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# CURRENT TOPICS.

### Newspaper Postage.

The Senate is to be commended for throwing out the Postmaster-General's bill, which provided for a reduction in newspaper postage from 1/2c. to 1/8c. a lb. within the Province in which the paper is printed. We have no sympathy with the "tax on knowlege" cry, & believe newspapers should pay postage, but all should be treated alike. Under the act now in force country newspapers are practically free of postage, as they are exempt when mailed to points within 20 miles of the place of publication, or within a circular area of a diameter not exceeding 40 miles. No supportable argument has been advanced in defence of this discrimination, & there can be no doubt that the true policy is to make all papers pay the same rate per pound, regardless of provincial lines, as in the case of letter postage.

#### The Transcontinental Service.

The C.P.R.'s Imperial Limited, which is again doing the 2,906 miles between Montreal & Vancouver in 100 hours, is in every respect unique, no other transcontinental train running under one management, & no other company having so long a continuous run. As a contemporary says:—"Four days after leaving Montreal the passenger has skirted Lake Superior, crossed the incomparable prairies, passed through the Selkirks & the Rockies, Thompson & the Fraser, & traversed the reached the Western sea. There is no trip by railway equal to it, either for grandeur of scenery or luxury in travel. From a purely national point of view, the West should be seen by all Canadians who can manage to see it. Not until it is viewed personally can any one fully comprehend the greatness of our country, the variety & richness of its industries & its resources, & the splendour of the future that awaits it."

### Canadian Pacific Mileage.

By the recent additions to its mileage the C.P.R. has passed the 10,000 mile limit, & stands out pre-eminently as the greatest owner of mileage in America. The C.P. R. lines, of mileage in America. including trackage rights of 94 miles, now stand at 8,184 miles, to which are to be added the subsidiary lines it owns in the U.S., the Duluth, Lake Shore & Atlantic, 589 miles, including trackage rights of 17 miles; & the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie, 1,245 miles, a total of 10,018 miles. These figures will be further increased this year by branches under construction. other American lines having over 4,000 miles

### Fast Time on the G.T.R.

The G.T.R. passenger service, which has been steadily improving under the present management, has taken several strides for-

ward by the changes in the main line service, which went into effect last month, particulars of which are given on another page. The banner train is, of course, the International Limited, which, after securing connections from Portland & other eastern points, leaves Montreal at 9 a.m., reaching Toronto at 4.25 p.m., Detroit at 9.30 p.m., & Chicago at 7.30 a.m., or 23 hours 8 minutes for the 878.32 miles. A comparison of the net running time of this train with that of the Pennsylvania Limited, the most noted fast train between New York & Chicago, is considerably in favor of the International, its average running speed for the whole journey being 43 2-10 miles an hour, against 41½ for the Pennsylvania Limited. The cutting down of the journey between the two metropolitan cities of the Dominion to 7 hours 25 minutes is of great importance. The G.T.R.'s other new train, the Eastern Flyer, which leaves Toronto at 10.30 p.m., reaching Montreal at 7.30 a.m., is also a very important addition to the service. The officials under whose management the permanent way & the equipment have been so improved as to render the new time possible, undoubtedly deserve great credit for their foresight.

### The G.T.R. Management.

On returning from England recently General Manager Hays put a quietus on the silly rumors about his alleged retirement which have been going the rounds of the daily press. In answer to a question he said: "That rumor was started about a year ago. I think Toronto had the honor of giving it birth. I am happy to say that my relations with the board are eminently satisfactory, & have been from the beginning; you know how that fact was emphasized during the first year of my incumbency. I was never more agreeably & pleasantly situated; I have been treated with the utmost cordiality and consideration by the board; indeed, if I do not go more frequently to the other side, it is because there is a possibility of being killed by kindness. No; I remain in my present position.' While we never took any stock in the rumors mentioned & did not think them worth referring to it is very satisfactory to have an explicit denial of them. Mr. Hays' successful management of the G.T.R. is shown in the improvements in the physical condition of the lines, in the equipment, in the operation & in the financial results, & the fact that he is going to continue the management should be equally satisfactory to the Co.'s shareholders & to the Canadian public, both of whom benefit by his services.

### The Hudson's Bay Company.

"The Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay" is the oldest transportation company in British North America, its operations extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific & Arctic Oceans, & it must be borne in mind that the Co. rendered invaluable assistance to the early railway exploratory & survey parties, particularly to those in connection with the transcontinental line, & that it is still an important owner of steam & sailing vessels. Its continued prosperity shows that it is not only "ancient & honorable" but also vigorous & progressive. At the recent annual meeting a dividend of 15s. a share was declared as against 13s. for the previous year, & a bonus of 10s. as against 7s., making a total distribution of 25s. a share against 20s. last year. In addition £10,000 has been added to the reserve fund, making it £70,000, & £10,000 has been placed to the credit of the employes benefit fund, formed a year ago by the appropriation of a similar amount, while after making these increased payments the balance carried forward is £52,013, which is over £10,000 more than last year. Advance in the price of furs & increased receipts in the land department have contributed to these results,