

Railway and Traffic Matters.

The Canadian Northern Railway has adopted the 24-hour system in operating its trains.

It is stated that United States capitalists, including the Vanderbilts, have a scheme on foot to build another transcontinental road to compete with the C. P. R. The report comes from Sydney, Cape Breton, and does not command much attention.

Work on the two bridges over the Red River at Winnipeg is now nearly completed. The first of the piers to be constructed for the Canadian Northern Railway bridge running in to St. Boniface, and two for the C. P. R. The steel superstructure is going ahead rapidly on the bridge. Track laying commenced on the Forrest extension on the 3rd last with a track laying machine and a gang of seventy men. Grading on the forty-two miles is nearing completion, and every effort will be made to complete the track this season if possible. Hauls and other materials are arriving daily.

C. P. R. workmen have been starting from the cut-off near Ogilvie mill, Winnipeg to the new bridge at Point Douglas. A grade ten feet high will be made and the work on the sub-way on Higgins street will begin soon. The new run-off from the property at present occupied by Arthur Hutchings as a garden.

Nearly one thousand men are employed on the construction of the Republic and Grand Forks railway, connecting Grand Forks with the well-known, profitable, residential mining camp. Already one-third of the grading has been completed and track-laying will be commenced shortly. The end of the present year will probably see the road in operation.

Duties and national rates continue to characterize the New York ocean freight market, where quotations are as follows: Liverpool, 30d; Newcastle, 1d; Leth, 25d; Montreal, 2s; Hamburg, 30 pips; Rotterdam, 35c; London, 10d; Bristol, 15d; Hull, 2d; Antwerp, 14d; Genoa, for orders, nominal, 2s; packed peas, large tona, 1s 3d; extra, 10d; Liverpool, per 100 pounds, 10d; London, 10d, 9d.

It was stated in a Winnipeg daily paper this week that the C. P. R. elevators at Port William were nearly full of wheat and that the market was more than likely. The C. P. R. freight officials deny that there is any danger of a backward in the market. They say outside figures two million bushels of wheat in store, they claim that the total amount of wheat in grain and Port Arthur is about seven million bushels.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, in conjunction with the Rainy Navigation Company, that Portage, have made reductions in their rates from Winnipeg to points on Rainy River, Beaver Mills, Bonaventure, and Mine Centre, ranging from 7c cents to 20 cents per hundred, and are able to give the quickest service from Winnipeg to all points in the Rainy River and Rainy Lake country.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company are now receiving freight for the Rainy River section of their road, running between Rainy River, formerly known as Portage Mills, and Port Frances, embracing Ironwood, Stratton, Barwick, Emo and La Verre. A large amount of freight for Rainy River points which heretofore has been shipped via the C. P. R. and H. E. N. Co. to Port Frances, will now go via the direct all rail route. The difference in the freight rate on merchandise to Port Frances ranges from 45c to 20c per 100 pounds in favor of the all rail route, on a first five classes. Merchandise and other there are corresponding reductions to other points.

President Cook, of the Duluth, Virginia and Rainy River road, says that never has he known a time when laboring men who so scarce. Four hundred laborers are all his company have been able to secure so far for construction work and they are securing far and wide for 500 more, offering steady work for two years. This line is expected to reach Kenosha about next fall, and when completed will tap immense timber limits and at the same time open a new direct line to the International border from Duluth.

Export Fruit Shipments.

W. S. Stout, general superintendent of the Dominion Express Company, Toronto, was a guest at the Leland on his way to the Pacific coast, this week. While here, he impressed upon the company by the steady advance being made in Winnipeg's development and from all reports the fruit was keeping pace with the glowing predictions for its future made from time to time. His company is sharing in the success and had a splendid year's business. The Dominion Express Company was disappointed in doing everything possible in bringing in fruit at small expense to Manitoba from the eastern and western provinces. Much money has been spent in experimenting to secure the best possible car for this service. For some years the fresh air system had been adopted and while admitting of improvement was still superior to the refrigerator. The company would particularly like to see British Columbia fruit on the Manitoba market and every reasonable suggestion was cheerfully taken up.

Stocking Western Lakes With Sporting Fish.

For some years past the members of Parliament for Western Canada have been impressing upon the Dominion government the necessity of stocking the lakes along the C. P. R. line and in other parts of British Columbia with a sporting fish. This resulted in a trial shipment of black bass being transported from eastern Ontario to the refrigerator of Mr. F. H. Cunningham, inspector of fish hatcheries for the Dominion, assisted by Mr. William J. McFarlane, who is in charge of the white fish hatchery at Sandwich on the Detroit river, and by Mr. J. K. McFarlane, who is in charge of the bass pond situated on the Bay of Quinte. The shipment, consisting of thirty thousand black bass, contained about three thousand live black bass, left Ottawa on Tuesday, October 3, attached to the Imperial Limited. The car was fitted up with seventeen barrels on each side, which contained from two to six bass according to size. Fresh water was taken on at St. Mary, Wis., White River and Port William, and the long distance between the latter place and Calgary, during which no fresh water could be obtained, was overcome by a patent device which enabled the same amount of water to be pumped out injury to the fish. This device consisted of forcing oxygen from a tank into the water, which was forced by a pump and then distributed through the various barrels by hose. It was found that the bass weighing from two to seven pounds could be carried successfully as just previous to reaching Banff four of the largest bass succumbed owing to lack of food. There was no loss of bass varying in size from two to six inches, and, in fact, out of three thousand bass which left Ottawa the whole loss did not exceed twenty-five. These bass were distributed at Strath Lake, at Banff; Fox Devil's lake, and at Revelstoke for Christina lake, the balance being taken through to Victoria and deposited in the saltford and Florence lakes.

There can hardly be any question about the suitability of the water of the Territories and British Columbia for this species, as it is noticed that the water of the St. Marys water of Calgary and succeeding places was used a marked improvement in the fish became apparent and when Vancouver was reached they were just as healthy and lively as when taken from their original water in Belleville.

The officer in charge of the trial shipment reports the trip as being a very hard one, as it necessitated constant attention night and day in case fish became apparent and when Vancouver was reached they were just as healthy and lively as when taken from their original water in Belleville.

November 28 has been proclaimed a day of public thanksgiving throughout Canada for the bountiful harvest and other temporal mercies of the year.

The Minneapolis potato market weakened last week and there was a tendency to further lower prices. The carrot price at the end of the week was the per bushel.

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