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RAILROAD RETURNS SATISFACTORY.

The aggregate returns of the three chief Canadian railroads amounted to \$4,135,915 an increase of 25.3 per cent greater than for the same period in 1916.

C. N. R. returns showed the largest percentage increase, being up 37.6, C. P. R. figures were 29.7 per cent, better, while Grand Trunk's returns were up 10.7 per cent. A comparison is shown in the following table:

Road.							1	91	7.	Increase.	P.C.
C.N.R.							64	6,	000	176,800	37.6
C.P.R.											29.7
G.T.R.											10.7
Total	я.					. \$4	,13	5,5	915	\$837,414	25.3

TRENT CANAL TO OPEN.

The Railway and Canals Department, at Ottawa. announces that the finishing touches will be put on the eastern section of the Trent Canal during the next three or four months, and the waterway from Lake Simcoe to Trenton on the Bay of Quinte will be opened for through traffic early next summer. The Severn River end of the project, giving outlet to Georgian Bay, will not be completed until after the

Practically all that remains to be done on the Trenton end of the canal is to complete a few locks and the bridge over the Grand Trunk Railway at Campbuttered.

CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY IMPORTANT CHANGE OF TIME

Canadian Northern Railway announce the following important cancellations and changes in times of trains to and from Montreal effective Sunday, January 14th, 1917.

LEAVING MONTREAL.

Train No. 2-for L'Epiphanie, Rawdon, Joliette, Shawinigan Falls, Grand Mere, Hervey Jct., Riviere a Pierre Jct., Quebec and intermediate stations will leave 9. 30 A.M. daily except Sunday as at present. BUFFET PARLOR CAR CANCELLED.

NOTE .- There will be no through connection with this, train- for La Tuque as connecting train between Riviere a Pierre Jet, and La Tuque will be cancelled.

Train No. 4-for l'Epiphanie, Rawdon, Joliette, Shawinigan Falls, Grand Mere, Garneau Jct, and intermediate stations will leave 5.00 P.M. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only instead of daily except Sunday as at present. On Saturdays only train will run through to Riviere a Pierre Jct. connecting with train for Roberval, Chicoutimi and intermediate stations.

Train No. 10-for Joliette and intermediate stations 9.30 A.M. Sundays only will be cancelled. Last trip Sunday, January 7th, 1917.

Train No. 28-7-for Joliette, St. Jerome, Hawkesbury, Ottawa and intermediate stations leaving 3.30 daily except Sunday will be cancelled. Last trip Saturday, January 13th, 1917.

Train No. 6-21-New Service. Leaving 5.00 P.M. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only for l'Epiphanie, Joliette, Montfort Jet., St. Jerome, Montfort, Huberdeau and intermediate stations.

ARRIVING MONTREAL.

Train No. 1-from Quebec, River a Pierre Jet., Grand Mere, Shawinigan Falls, Joliette, Rawdon, l'Epiphanie, and intermediate stations will arrive 4.30 P.M. instead of 5.30 P.M. daily except Sunday as at pre-

buffet Parlor Car Cancelled.

NOTE. There will be no through connection with this train from La Tuque as connecting train between fat Tuque and Riviere a Pierre will be cancelled

Train No. 3-from Garneau Jct., Grand Mere, Shawinigan Falls, Joliette, Rawdon, l'Epiphanie and intermediate stations will arrive 11.10 A.M. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only instead of daily except Sunday as at present. On Mondays only this train will run from Riviere a Pierre Jct., making connection with train from Chicoutimi, Roberval and intermediate stations.

Train No. 5-from Joliette and intermediate stations arriving 8.45 A.M. daily except Sunday will be cancelled. Last train Saturday, January 13th, 1917. Train No. 9-from Joliette and intermediate stations

arriving 8.49 P.M. Sundays only will be cancelled. Last trip Sunday, January 7th, 1917. Train No. 27—from Ottawa, Hawkesbury, St. Jerome, Joliette and intermediate stations arriving 2.30 P.M.

daily except Sunday will be cancelled. Last trip Saturday. January 13th, 1917. Train No. 22-5-New Service, Arriving 11.10 A.M.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only from Huberdeau, St. Jerome, Joliette and intermediate

MONTFORT BRANCH.

Northbound: Connection at Montfort Jct, with Canadian Pacific train leaving Montreal (Place Viger Station) 4.00 P.M. daily except Sunday will be cancelled. (Last Saturday, January 13th, 1917) and commencing Monday, January 15th connection will be made by Canadian Pacific Train leaving Montreal (Place Viger Station) at 5.20 P.M. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only with Canadian Northern train No. 6-21 leaving Montfort Jct. 7.50 P.M. arriving Ruberdeau 10.25 P.M.

Southbound: Connection at Montfort Jet, with Canadian Pacific train arriving Montreal, (Place Viger Station), 9.20 A.M. will be made Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only instead of daily except Sunday and Mondays as at present. Canadian Northern train No. 22-5 will leave Huberdeau 5.15 A.M. Tuesdays, Thrusdays

and Saturdays only arriving Montfort Jct. 7.50 A.M. Connection at Montfort Jct. with Canadian Pacific train arriving Montreal, (Place Viger Station) 10.15 P.M. Sundays only will be cancelled. Last trip Sun-

day, January 7th, 1917 For further particulars apr'y City Ticket Office, 230 St. James St., or Depot Ticket Office, St. Catherine St. East, Montreal.

HOSPITAL CARS.

The C. P. R. has transformed six sleeping cars into ambulance cars for the use of the Military Hospitals Commission. This will make a total of sixteen hospital cars in the Commission's service. The Canadian Pacific cars will be used between Winnipeg and the Pacific Coast while the Government cars will run between the Atlantic ports of call and Winnipeg, although through trains will also be run if necessary. The Canadian Pacific Raflway cars, like the Government ones, will be in pairs, one car containing eight cots, kitchen and accommodation for medical officer and nurses, while the other will be fully occupied by sixteen cots.

C. N. R. CONTRACTS

The contracts for the erection of the two Montreal terminals have been given by the C. N. R. to the Norcross Brothers Company, of Montreal, and to Mr. Angus Sinclair, formerly of New Brunswick. In the first place, the Norcross Brothers Company, have been awarded the contract for the construction of the station at the corner of Lagauchetlere and St. Monique streets, to be used first as a temporary station, and subsequently as an express office when the main depot is completed later on. The same firm will also do the excavation work for the building in question, which will be of steel and concrete, measuring about one hundred feet square. Then the more extensive contract for excavating the site for the main station and tracks, which will embrace the removal of 280,000 cubic yards, has been given to Mr. Angus



is passing without any unneces-

in prominent letters and this is aug-mented by the insignia of the "Red dian wounded not in the Old Cross" on each end of the car. This Country hospitals.

Other and important features are the double doors in the centre of the carefully attended to. Lockers for the storing wounded soldiers. One of the casy-riding sleeping cars has been converted into a hospital on wneels.

The seats on one side of the car, ordinarily used as lower berths, and the men's smoking compartment have been removed and five regulation hospital cots installed. The beds, braced 25 a to be perfectly rigid, afford better opportunities for the more skilful handling of the patient than the ordinary sleeping car berths and are of such a height as to permit the occupant to have a view of the country through where he is passing without any unnecessary on each end of the car. This