

In Britain the telegraph system has long been a state institution operated (sometimes at a loss) for the convenience of the public. In three years the telephone system will also be owned as well as operated by the Government. And now a movement has been started in England for the nationalization of the railways. This will be a gigantic undertaking, but it is sure to be carried into effect, for the practical wisdom of the British people will make them realize the advantages of it.

ORDER OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS OF CANADA.

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

- 4823—June 9—Authorizing the W. E. & Lake Shore Rapid Railway Company to operate its trains across the tracks of the M.C.R.R. at Erie Avenue, Leamington, Ont., without being brought to a stop, provided always that the said trains shall be under full control and prepared to come to a stop.
- 4824—June 9—Authorizing the Malahide & Bayham Tel. Co-operative Association, Limited, to erect, place and maintain its wires across the track of the C.P.R. about one mile north of Eden, Township of Bayham, County of Elgin, Ont.
- 4825—June 9—Authorizing the Saraguay Electric Light & Power Company to erect, place and maintain its wires across the track and roadbed of the C.P.R. at Prud'homme Avenue and Cote St. Luc Road, in municipality of Notre Dame de Grace, County of Hochelaga, P.Q.
- 4826—June 9—Authorizing the Falkirk Telephone Association to erect, place and maintain its aerial wires across the track of the G.T.R. at the 2nd and 4th Concession Roads, Township of McGillivray, County of Middlesex, Ontario.
- 4827—June 3—Dismissing application of the C.N.R. for Order amending Order of the Board No. 558, dated July 18th, 1905, approving and sanctioning location of the C.P.R. Company's Wolseley-Reston branch.
- 4828—May 14—Authorizing the town of Notre Dame de Grace to construct a concrete arched culvert or sewer under the track of the G.T.R. near the village of Turcot, P.Q.
- 4829—May 26—Authorizing the C.P.R. to cross the road allowance between Lots 10 and 11, Concession 8, Township of Vaughan, County of York, Ont., by means of a subway.
- 4830—May 19—Dismissing complaint of Messrs. McColl Bros. & Company, Toronto, against the form of release of responsibility No. 258, which the C.P.R. required them to sign with respect to shipment from Toronto to Mohawk.
- 4831—May 13—Approving memorandum of agreement entered into by the Bell Telephone Company with the Windsor Hotel Company, Montreal, P.Q.
- 4832—June 3—Extending until the 15th of June, 1908, the time within which the C.N.Q. Ry. is to complete interlocking plant directed to be provided in Order of Board of 8th February, 1907, which was extended for a period of sixty days from November 30th, 1907, and further extended until 1st of May, 1908; also to use, for construction purposes only, the crossing of its track with the track of the C.P.R. in parish of Deschambault, County of Portneuf, P.Q.
- 4833—June 3—Authorizing the G.T.P. Ry. to operate its trains over the crossing where its line crosses the line of the C.P.R. Company's main line, Parish Lot 58, Portage la Prairie, district of Portage la Prairie, Man., without being brought to a stop.
- 4834—June 3—Authorizing the C.N.R. to operate its trains over the crossing where its line crosses the track of the C.P.R. at Headingly, Man., without being brought to a stop.
- 4835—June 3—Authorizing the C.P.R. Company to construct spur to and into the premises of the Dominion Car & Foundry Company, parish of Montreal, county of Hochelaga, P. Q.
- 4836—June 3—Authorizing the Alberta Railway & Irrigation Company to construct a branch line of railway in Section 6, Township 9, R. 21, west of 4th meridian and running in a north-eastern direction to a point in Section 19, Township 9, R. 21, west of 4th meridian a distance of 13,700 feet, in Province of Alberta.
- 4837—May 14—Authorizing the G.T.P.R. to cross the track of the C.P.R. (Pheasant Hill's branch) in Section 27, Township 29, R. 22, west of 2nd meridian, Province of Saskatchewan.
- 4838—June 3—Dismissing application of municipality of town of Bowmanville for Order directing the G.T.R. to provide better protection where its line of railway crosses highway directly east of G.T.R. station.
- 4839—June 2—Amending Section 7 of Order of the Board of June 16th, 1904, in re derails at crossing of the Peterboro' Radial Railway and G.T.R. at Lock Street, Peterboro', Ont., by striking out the words "one hundred" in line three and substituting in lieu thereof the words "seventy-five" as the distance of the derails at the crossing.
- 4840—June 9—Authorizing the corporation of the city of Guelph, Ontario, to lay and maintain a twelve-inch water main under the track of the G.T.R. where the same crosses Metcalfe Street.
- 4841—June 16—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct a spur to the premises of the Patrick Lumber Company, West Kootenay, B.C.
- 4842—June 3—Authorizing the G.T.P.R. to operate its trains over the crossing where its line of railway crosses the C.N.R. (Arizona branch), Parish Lot 58, Portage la Prairie, district of Portage la Prairie, Man.
- 4853—May 19—Amending Orders of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, dated November 22nd, 1892, and 10th May, 1893, in re protection at crossing of Toronto Suburban Ry, G.T.R. and C.P.R., near St. Clair Avenue, Toronto Junction, and directing parties thereto to contribute towards maintenance and protection of the crossings.
- 4844—April 24—Authorizing the G.T.R. to construct spur to and into the premises of the Berlin Machine Works, Limited, Hamilton, Ont.
- 4845—June 11—Granting leave to the town of Niagara, Ont., to erect, place and maintain its electric light wires across the track of the M.C.R.R. at a point near the town where a sidetrack leaves the main line and runs into Paradise Grove.
- 4846—June 11—Authorizing the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway and Navigation Company to construct its railway across public highways through Huntingdon Township, B.C.
- 4847—June 2—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct certain branch lines of spurs to the Consumers' Cordage Company. Messrs. Shearer, Brown & Wills, the Sherwin-William Paint Company in the city of Montreal, P.Q.
- 4848—June 2—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct spurs to and into the premises of the Canada Sugar Refining Company, Montreal, P.Q.
- 4849—June 2—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct spurs across certain streets in the city of Montreal, P.Q., to the premises of the Canada Sugar Refining Company.

For violating the eight-hour law the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Co. must pay to the State a fine of \$1,000 and \$50 additional costs, according to the judgment entered by Judge Warren on motion of Attorney-General Gilbert. The action, which is made a test case by the railroad, involves the working overtime of a telegrapher at a way station. The case will now be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Some five years ago there were in Canada 169 irrigation ditches, having a total length of 469 miles and capable of irrigating some 614,000 acres. At the present time there are 272 irrigation schemes, with a total length of 922.92 miles, and capable of irrigating 3,033,009 acres. Of this number Alberta has 167 ditches, with a total length of 748.58 miles, capable of irrigating 2,998,321 acres; Saskatchewan has 105 ditches, with a total length of 174.34 miles, capable of irrigating 34,688 acres.