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RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT.

Projected Lines, Surveys, Construction, Betterments, Etc.

Atlantic, Quebec and Western Ry.—Some track has been laid on the line constructed from the Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry. at Paspebiac, Que., towards Gaspé, and it is hoped to have the first 15 miles completed this year. (Sept., pg. 405).

Bella Coola to Telkwa River.—Application will be made next session of the British Columbia Legislature for an act incorporating a company to construct a railway from the mouth of Bella Coola River, at the head of Burke Channel, following the Bella Coola River for 30 miles, thence north-easterly to Fraser Lake, thence eastward to Fort George on Fraser River, and westerly along the south shore of Fraser Lake to the Bulkley Valley, at the mouth of the Telkwa River, with branch lines. A. P. Luxton, solicitor, Victoria, is acting for the applicants.

Brandon, Saskatchewan and Hudson's Bay Ry.—According to press reports from Winnipeg, the Great Northern Ry., U.S., has secured the charter to construct this railway. Further reports state that L. Hill, 1st Vice-President Great Northern Ry., U.S., crossed into Manitoba from St. John, N.D., recently, in an automobile, and went over the proposed route to Brandon, Man. He also visited Portage la Prairie, and returned into the U.S. by way of Gretna.

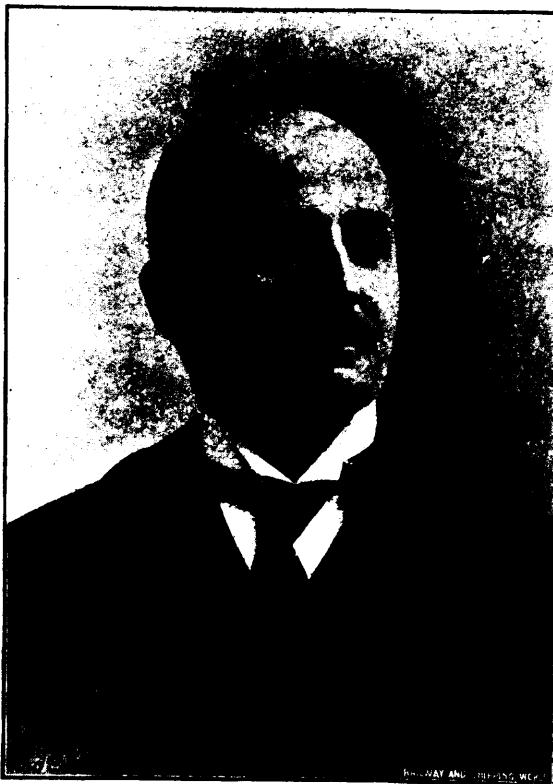
The company was incorporated by the Dominion Parliament in 1903, the provisional directors named in the act being M. S. and A. C. Fraser, J. D. MacGregor, K. Campbell, P. B. H. Ramsay, J. A. Osborne, C. Whitehead, T. C. Norris, of Brandon; C. A. Young, and J. W. Bettes, of Winnipeg. The company was authorized to construct a railway from a point on the International boundary between ranges 23 and 25 west of the principal meridian north-easterly to Brandon, thence to tp. 29, where it connects with the second meridian west, thence through ranges one to six west of the second meridian, to tp. 48, thence in a northerly direction to Pas Mission, Sask.

Location plans have been approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners for the construction of a line from sec. 1, tp. 7, range 20, west of the first principal meridian, to sec. 17, tp. 9, range 19, w.p.m. This represents a line from a point about four miles east of Souris, Man., north-easterly to a point north of the Brandon Hills.

The surveys have all been completed and the line is under construction. It starts at

Brandon and runs south-easterly through Carrot, Minto and Boissevain, Man., connecting with the Great Northern Ry., U.S., at range 17 on the International boundary. It is expected to keep one or two steam shovels working all winter at the crossing of the Souris River, where there is a good deal of heavy work. This portion of the line will be about 70 miles long, and is expected to be completed early in the summer of 1906. P. E. Thain is Chief Engineer.

The officers and directors are: President, K. Campbell, Brandon; Vice-President, J. Fisher, K.C., Winnipeg; Treasurer, A. C.



S. N. PARENT, K.C.

Chairman National Transcontinental Railway Commission.

Fraser, Brandon; other directors: M. S. Fraser, J. D. MacGregor, P. H. B. Ramsay, Brandon; T. C. Norris, Griswold, Man.; A. C. Ewart, Winnipeg.

Copper River to Telkwa River.—Application will be made next session of the British Columbia Legislature for an act incorporating a company with this title to construct a line from Copper River on the Skeena River, B.C., to Telkwa River, Bulkley River, B.C., with power to operate ferries and steamers, construct wharves, etc. Bodwell and Lawson, solicitors, Vancouver, are acting for the promoters.

Detroit River Tunnel.—The actual length of the tunnel under the river will be 7,400 ft., but the approaches at the two ends will make the total length about 2½ miles. The U.S. Government requires a depth of 40 ft. in the channel over the tunnel, so that the top of the tunnel will not come higher than 45 ft. under the water level, allowing for 5 ft. of gravel on its crest.

Duluth, Virginia and Rainy Lake Ry.—W. H. Cook, President, with a party of stockholders, visited International Falls, Minn., opposite Fort Frances, Ont., recently, traveling over the located route of the line, from its present terminus at Ashawa. The desirability of constructing a bridge over the river at this point was discussed, and Fort Frances residents were given to understand that the company would give the matter every consideration. The line starts from Rainy Junction, where connection is made with the Duluth, Missabe and Northern Ry., and is being operated to Ashawa, 27 miles. Construction is proceeding beyond this point, the contracting company being known as the Minnesota Land and Construction Co. The officers are: President, W. H. Cook, Duluth; Vice-President, C. F. Ruggles, Virginia, Minn.; Auditor, J. Sobotta, Virginia; Secretary and Treasurer, D. O. Anderson. (Oct., pg. 459).

Esquimalt and Nanaimo Ry.—A second party has been fitted out for the purpose of exploring the country between Nanaimo, the present terminus of the line, and Comox, with a view of surveying a route for an extension of the line. (Sept., pg. 405).

Flathead River to Crow's Nest.—Application will be made next session of the British Columbia Legislature for an act incorporating a company with power to construct a railway from the Flathead River, near the International boundary, northerly to Crow's Nest or McGillivray, on the Crow's Nest Pass section of the C.P.R.; and branch lines. McPhillips and Heisterman, solicitors, Victoria, are acting for the applicants.

Grand Forks to Franklin Camp.—Application will be made next session of the British Columbia Legislature for an act incorporating a company, with power to construct a railway from Grand Forks to the Franklin mining camp on the east fork of the north fork of the Kettle River. E. Miller, solicitor, Victoria, is acting for the applicants. The Kettle Valley Lines proposes to construct a line in the same territory and has had surveys made.

Great Northern Ry. of Canada.—The line under construction from the Quebec bridge, to a junction with the proposed line from near Shawenegan Falls to Quebec, will be