., Toronto. They will be 10 x 19½ inches, including a flange, so that they will project from buildings, poles, etc. They will be lettered on both sides "G.N.W. Telegraph Co.," in white letters on blue ground.

The Pacific Cable Board has held a further meeting without being able to announce a solution of the difficulty with New South Wales & Victoria regarding landline concessions. The Eastern Co. Board, however,

still expresses confidence that Mr. Chamberlain, who is now in direct correspondence with Sydney & Melbourne, will secure the end it has in view.

The Canadian Northern Ry., which operates its own commercial telegraph, has placed an order with the Acton Burrows Co., Toronto, for enameled iron signs for its telegraph offices. They will be 22 x 8 inches, lettered on both sides "C.N.R. Telegraph," in white letters on dark blue ground, & will be made with a flange so as to project from the buildings at right angles.

The G.N.W.T. Co. is about to erect a new wire over the whole line of the I.C.R. between Moncton & Montreal, the business of the road since the Drummond County Ry. has been taken over having increased to such an extent as to make additional facilities necessary. A new line is also to be erected in the near future between Quebec & St. Flavie in



C.P.R. TELEGRAPH BUILDING, VANCOUVER.

order to provide additional facilities for the shipping interests.

On May 7 the C.P.R. Co.'s Telegraphs moved from the premises it has occupied in Montreal since its inception, 4 Hospital St., to 49, 51 & 53 St. Francois Xavier St., where it will remain till the new building is erected on the old site. Preparatory work was commenced early in April under Superintendent Camp. First of all, the switches were established in position. After this the cables were connected by temporary cables through the new office with the former quarters. When the actual moving time came three tables were first arranged in the new office, & as soon as the wires intended for them were released the connection with the old office was cut, & the new connection established, a matter of five minutes' work. Then the three cables released in the old office were brought over, so that the work was not interrupted, & the offices in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John, New York, Chicago, Canso & the

other places with which the Montreal office has direct connections never knew that any change was going on, & business was uninterrupted. The work of moving the busiest lines was performed on a Sunday, outside of office hours, so that no possible encumbrance to business could be caused.

In the U.S. Senate May 1 Senator Lodge moved to substitute in the bill on appropriations for the establishment of a military telegraph with Fort Egbert, Cape Nome & other military points in Alaska, a paragraph in these words: "For the purpose of establishing a military telegraph & cable lines to Alaska, \$450,550." The original bill provided for a similar appropriation, but designated the route, & the Senate Committee on Appropriations had recommended striking it out. Senator Lodge said that his amendment did not bind the Government to any route, but left the matter open to be arranged in conference, & he spoke of the importance of keeping absolute control of the cable route from Alaska to Asia. It would be a great mistake, he said, to allow a foreign Government or company to establish such a line, & he understood that there was a Canadian company established with a Government subsidy of \$250,000 a year. The amendment was agreed to, & Senator Lodge moved to add to it these words: "Provided no telegraph or cable line, owned wholly or in part, or operated or controlled by persons not citizens of the U.S. or by any foreign corporation or Government, shall be established in or permitted to enter Alaska." Senator Bacon asked Mr. Lodge whether that would also keep land telegraph lines from running into Alaska, & Mr. Lodge said it would. The proviso was agreed to.

General Telephone Matters.

The Bell Co. is extending its underground system in Winnipeg.

The Bell Co. has installed a double line between London & Strathroy.

The Bell Co. has issued a new edition of its telephone directory of Eastern Ontario.

The name of the Callander Telephone Exchange Co., Ltd., has been changed by supplementary letters patent under the Dominion Companies Act to that of the American Machine Telephone Co., Ltd.

Telephone connection is being established between Beaumont & Edmonton, Alta., 15 miles, the Dominion Government supplying line material & instruments, & the local residents putting in the poles & supplying labor for construction work.

Daly & Hamilton, solicitors, Rossland, give notice of application to the B.C. Legislature to incorporate a company to construct & operate telephone & telegraph lines within & throughout all the cities, towns, municipalities & districts of the mainland of B.C.

It is said the New Brunswick Telephone Co. is about to extend its system by building a long distance line from St. John by way of Bonny River & St. George to St. Andrew's, thence on to St. Stephen & Calais, Me., to connect with a U.S. line at the latter point.

The telephone has proved very successful in the Western States in places where different farm-houses are connected by wire, as it enables them to give each other timely warning of the approach of tramps. It is also useful in cases of fire & sickness. The possibilities of the telephone in rural districts are very great.