

lake. The work is expected to be completed before the winter.

A steam launch belonging to the N.W. Mounted Police Department, and used by the men stationed at the mouth of the Mackenzie river, on the Arctic Ocean, was driven ashore and wrecked there Aug. 25, 1903. The news only reached Ottawa recently. The steamer was borrowed from a mission, and was valued at \$2,000.

The report of Major Moodie, who has been in Ottawa, from Hudson's Bay, states that the results of the observations made during the last year show that there should not be any trouble in specially constructed vessels getting in and out of the bay from June to about Oct. 10. The expedition established a port of entry at Fullerton Inlet, and took formal possession of a number of points in Lancaster Sound. The str. Erik will be relieved by the str. Arctic (formerly Gauss), under the command of Capt. Bernier.

B.C. and Pacific Coast Shipping.

The C.P.R. str. Tees has completed her repairs at Victoria, and has been again placed on the Northern B.C. route.

The North Vancouver Ferry Co.'s str. St. George was placed in service early in Aug., the launch having taken place some days previously.

The C.P.R. str. Princess Victoria has resumed her run, after having received repairs to her hull, which was damaged through striking on the rocks in the Narrows July 17.

A new six car barge has been completed on Trout Lake for the C.P.R. lumber trade between Trout Lake City and Gerrard, B.C. The C.P.R. tug Proctor has been placed on Trout Lake for towing purposes.

The Minister of Marine told the Vancouver city council recently that the harbor would be considerably improved, and that he would have a big new dredge constructed at once for the work.

The Department of Public Works is having built at Victoria a new steel tug 80 ft. long, 17 ft. beam, and 12 ft. 6 in. depth of hold, at a cost of \$30,000. The new tug will have engines of 280 i.h.p., which will give a speed of about 11 knots an hour.

A new tug, Peerless, recently launched at New Westminster, B.C., was given a trial trip Aug. 22. She is 120 ft. long and 21 ft. beam, and is fitted with triple expansion engines, cylinders 10 in., 17 in. and 28 in. by 20 in. stroke, taking steam at 180 lbs. pressure. Myers & Preston are the owners.

Pacific coast press reports state that the C.P.R. has decided to build three new steamers for its trans-Pacific fleet, to be of 9,000 tons register, and to have a sea-going speed of 17 knots an hour. No orders have been placed for any new steamers for this fleet, and no decision has been reached as to when new vessels will be added.

The U.S. Customs authorities have taken proceedings against the C.P.R. str. Princess Beatrice for a breach of the regulations by carrying passengers from one U.S. port to another. The particular case is that of a man who was sold transportation from Skagway May to Seattle, and who travelled by the Princess Beatrice to Victoria, and thence by the Princess Beatrice to Seattle, Wash.

The Dominion cruiser Canada has reached Halifax, N.S., from Barrow-in-Furness, Eng., after having put in at St. Johns, Nfld., short of coal. She made 17½ knots on her trial trip Aug. 18 in England.

The steamship companies located in Montreal decided not to tender for the Canada-

Mexico east coast steamship service, as the undertaking did not promise any profit on the conditions laid down.

Capt. McCuaig has been appointed a special inspector by the Department of Marine to examine into and report upon the life preservers and other safety appliances on board vessels plying in Canadian waters.

The C.P.R. has obtained judgment for £14,209 against the Elder-Dempster Co. on account of passengers carried on the company's steamers for which tickets had been sold by the Elder-Dempster Co. prior to the transfer of the line to the C.P.R.

The C.P.R. will, as last year, place a number of its steamers on the New Orleans-Liverpool route carrying cotton during the winter. A report, current recently, that the Upper Lake steamers would be transferred to the coast during the winter is officially denied.

It is reported that the Allan Steamship Line will place a number of steamers on the Pacific Ocean to trade from Vancouver to China and Japan, in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. H. A. Allan, one of the partners of the firm and a director of the G.T.P. Ry. Co., said the matter has been under consideration.

The former White Star str. Germanic was twice announced to have had her name changed and placed on the Dominion Line run between Montreal and Liverpool, and the arrangement has been twice cancelled. The last cancellation was caused by the breakdown of the St. Louis of the American Line, the Germanic being placed on the New York-Southampton run in her stead.

Among the Express Companies.

The Levis County Ry. is preparing to establish an express service on its electric railway from Levis, Que.

The Canadian Northern Ex. Co. has opened offices at Kamsack, Assa.; Roblin, Greenway, and Stratton, Man.

The Newfoundland Express Co. is about to equip its office with enameled iron signs of a striking pattern, red letters on yellow ground. They have been supplied by the Acton Burrows Co., Toronto.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened a route on the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Ry. between Burketon and Bobcaygeon, Ont., and has extended its route on the C.P.R. line from Yorkton to Sheho, Assa.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened offices at Ininger, Orcadia, Sheho, Springside, Theodore, Assa.; College Bridge, N.B.; Bobcaygeon, Lindsay, Ont., and has changed the names of its offices at Echo Bay, Ont., to Ekoba, and Stanley, Ont., to Espanola.

E. D. Smith, M.P., shipped some fruit from Aylmer, Ont., to Aylmer, Que., by the Canadian Ex. Co. to Ottawa, thence Dominion Ex. Co. At Ottawa the Dominion Ex. Co. declined to take the fruit, and Mr. Smith is now claiming damages from the Canadian Ex. Co.

H. M. Moir, formerly agent Dominion Ex. Co., and C.P.R. ticket agent at Aylmer, Ont., has been committed for trial on a charge of embezzlement. His accounts are said to be \$900 out. A. Carman, agent of the Dominion Ex. office, St. Mary's, Ont., is in temporary charge at Aylmer.

The officers of the Canadian Northern Ex. Co. are: President, W. Mackenzie, Toronto; Superintendent, Scott Griffin, Winnipeg, Man.; Auditor, W. C. Muir, Winnipeg; Route Agents, J. A. Hill, L. F. Munsey, Winnipeg; Agent at Winnipeg, W. T. Perry; Agent at Port Arthur, Ont., J. Phelan.

In urgent cases the Canadian customs authorities will allow export entries to be made with indelible pencil, and one of the duplicate copies may be a "carbon" copy, providing the writing is plain and distinct. This concession as to the use of carbon copy does not, in any case, apply to import entries.

The question of the express service over the Intercolonial Ry. was considered at a meeting of Boards of Trade in the Maritime Provinces held at Moncton, N.B., Aug. 17, and a resolution was passed asking that the Dominion Ex. Co. be given the same privileges as were granted to the Canadian Ex. Co. over the Government railway.

Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The Canadian Northern Telegraph Co. has opened offices at Kamsack, Assa.; Roblin, Greenway and Stratton, Man.

The laying of the cable between Seattle, Wash., and Sitka, Alaska, has been completed by the U.S. cable str. Burnside, and the first messages were sent over it July 15.

The G.N.W. Telegraph Co. has closed its offices at Cheapside, Lochlin, Millington, Varna and Waverley, Ont.; Des Joachims, Que., and has opened offices at Agnes, St. Andre Jct. and Turner's Siding, Que.

The four stations on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Fame Point, Heath Point, Point Amour and Belle Isle, which were to be equipped with the Marconi wireless telegraph apparatus, were placed in operation Aug. 15.

The C.P.R. Telegraph department will receive and transmit telegrams addressed to steamers of the Allan, American, Atlantic, Cunard, French, Hamburg-American, Italian, North German Lloyd and Red Star Lines, to be forwarded by Marconi wireless telegraph from the stations at Belle Isle, Heath Point, Point Amour and Fame Point.

The Newfoundland Court of Appeal has decided that the appointment of P. S. Archibald, C.E., Moncton, N.B., as "third" arbitrator in the case of the claim of the Reid Newfoundland Co. against the Newfoundland Government, in respect of telegraph lines on the island, stands, although the Government had not appointed a second arbitrator.

The arbitration proceedings in connection with Newfoundland telegraph lines in which the Government and the Reid Newfoundland Co. are interested, will be opened at St. Johns Oct. 27. The arbitrators are Hon. E. Blake, K.C., M.P., London, Eng., for the Newfoundland Government; D. McMaster, K.C., Montreal, for the Reid Newfoundland Co., and P. Archibald, C.E., Moncton, N.B., third arbitrator appointed by the court.

An interesting point is being argued before the Manitoba courts in connection with a libel action. A Winnipeg newspaper reporter sent to a U.S. newspaper an item of news respecting a minister of the town, which item is alleged to contain a libel, and in order to secure evidence a search warrant was obtained from the Police Magistrate to search the vaults of the C.P.R. telegraph department to secure the original message handed in. The telegraph department obtained an injunction enjoining the search, and the courts have the matter before them.

Some representatives of P.E.I. in the Dominion Parliament had a consultation with the Ministers of Finance and Public Works and representatives of the Anglo-American and other telegraph companies in reference to the cable communication between P.E.I. and the mainland. It was suggested that the present subsidy of \$2,000 a year should be increased