fast overcoming. That peat is a valuable fuel is conceded, that the improvements in machinery for the handling of peat have made it a competitor with coal is doubted, but the day is not far distant when our peat beds will have a value equal to that of our coal deposits.

PRECIPITATION FOR MAY, 1908.

The table shows for fifteen stations, included in the report of the Meteorological Office, Toronto, the total precipitation at these stations for the month. Ten inches of snow is calculated as being the equivalent of one inch of rain :--

		Departure from
	Depth in	the Average o
Station.	Inches.	Twenty Years.
Victoria, B.C	. I.30	-0.06
Kamloops, B.C	. 0.90	-0.13
Calgary, Alta	. 4.30	+ 1.85
Edmonton, Alta	. 2.60	+ 0.48
Swift Current, Sask	. 0.70	— I.40
Winnipeg, Man	. 3.00	+ 0.69
Port Stanley, Ont	. 2.30	- o.88
Toronto, Ont	. 4.64	+ 1.93
Parry Sound, Ont	. 2.30	-0.78
Ottawa, Ont	. 5.40	+ 2.87
Kingston, Ont	. 4.90	+ 2.29
Montreal, Que	. 5.60	+ 2.76
Quebec, Que	. 3.80	+ 0.71
Chatham, N.B	. 3.70	·+ 0.55
Halifax, N.S	. 6.20	+ 2.04

ORDER OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS OF CANADA.

Copies of these orders may be secured from the Canadian Engineer for a small fee

4782—June 2—Approving location of the Quinze & Blanche River Railway through part of the Township of Guigues, Province of Quebec, across the Quinze River, through the adjoining Indian Reserve, the Township of Nedelec, and through the Townships of Casey, Harley, and Dyment, in the Province of Ontario, to New Liskeard.

4783—June 2—Authorizing the Montreal & Southern Counties Railway to connect its track with the track of the Grand Trunk Railway at a point 250 feet from the westerly end of the Victoria Jubilee Bridge, and at a point on the west side of Black Bridge, Common Street, Montreal, P.Q., and to cross the tracks of the G.T.R. at Windmill Point, Montreal.

4784—April 23—Requiring the C.NR., C.P.R., and G.T.R. to agree upon, publish, and file tariffs of joint passenger tolls and provide facilities for passengers desiring to travel on the C.N.O.R. to and from Muskoka points.

4785—June 1—Authorizing the Maine Central Railway to use the American-Lafrance Arctic Fire Extinguisher in their cars operating in Canada.

4786—June 1—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct and operate a branch line or railway or spur to and into the premises of Messrs. Booth & Shannon, Township 15, District of Algoma, Ont.

4787—May 27—Dismissing application of Jane Prittie for an order to vary or rescind order of the Board, December 12, 1906, respecting construction of a certain branch line from the C.P.R. in town of Toronto Junction, Ont.

4788—May 27—Authorizing the C.N.R. to place gates and a watchman at Winchester Street, Toronto, Ont.

4789—May 19—Authorizing the Michigan Central R.R. to construct a branch line to and into the premises of the Ontario Iron & Steel Company, Township of Crowland, Ont.

4790—June 2—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct a branch line to and into the premises of S. J. Fox, Lot 14, Concession 5, Township of Ops, Ont.

4791—June 1—Granting leave to the C.P.R. to operate its trains over the crossing where its line of railway crosses the G.T.R. on the Don Improvement, Toronto. Ont., without being brought to a stop.

4792—June 1—Authorizing the C.N.R. to operate its trains over the crossing where its lines cross the C.P.R. Company's Souris branch in S.W. ¼, Sec. 32, Tp. 9, R. 20 W. Principal Mer. near Brandon, without being brought to a stop.

4793—June 1—Authorizing the C.N.R. to operate its trains over the crossing where its line cross the track of the Brancon, Sask. & Hudson's Bay Railway, at a point in S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 18, Tp. 10, R. 19, W. Principal Mer. near Brancon.

4794—June 2—Authorizing the Ingersoll Telephone Company of Ingersoll, Ont., to install its telephone apparatus in the station of the G.T.R. at Ingersoll, Ont.

4795—May 18—Ordering the G.T.R. to establish and maintain gates at Bloor Street West crossing, Toronto, Ont., the same to be in operation within six months from date of order.

4796—May 20—Ordering that the charge for switching cars by the G.T.R. and the Pere Marquette Railway to the John Campbell, Ltd., at St. Thomas, Ont., be not more than \$3 per car.

4797—June 2—Granting leave to the Burgessville T^{ele} phone Company to cross with its wires the tracks of the G.T.R. at 4th Concession, Township of North Norwich, east of village of Norwich, Ont.

4798—June 2—Approving of proposed deviation in location of the C.P.R. Company's Edmundston branch from Station 710-11, Lot 54, to Station 738-15.5, Lot 52, Parish of Grand Falls, N.B.

4799—June 2—Authorizing the C.N.R. to operate its trains over the crossing of its line with the C.P.R. in town of Morris, Man., without being brought to a stop.

4800—June 2—Authorizing the Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Railway to put into operation the half interlocking plant installed under Order of the Board 4328, October 29th, 1907, at the crossing of its line with the line of the Lake Erie and Detroit Company at Cedar Springs, Ont, and permitting them to make said crossing without bringing trains to a stop.

4801—June 1—Approving revised location of the E^{squir} malt & Nanaimo Railway—Wellington to Alberni Extension —mileage 87 to 90, Province of B.C.

4802—June 1—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct spur to and into premises of Messrs. Oldfield, Kirby & Gardner,

on Dominion Government Survey, Winnipeg, Man. 4803—June 1—Authorizing C.P.R. to construct branch line to and into premises of Nicola Valley Lumber Company, Ltd., on Lot 138, Section 1, Township 14, Range 23, District, B.C.

4804—June 1—Authorizing Bell Telephone Company ¹⁰ erect its underground wires under the tracks of the G.T.R ²¹ Rectory Street, London, Ont.

4805—June 1—Authorizing Bell Telephone Company ¹⁰ carry its wires across the track of the G.T.R at Notre Dame Street ½ mile north of Lachine Wharf Station, Quebec, P.Q. 4806—June - Authorizing Com-

4806—June I—Authorizing the Wheatley Telephone Company, Ltd., to erect, place and maintain its wires across the track of the Pere Marquette Railway on the west side of the 12 and 13 sideroad, Township of Romney, County Kent, Province of Ontario.

4807—June I—Authorizing the Wheatley Telephone Company to cross with its wires the track of the Pere Marquette Railway at Lot II, 3rd Concession of Township of Romney County Kent, Province of Ontario.

4808—June I—Authorizing the Wheatley Telephone Company to cross with its wires the track of the Pere Marquette Railway on the east side of the county line between Counties of Kent and Essex, Ont.

4809—June I—Authorizing the Wheatley Telephar Company to cross with its wires the track of the Pere Mar quette Railway at Lot 15, 2nd Concession of Township Romney, Province of Ontario.