

# Railway and Marine News.

THE Red Mountain Railway Bill has passed its second reading in the Dominion House

EMERY SEWELL'S new tug "Quidly" ran aground at Akerley Point, N.B., on her maiden trip up last month.

JAS. PLAYFAIR & Co. Collingwood, have bought the steam barge "W. B. Hall," for their lumbering business

THE C. P. R. is building a wharf at Rosebery, Man. When completed cars may be unloaded alongside the steamer

THE new R. & O. steamer "Hamilton" is now on her route between Montreal and Hamilton. She has 75 staterooms and is handsomely fitted up

JAMES BARNES, of Buctouche, who has the contract for the construction of the Central Railway from Chipman to Newcastle, is starting work this month.

THE tug "Lily," Capt. Ferris, and the schooner "Levuka," Capt. Fred Roberts, from Parrsboro, were both badly damaged by collision in St. John, N.B., harbor.

IT is the intention of mining capitalists to put steamers on the river near Ignace, Ont., to run between that place and the gold mines at the mouth of the Seine and Rainy Lake

CARTER BROS., Port Colborne, Ont., bought out the burned steamer "N. K. Fairbank" and her cargo for \$625. They pumped out the 50,000 bushels of corn cargo and sold it at 20c. a bushel.

LOCOMOTIVE engineers who secure the best speed with the least consumption of coal are now distinguished on the C. P. R. by neat printed cards fastened to the outside of their engine, and bearing the words, "Best Fuel Record."

THE Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Co., lessees of the London and Port Stanley Railway line, are negotiating for the steamer "A. J. Tyron" to sail between Port Stanley and Cleveland this summer.

THE Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company's steamer "Columbia" has been withdrawn from the Buffalo and Chippewa route, and transferred to Montreal as a spare boat for the St. Lawrence this summer.

ANDREW ONDERDONK has been at work for the past month with a large force of men on the Balsam Lake section of the Trent Valley Canal. This section is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles long. The work is in charge of Wm. Dennon, whose headquarters are at Kirkfield.

THE new Corliss valves put on the high pressure cylinder of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co.'s steamer "Montreal" have improved her speed, while at the same time lessening her consumption of coal by 14 tons on the round trip between Montreal and Quebec.

THE Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway is to be finished next summer to Parry Sound, where docks and terminal facilities will be built. Preparations are being made this summer for the new docks. Mr. Booth, the chief promoter of the line, is preparing to build large car shops for this road at Ottawa.

THE Upper Ottawa Improvement Company are to build during the coming autumn a new steel side wheel steamer to replace the "Monitor" on the route from Quio Boom to the head of Lachine Rapids. She will be 134 feet long by 20 feet beam, and will have a gross tonnage of 332 tons, the net tonnage being 209. She is to be used as a tug, and will be ready for next spring.

THE Thousand Island Transit Company is incorporated. Its object is the purchasing, hiring or building and operating one or more steam yachts or other vessels on the St. Lawrence river, for the transportation of passengers and baggage. The capital is \$6,000. The directors named for the first year are: William C. Browning, James H. Oliphant, Edward W. Dewey, Henry K. Heath, Daniel C. McEwen, William McEwen, Henry A. Laughlin, J. W. Jackson and William J. Townsend.

MR. PROVAND, M.P. for Blackfriars, Glasgow, and one of the directors of the Chignecto Marine Transport Railway, has returned to England. It is not known whether he has secured the consent of the Canadian Government for an extension of time to complete the enterprise. A difficulty has arisen as to the interpretation of "efficient working" of the railway. The company interprets the word "efficient" to mean simply having the railway completed and ready for traffic. The Government view is that it means the handling of a reasonable amount of traffic, and it is said the company will be required to carry a minimum amount of traffic, say, 1,000,000 tons of shipping annually, if the time is extended.

IT is reported that the G.T.R. divisional shops will be removed from Brockville and Belleville to Kingston, when the double track-ing is completed from Toronto to Montreal.

MIDLAND, Ont., is making preparation for the construction of a dry dock large enough to accommodate the largest vessel on the lakes. The dock will be 400 feet long, 16 feet deep, and 50 feet wide.

THE employees of the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway are said not to have received their wages for the past six months. The matter was brought up in the Dominion Parliament, with the result that a bill to protect railway employees is to be passed.

THE promoters of the Amherstburg and Lake Shore Railway have asked that the subsidy of \$3,200 that has been voted to that line be transferred to the Windsor, Amherstburg and Lake Erie Railway, which is to be built from Windsor to Amherstburg.

THE Milltown, N.B., and St. Stephen's Railway Co. are about to build the four and three-quarter miles of railway, and bridges to connect the Shore Line Railway with the St. Croix and Penobscot Railway. The company in order to gain the subsidy must begin work before August.

R. & T. JENKINS, of Toronto, on behalf of the company formed for the building of the Tilsonburg and Port Burwell Railway, have deposited the guarantee required and engineers are now laying out the route. Work is to be commenced about the 1st July, the line to be finished by the end of the year.

THE Peterboro' Navigation Company have elected the following officers for this year:—President, H. Calcutt; vice-president, T. E. Bradburn; secretary-treasurer, R. S. Davidson. The "City of Peterborough" this year will be in charge of Capt. Eden.

THE Upper Ottawa Improvement Co.'s towing steamer "Perley" was burnt to the water's edge on Chats Lake, on the 4th inst. The fire was caused by upsetting a lamp while the boat lay at anchor. The crew barely escaped with their lives. She was insured.

IT is said that when the Kaslo and Slocan Railway is completed, the Great Northern will build down the Kootenay River from Bonner's Ferry to the boundary, and that a line of steamers will be put on between Kaslo and the city that will spring up at the head of the lake, about 40 miles from Pilot Bay.

THE water in the Great Lakes is lower this year than for very many years past. The lower water in the St. Lawrence River and canals is causing difficulties with vessel owners, who are only able to take light cargoes. The water in Lake Ontario on the 6th June is 23 inches below the normal level, measured at Toronto.

THE new steamer "City of Toronto," designed and built by Capt. John Simpson, of Owen Sound, for the North Shore Navigation Company, was launched at that place on the 20th April. She is a side-wheeler, 162 feet long and 38 feet beam, and is intended for the Parry Sound route. She is commanded by Capt. A. Cameron. D. McQuade is chief engineer.

THE promoters of the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway have signed a contract with W. G. Reid and W. Phillips, Montreal, for the grading, track-laying and ballasting of 115 miles from Sorel to Point Levis. There are four heavy bridges to be built over the Richelieu, Yamaska, St. Francis and Nicolet Rivers, which it is said will cost \$100,000 each. There are also a number of smaller bridges, including one at Becancourt; some men are at work this month.

SURVEYORS have been at Hawkesbury, Ont., locating a site for a bridge over the Ottawa river for the new Great Northern Railway, which is to connect with the Canada Atlantic Railway at Hawkesbury. The Great Northern is the road that is to run from Quebec city through the northern counties of Quebec, and by connecting with the Canada Atlantic and Parry Sound Railways, divert the trade that now goes from the west by the C.P.R. to Quebec. The Great Northern is purely a Quebec company.

THE new steamer "McDonald," built this season at Collingwood for M. McDonald, merchant, of Blind River, has made her first trip. She has been built for the fish and passenger trade on the Georgian Bay, with Collingwood as her port of call. The boat is propelled by a fine, new, up-to-date compound condensing engine, by J. H. Killey, of Hamilton; this engine is highly spoken of by those interested in the boat. Collingwood is now headquarters for a number of large steamers, the last one built there, called the "Majestic," will soon be ready for her station, she is a very fine steamer and of great strength of hull.

THE convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers which is this year to be held in Quebec on the 26th and 27th June, promises to be a very successful one. There will be excursions and drives and a large crowd is expected from the States. W.