

The reports of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. surveyors respecting the harbor at Port Simpson, to which point the new transcontinental railway will be carried, confirm all former reports as to its suitability for navigation, and as the ocean terminal of a railway. The present population is about 800, mainly Indians.

The C.P.R. and the Victoria Board of Trade have joined in advocating the dredging of the Victoria harbor to a depth of 16 ft. at low tide. At some points there is now only 11 ft. of water at low tide, and at others vessels drawing 13 ft. 6 in. find a difficulty in navigating. The attention of the Dominion authorities has been drawn to the matter.

Among the Express Companies.

The Canadian Northern Ex. Co. has extended its service from Neepawa to McCreary, Man.

The Canadian Northern Ex. Co. has opened a branch office in the Grain Exchange, Winnipeg.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened offices at Clandeboy and Grande Point, Man.; and Millbridge, Ont.

The Newfoundland Ex. Co. is now a party to present classification and supplement of the Canadian Ex. Co.

A daily service is now operated by the Canadian Northern Ex. Co. between Winnipeg and Port Arthur on the new train, the "Lake Superior Limited."

Until further notice agents of the Dominion Ex. Co. will not issue money orders payable at points of lines of Maritime Ex. Co. located on the Nova Scotia Central Ry.

A petition is being signed in Vancouver, B.C., asking for the pardon of W. J. Sloan, late agent of the Great Northern Ex. Co. there, now undergoing a sentence of imprisonment for embezzlement.

G. Henderson, agent of the Dominion Ex. Co. at Windsor, Ont., who succeeded B. Holman, now awaiting trial on a charge of embezzling \$800, has also got his accounts in disorder, and an auditor is straightening them out.

The British America Ex. Co. has retired from all steamship lines on the Great Lakes, and the Canadian Ex. Co. announces that all matter for points reached by that company's routes on steamships should be routed via North Bay, Ont.

Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The Canadian Northern Telegraph Co. has opened an office in Carberry, Man.

The Canadian Northern Telegraph Co. has opened an office in the Grain Exchange Building, Winnipeg.

The act incorporating the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of Canada has been passed by the Dominion Parliament.

The C.P.R. Telegraph department has closed its offices at West Robson, B.C.; Stelarton, N.S.; Creighton and Corunna, Ont.

The Canadian Northern Telegraph Co. has moved into its new offices on the north-west corner of Portage Avenue and Main st., Winnipeg.

J. Kent, manager of Telegraphs, C.P.R., stated in Winnipeg that new copper wires are being strung from Winnipeg to Brandon, Nankina and Minnedosa, Man., and from Calgary to Edmonton and Macleod, Alta.

The Dominion str. Tyrian has completed laying the cable between Eastport, Me., and Grand Manan Island, N.B. Three breaks

were found in the nine miles of old cable, which was taken up, and five miles of new cable were spliced in.

The county court judge of Grey has decided that the C.P.R. telegraph does not come within the clause exempting C.P.R. property from taxation in Owen Sound, Ont., under the local agreement, and fixed the value of the poles, wires, etc., at \$100.

C. H. Reynolds, of London, Eng., manager for the Pacific Cable Board, has completed an inspection of the British Columbia terminals of the cable, and sailed on the cable steamer Iris to inspect the Fanning Island, Suva and other stations on the Pacific ocean.

The C.P.R. telegraph department has laid about 45 miles of cable from the Bamfield creek cable station, Vancouver island, to Alberni, B.C. This cable will replace a land line used in connection with the all-British trans-Pacific cable, which caused considerable trouble during the winter.

New machinery is being installed at the Marconi wireless telegraph station at Glace Bay, N.S. The station has not been opened for the transmission of messages, the official statement made being that the recent discoveries made have simplified the method of transmission considerably.

The residents of a number of places in Newfoundland are complaining that the Government administration of the telegraph service is not equal to what it was before it was taken over. Some important lines are reported to have been interrupted for ten or twelve days without any attempt made to make repairs.

The cable companies owning the Atlantic cables charge one shilling for service indications on each message to be sent over the all-British trans-Pacific cable, in addition to the regular charge a word, while no charge is made by the Pacific Cable Board for service indications on messages transmitted over its cable for other lines.

The House of Commons has passed a resolution for the purpose of aiding the establishment of a cable news service between Great Britain and Canada. The amount voted is \$15,000 a year for two years; \$10,000 a year for the succeeding year, and \$5,000 for 1907-08. The service to be provided is to be open on equitable terms to all papers in Canada.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the New Brunswick Electric Telegraph Co. held Aug. 10, at the company's office, Rothesay, the accounts were submitted and found satisfactory, and a dividend of 4½% was declared for the past six months. The retiring board of directors was re-elected. The officers and directors are: President, L. J. Almon; Secretary, P. C. Dawson; other directors—J. J. Tucker, A. O. Earle, Jas. Kennedy.

The C.P.R. Telegraph department has opened the following offices: Castlegar, Field hotel and Glacier, B.C.; Altamont, Baldur, Beaver, Belmont, Elgin, Eli, Fairfax, Hilton, Letellier, Lenore, Margaret, Miami, Minto, Myrtle, Minette, Oakville, Roland, Roundthwaite, Rosebank, St. Agathe, St. Jean, Sinnot, Solsgrith, Somerset, Swan Lake, Treesbank and Underhill, Man.; Bowden, Crossfield and Thomkins, Northwest Territories; Londonderry, N.S.; Rondeau, Ont.; Angers, Que.

The following sums have been voted by the Dominion Parliament for maintenance and extensions of the Government telegraph lines during the current year: Maritime Provinces—Prince Edward Island and mainland, \$2,000; St. Peters to Louisburg, N.S., with extension to Scatari island lighthouse, St. Peters to Louisburg and Scatari island, extensions

Gabarouse to North Sydney, N.S., \$18,000; St. Peters to Canso, telegraph line and cable between Port Mulgrave and Port Hawkesbury, \$10,000; land and cable lines Gulf of St. Lawrence, etc., including maintenance of Marconi station at Belle Isle, \$80,000; compassionate allowance to Capt. T. Bouchard on account of wreck of his schooner while on service for the telegraph department, \$347.08. Quebec—Improving roadways in Quebec eastward of Godbout, along telegraph lines, \$1,000; Belle Isle, telegraph line between extreme ends of island, \$5,000; Magdalene islands, land lines, renewal of wiring, \$2,000; Byron island, Magdalene islands, and Anticosti cable connection, balance due, \$36,782; lines on north shore St. Lawrence, revote of lapsed amount, \$12,041.57; cable between Amherst and Grindstone island, Magdalene islands, \$3,789.84. Ontario—Peele island to mainland, to cover Governor-General's warrant, \$3,500. Northwest Territories—General, \$20,000; extension of St. Albert-Riviere qui Barre telephone line to Alexander Indian agency, \$500. British Columbia—General, \$15,000; Quesnel-Atlin services, Port Simpson, Hazelton, 150 Mile House, Quesnel Forks, Horsefly branches, \$20,000; Alberni-Clayoquot line, to complete payments, \$1,050. Yukon—Ashcroft-Dawson line, construction, \$121,000; working expenses, including works of reconstruction, \$123,000; to cover special warrant of Governor-General, \$52,418.

General Telephone Matters.

The Bell Telephone Co. is putting a number of its lines in Winnipeg underground.

The Bell Telephone Co. is installing a metallic circuit on its Parry Sound, Ont., line.

The Bell Telephone Co. is stringing a new line between Richmond and Kingsbury, Que.

The Ottawa city council has decided by a vote of eight to seven not to re-open negotiations with the Bell Telephone Co.

The Bell Telephone Co. is establishing a line connecting Blyth, Auburn and Belgrave, Ont., with exchanges in these villages.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co. has completed soundings in the harbor prior to laying a cable between St. John and Carleton.

The Bell Telephone Co. has constructed a small breakwater at the Richmond, Que., bridge, in order to protect its line at that point.

In connection with the extension of the Government line from Edmonton, Alta., a calculagraph has been installed to time conversations.

A company has been formed with the title of the Manitou Telephone Co., and a capital of \$25,000, to construct a telephone line from Wabigoon, Ont., into the Manitou mining country.

The Woodstock, Ont., town council has extended the franchise of the Bell Telephone Co. for five years, without rental for use of streets, the company agreeing to put its lines underground.

The proposal to improve the telephone service in Truro, N.S., and to charge increased rates has not met with approval, and the Nova Scotia Telephone Co. has informed the Truro Board of Trade that the position of affairs will remain as at present.

A. Stark, of Toronto, who is the inventor of a new telephone system, is endeavoring to secure the interest of the Hamilton and Kingston, Ont., councils, in order to have it adopted for lines in those cities.

The State Line Telephone Co. has been incorporated at Albany, N.Y., to operate a tele-