

THE Hudson Bay Railway has been graded and road for 40 miles from Winnipeg northward.

CONTRACTS have been let for new stations at Tupperville, N.S., Plymouth, N.S., and Hantsport, N.S.

THE Lower Laurentian Railway has been sold to the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company.

THE contract for the construction of the Kaslo & Slocan Railway has been let, and the road is to be in operation by the 1st of September.

THE steamer "Velos," of New Westminster, was lost off Trial Island recently. Of the crew of six men only the captain and mate were saved.

THE Montreal and Cornwall Navigation Co. have chartered the steamer "Paul Smith" to run between Valleyfield and Montreal.

To replace the wooden bridges on the Port Stanley R. R. with iron, the city council of London will ask the Legislature for power to issue debentures.

THE promoters of the Sault Ste. Marie & Hudson Bay Railway Co. are negotiating with Minneapolis capitalists with a view to disposing of the charter.

THE Grand Trunk shops at London are being closed and removed to other divisional centres. Nearly two hundred men have been employed there.

THE Canada Southern Railway Company has given notice that it will apply for power to acquire the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company.

THE cross-sectioning of the Nova Scotia Coast Railway has been completed to East Pubnico. Plans for culverts, etc., are being prepared as rapidly as possible.

A DEPUTATION from the Kingston Board of Trade have interviewed the Ontario Government about the extension of the Bay of Quinte Railway from Tweed north.

A SERIOUS washout recently took place on the Dominion Atlantic Railway, between Yarmouth and Halifax, portions of the track and a bridge being carried away.

THE Government steamer "Bayfield," of the survey service, is expected to engage in the survey of Lake Erie this summer, and make her headquarters at Port Colborne.

IT is estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 Canadians annually engage themselves on board American vessels for the season, returning to Canada with their savings in the fall.

THE railway suspension bridge, at Niagara Falls, which is one of the oldest suspension bridges in the country, will soon be taken down, and will be replaced by a cantilever bridge.

IN spite of the depression and slack times by which other railway companies suffered in 1891, the Quebec Central receipts showed a decided increase over those of any previous year.

A SURVEYING party is working in the vicinity of Sydney, N.S., making a map of Dominion Coal Company's coal area. The railway is to be extended into the town during the early summer.

IT is said that only thirty miles of the remaining middle portion of the Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound Railway will be built this summer, and that the whole line will not be completed till next summer.

THE city of London is about to erect new bridges across Kettle and Mill Creeks, near St. Thomas. These two bridges will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 each, and must be completed within six months.

THE *Miner*, of Nelson, B.C., states that a company has been formed under the Tramway Act to build and operate a tramway from the Idaho and Alamo basins to the concentrator. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather permits.

THE British Columbia Board of Trade are asking the Dominion Government to construct a stone beacon on Fiddle Reef, with electric light; an iron buoy on the west side of West Rock, off Sidney Spit, and a lighthouse on Portluc Point, Prevost Island.

IT is said that Newfoundland will demand, as the price of her entering confederation, that Canada build a tunnel under the Straits of Belle Isle, or complete the island railway to Belle Isle, and a ferry on the straits to make connection with a railway to Quebec.

A DEPUTATION from Pembroke visited Toronto recently to solicit aid for the construction of the Pembroke Southern Railway. A close observation of maps revealed the fact that should a railway be built from Pembroke to Haliburton (via Golden Lake) the distance from Pembroke to Toronto would be reduced 120 miles, making the trip one of 200 miles only.

J. H. GRAY, engineer, of Victoria, will superintend the building of the Kaslo-Slocan Railway.

THE Tay, Ont., canal cost \$476,128. Its gross revenue last year was \$128 and the cost of operating \$2,485.

A C. P. R. ENGINEER named Parra was arrested recently in Winnipeg, charged with setting fire to a block near the railway works.

THE North Shore Navigation Company's new steamer, "The City of Toronto," was successfully launched on the 20th of April at Owen Sound.

A DELEGATION from Iberville, Que., has interviewed the Minister of Public Works, asking for improvements to the navigation of the Richelieu at that point.

J. & R. WEIR, Montreal, are building a combined passenger and tow boat to ply on the St. Maurice River. The hull is steel, 67 feet over all, with a 12-foot beam.

THE Beaver Line is being run by the bondholders this year. There is no change in the company's Montreal offices, but the agents in Liverpool are D. & C. MacIver.

CAPT. R. C. PECK, of Hopewell Cape, N.B., is building a small steamer there. She will be used for towing purposes at the cape, and for carrying passengers between there and Moncton. The machinery for the new craft is made by Waring, White & Co. of St. John.

A. D. PROVAND, M.P., one of the directors of the Chignecto Marine Transport Company, has cabled that he would leave England on the 4th of May for Ottawa, to negotiate with the Government for extension of time on the contract for the completion of the railway.

OF eleven tenders received for the construction of the Peterboro' and Lakefield division of the Trent Valley Canal, that of Brown, Lorne and Aylmer, of Toronto, was the lowest. The length of this section is six miles, and the tendered price is about \$350,000.

THE Colonial Iron, Coal and Railway Company met recently in St. John, and organized under the charter obtained at the last session of the Provincial Legislature. It is understood that work will shortly be commenced on the survey of the railway from Grand Lake to Fredericton.

THE annual meeting of the Yarmouth, N.S., Steamship Co. was held last month, and the usual reports were read and deemed satisfactory. A dividend of 5 per cent. was declared. L. E. Baker, Robt. Caine and D. McPherson were elected directors, and L. E. Baker, president and managing director.

A STEEL hulled steamer has been built for the Ottawa River Navigation Company, in Tate's dry dock, Montreal. The boat is 168 feet long by 41 feet beam. Among the steamboats ready for the ensuing season are the "Princess," "Richelieu," "Filgate," "Ile Heron," and "Chateauguay."

AT the annual meeting of the Quebec Steamship Company the directors elected for the current year were: John C. Thomson, D. C. Thomson, George T. Davie, Arthur F. Hunt, Honorable E. J. Price and P. Garneau, and Mr. W. Simons, of Quebec, E. H. Botterell and W. J. Withall, of Montreal.

IMPROVEMENTS to the amount of \$16,000 have been made on the propellers "St. Magnus," "Lake Michigan," and "Acadia." The last named will now accommodate 100 passengers. The "St. Magnus" and "Acadia" will run between Cleveland and Montreal, but the "Lake Michigan" will be run as a freight boat.

THE following are the officers of the steamer "Macassa" this season:—Captain, W. Crawford; mate, P. Welch; purser, Colin Arthur; chief engineer, W. Newman; assistant engineer, J. Bain. After being put in dry dock at St. Catharines, the "Macassa" will be put into service about May 24th, with the "Modjeska," from Hamilton to Toronto.

SOMETHING new to cattle shippers will be introduced this season in the Montreal harbor. It is a huge barge for transporting live stock direct from the stock yards to the different ships. The scheme was carried out by J. C. Murray, ship liner, and Mr. Telfer, of the G.T.R. stock yards. The barge has capacity of 400 cattle, and was made at Sorel.

THE S.S. "Campana," now on the upper lakes, is to take the place of the S.S. "Miramichi" on the route between Pictou and Montreal this year. She is a twin screw steamer of 1,300 tons, and is lighted by electricity and accommodates 100 passengers. She is being cut in two to be brought down the canals, as was done when she was taken up the St. Lawrence three or four years ago. This work is being done at Kingston.