

Forks, B.C., was destroyed July 10 in a fire there which did total damage estimated at \$300,000.

W. S. Stout, President Dominion Ex. Co., Toronto, has been elected President of the Expressmen's Mutual Benefit Association for the current year.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened offices at Belek, Bourkes, Byng Inlet, Chamberlain, Dane, Kenogami, Krugersdorf, Mathe-son, Ramora, Sesikinika and Swastika Ont.

The loss occasioned the Dominion Ex. Co., and the Canadian Ex. Co., at the recent fire, which did nearly \$2,000,000 damage at Three Rivers, Que., is placed at \$10,000 each.

The Dominion Ex. Co. is asking the Ontario courts to declare that a business tax on an assessment of \$1,700 in Chatham, Ont., is illegal, and for an injunction restraining the city from collecting taxes for 1907 and 1908 on the assessment. The company contends that as it merely rents part of the building in Chatham it is not liable for a business tax.

The Dominion Ex. Co. having put its service in operation on the C.P.R. route between Toronto and Sudbury, Ont., has reduced its rates from Toronto and 136 other points in Ontario to all points west of Sudbury. The reduction in rates is made owing to the reduction in mileage between these points consequent upon the opening of the new line.

Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The C.P.R. telegraph office at Grand Forks, B.C., was destroyed by fire July 10.

J. D. Oppe, General Manager of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of Canada, has resigned.

The G.N.W. Telegraph Co.'s office at Three Rivers, Que., was burnt out at the recent fire there, the damage being estimated at \$8,000.

The House of Commons passed the Government bill, to bring the telegraph and tele-

phone companies under the control of the Board of Railway Commissioners, July 2.

J. Kent, Manager, and W. J. Camp, Electrical Engineer, C.P.R. Telegraphs, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Kent and Miss Camp, left Montreal, July 3, for the Pacific coast.

The British Columbia District Telegraph and Delivery Co., Ltd., has been re-incorporated under the B.C. Companies Act, with a capital of \$25,000, to deliver parcels, etc., and to perform all the duties appertaining to what is known as the District Telegraph System, in any town or city in British Columbia.

J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., the British postal reformer, speaking at a dinner of the American Society in London, Eng., July 4, said: "We will shortly have a penny-a-word cablegram; I am confident that with the assistance of the great electricians

whom we have interested in the matter, it will soon be successfully accomplished."

The Dominion Parliament has voted the following sums in addition to those previously voted on account of the Government telegraph lines:

Repoling lines in Cape Breton, N.S.	\$187.50
Improving repair service, Quebec lines	500.00
Extension St. Charles to Peribonka, Que.	125.00
Extension to Pender and Mayne Islands, B.C.	50.00
Improvements Victoria-Cape Beale line, B.C.	750.00
Vernon-Kelowna-Penticton line, B.C.	437.50
Vernon-Lumley line, B.C.	212.50
New poles, Ashcroft-Quesnel line	250.00

A bill was introduced into the House of Commons, July 8, providing for the payment to the Canadian Associated Press of sums as follows: For period, July 1, 1908, to Mar. 31, 1909, \$9,000; for period April 1, 1909, to Mar. 31, 1910, \$12,000; for period April 1, 1910, to June 30, 1910, \$3,000. These sums to be paid at such times and in such manner as the Finance Minister determines, to assist in

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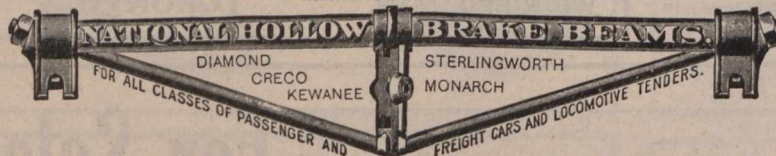
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