

way had increased 30% this year over the previous year.

St. Mary's River Ry.—Notice has been officially given that there has been deposited with the Secretary of State a mortgage deed dated July 2, 1903, given by the company to the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, securing an issue of bonds.

Shuswap and Okanagan Ry.—Net earnings for three months ended June 30, \$5,070, against \$3,262 for same period 1902. Net earnings for six months to June 30, \$8,377, against \$6,017 for same period 1902.

Tomisconata Ry.—Net earnings for Aug. \$65, making for eight months ended Aug. 31 net earnings of \$8,645.

Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry.—Gross earnings for Sept., \$54,579.08, against \$37,478.13 for Sept., 1902. Gross earnings for four months ended Sept. 30, \$186,698.32, against \$139,779.83 for same period 1902.

Toronto Railway Co.—Car earnings:

	1903.	1902.	Increase or Decrease
Jan.....	\$161,938.22	\$137,155.21	\$24,803.01+
Feb.....	146,539.17	127,981.01	18,558.16+
Mar.....	159,913.85	141,681.22	18,232.63+
April.....	162,276.36	132,546.56	29,729.80+
May.....	174,519.58	145,195.54	29,324.04+
June.....	177,593.21	131,865.85	45,727.36+
July.....	192,629.06	162,072.02	30,556.94+
Aug.....	185,822.45	164,764.57	21,057.88+
Sept.....	237,009.01	195,610.37	41,398.64+
	\$1,598,241.81	\$1,338,852.45	\$259,389.36+

White Pass and Yukon Ry.—Earnings for Aug. \$268,739; from Sept. 1 to 21, \$337,154. Gross earnings from July 1 to Sept. 21, \$821,893.

Payment of Customs Officers.

As a result of the representations made to the Dominion Government by the Dominion Marine Association an order-in-council has been passed rescinding the order-in-council of Dec. 2, 1895, and the temporary regulations of July 20, 1903, respecting extra service charges, and providing as follows:

Customs offices are to be kept open during days of business on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on other days of business from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., except as otherwise ordered by the Minister of Customs. These hours are to be prolonged so far as relates to the attendance and service of any particular officers or class of officers, without extra compensation to officers, whenever deemed by the Minister to be required by the necessities or interests of the public service. The usual and ordinary hours of service for outdoor officers of customs shall be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on all days of business—subject to change by order of the Minister.

The Minister of Customs may pay out of moneys available for the purpose, an overtime allowance to customs officers for services performed on holidays, or in excess of 10 hours per day on other days, when the salaries of the officers do not cover such services. The overtime allowance shall not exceed the rate or amount authorized in the regulations hereby repealed, except in special cases approved by the Minister.

The following services shall be deemed to be special customs services for which a reasonable compensation, as fixed from time to time by the Minister, shall be paid by the persons accommodated, to His Majesty, viz.: Services performed by a customs officer for which an overtime allowance is authorized to be paid, except as otherwise from time to time determined by the Minister. Services of a customs officer performed outside of Canada at the request of the railway companies or others accommodated. Services of a customs officer on board moving trains and vessels performed at the request of the railway companies or others accommodated. Such other customs service of a special character or class

as may be granted with the approval of the Minister on application of the persons or others accommodated.

Requests for customs special service and for service outside the usual business days and hours shall be presented to the proper officer in sufficient time to enable him to make arrangements for the attendance of the necessary officers to perform the service if approved and acceded to. The charge for customs special services shall be paid to the collector of the port having supervision of the service, who shall deposit all collections of charges for customs special services to the credit of the Receiver-General. All moneys arising from charges and fees for customs special services shall be available for the salaries and pay of customs officers for the year in which the special service has been performed.

Under the above order-in-council, railways, steamship companies and other vessel owners, until otherwise ordered, are exempt from payment of charges for the authorized attendance of customs officers at offices, stations and wharves in Canada on holidays and outside of regular hours, except on Sundays and attendance for local delivery of goods. Provided, however, that charges for special customs services shall be collected for services of customs officers in attendance on frontier highway bridges and ferries (not railway) during certain hours of the night, to be regulated by the collector subject to the approval of the Department, and on Sundays; provided, further, that the scale of charges for attendance of customs officers on sufferance warehouses shall be considered as held in abeyance for decision hereafter.

The expression "Customs holidays" is held to include: Sundays, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Christmas Day, Labor Day, Victoria Day, the birthday or the day fixed by proclamation for the celebration of the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, and any day appointed by proclamation of the Governor-General-in-Council for a general fast or thanksgiving.

The customs services heretofore authorized and classed as extra are to be continued until otherwise ordered.

The overtime of officers, in all cases, where authorized, will be paid by the Department from July 1, 1903. An account of the charges for special customs services is to be rendered by the collector to the company or person for whom the service has been granted. The collector shall deposit all collections of charges for special customs services to the credit of the Receiver-General.

The following rates are prescribed for officers' overtime and to be also observed in computing charges for special customs services, pending further instructions, viz.: East of British Columbia, for services on Sundays, not exceeding 3 hours, \$1.25; over 3 and up to 10 hours, \$2.50; per hour in excess of 10 hours, 25c.; for services on other days, 25 cents an hour. In British Columbia, for services on Sundays, not exceeding 3 hours, \$1.50; over 3 and up to 10 hours, \$3.00; per hour in excess of 10 hours, 30c.; for services on other days, 30 cents an hour. In Yukon Territory, for services on Sundays, not exceeding 3 hours, \$2.50; over 3 and up to 10 hours, \$5; per hour in excess of 10 hours, 50c.; for services on other days, 50 cents an hour. Provided that surveyors and acting surveyors may be allowed rates not exceeding double the rates above prescribed for services east of British Columbia. Provided also, as a general rule, that authorized overtime not exceeding two hours, rendered at one time, may be computed as two hours when the service is not performed immediately before or after the officers' regular hours; provided further, in respect of services for which a stated sum per month has been heretofore received, that the officers' overtime allowance for such service from July 1, 1903, shall not exceed such stated sum per month until otherwise ordered.

Grain Elevator Notes.

The new elevator at Point Edward, Ont., commenced receiving grain Sept. 22.

A dust collecting plant has been installed at the C.P.R. elevators at Fort William, Ont.

The machinery is being installed in the elevator under construction at Montreal for the Harbor Commission.

The Canadian Northern Ry. has announced that it is carrying the fire risk on grain stored in its elevator at Port Arthur, Ont.

The Montreal Harbor Commission has decided to construct grain conveyors from its new elevator to the King Edward and Alexandra piers, and to the shore wharf.

The Dominion Government proposes to erect grain elevators at Port Colborne, Ont., in connection with the extensive improvements now being carried out at the Lake Erie end of the Welland Canal.

F. Love, Superintendent of the elevator of the Goderich Elevator and Transit Co., at Goderich, Ont., was accidentally killed Oct. 19. He stepped on a slack rope, which suddenly tightened, jerking him between two revolving drums, and crushing him to death.

The Winnipeg Grain Exchange announces that the C.P.R. elevators A, B, C, D and E at Fort William, Ont., the Canadian Northern Ry. elevator and annex at Port Arthur, Ont., and the King elevator and annex have been declared "regular" by the council.

The Prescott Terminal Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies' Act to carry on a general elevator business, and to acquire the property of any elevator company. The capital is fixed at \$100,000, and the chief place of business is at Prescott, Ont. The provisional directors are: B. McLennan, G. M. Kinghorn, J. A. Cuttle, A. E. Ogilvie, F. Robertson, T. A. Crane, of Montreal. The property of the old Prescott Elevator Co. was handed over to the new company Oct. 1 on payment of \$28,000, the price at which the elevator building was sold at auction, and the other property, which was then unsold, was taken over by the new company at \$400. The original investment of the elevator was \$370,000, and the total amount realized by the sale of the effects in the liquidation proceedings was \$120,900.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.'s Fleets.

The ocean, lake and river fleets owned by the C.P.R. comprise 54 vessels of various sizes. Of these the names of 27 are registered on the books of the Dominion Department of Marine; one steamer building will be registered in Canada, and four others do not appear on the Canadian registry, while the remaining 22 are on the British registry in London, Eng. The list of vessels with their gross tonnage is appended:

	Gross Tonnage.
ATLANTIC SERVICE.	
Lake Manitoba.....	8,852
Lake Champlain.....	7,550
Lake Michigan.....	7,000
Lake Erie.....	7,550
Mount Temple.....	7,656
Montcalm.....	5,505
Montfort.....	5,481
Monteagle.....	5,498
Montrose.....	5,431
Montreal.....	7,000
Milwaukee.....	7,323
Mount Royal.....	8,747
Montezuma.....	7,343
Monmouth.....	4,078
	95,014
PACIFIC SERVICE.	
Empress of India.....	5,905
Empress of Japan.....	5,905
Empress of China.....	5,905
Tartar.....	4,425
Athenian.....	3,882
	26,022