

C. P. R. Telegraph Notes.

M. T. Quigley, of the C.P.R. Telegraph staff in Vancouver, has been appointed Local Manager of the Vancouver office, in place of T. W. Dowling, who has been given another position in the operating department.

Owing to the great increase in press matter created by the war now in progress, the different Montreal newspapers have deemed it necessary to have operators placed in their offices to receive the bulletins direct. Consequently the C.P.R. Telegraph Department is at present minus some of its expert machines.

The old cable between Vancouver & Nanaimo, which was taken up by the C.P.R. recently, after the laying of the new one, has been relaid by the Co. between Beachy Bay, Vancouver Island, & Port Crescent, Wash., where it connects with the Postal Telegraph lines. At the other end a short land line connects it from Beachy Bay to Victoria.

An exclusive contract has been made between the C.P.R. & the Lake Manitoba Ry. & Canal Co., for the interchange of telegraph business, under which all business originating on the latter Co's. line will be handed over to the C.P.R. at Portage la Prairie, Man., to which point the C.P.R. has built an additional wire from Winnipeg to handle this business.

Owing to the large increase in traffic on the Ontario & Quebec division of the C.P.R. the telegraph work of the operating department has increased to such an extent as to render additional facilities absolutely necessary. An additional wire is being strung from Montreal to Megantic & another one from Farnham via Montreal, Smith's Falls, Toronto & Schaw to Hamilton, Ont.

Very satisfactory progress is being made in stringing the C.P.R.'s copper wire between Montreal & Vancouver, about half of the total distance of 2,900 miles being already completed. The new wire is already in use between Ottawa & Sudbury & between Fort William & Winnipeg, & it is confidently expected that by the middle of June it will be working through from Montreal to Winnipeg. West of Winnipeg the pole line is being largely reconstructed, which is delaying the stringing of the wire. All but 6 car-loads of the wire, representing some 760 miles, have been shipped & the intention is to have the whole work completed through to Vancouver by about Aug 1. The rapidity with which this important work is being carried out reflects great credit on Electrician Camp & the several division superintendents through whose territory the line passes.

Telegraph Office Changes.**GREAT NORTH-WESTERN.**

OPENED.—Little Metis Lighthouse, Que.; Chaudiere Basin, Que.; Ahmic Harbor, Ont.; Muskoka Wharf, Ont.; Tobermoray, Ont.; Victoria, B.C.

CLOSED.—Avonmore, Ont.; Stonehaven, N.B.; Waupoos, Ont.

CANADIAN PACIFIC.

OPENED.—Bull's Head, N.W.T.; Altamont, Man.; Okotoks, Alta.; International Pier, N.S.; Garden River, Ont.; Leonard, Ont.; Margach, Ont.; Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.; Queenston, Ont.; Papineauville Station, Ont. CLOSED.—Oakville, Man.; West Lynne, Man.; Cutler, Ont.; Farran's Point, Ont.

The majority of people look upon it as a trivial offence to throw a stone at a telegraph wire, but under the new criminal code the penalty is 3 months, or \$50, & if you injure the wire or one of the glass insulators, the penalty is 2 years in a penitentiary.

EXPRESS.**The Dominion Company.**

This Co. announces the opening of a route on the C.P.R. between Slocan City & Slocan Jct., B.C., also on the entire Counties Ry. between Iberville & Henriville, Que. Routes have been reopened for the season of navigation on the Toronto, Port Dalhousie & St. Catharines Steamboat Line, the Bay of Quinte Steamboat Line, the Georgian Bay Transit Co., & the North Shore Navigation Co.

R. E. Helme has been appointed Route Agent, with headquarters at London, Ont., & will have charge of the following territory: Credit Valley Section of C.P.R. between Galt, Ont., & Detroit, Mich., inclusive, including Ingersoll Branch; Lake Erie & Detroit River Ry., including London & Port Stanley Division; Erie & Huron Ry., & the following stage routes: from Galt to Hespeler, from Galt to Waterloo, from Ayr to Brantford, & from St. Thomas to Aylmer.

H. Henderson has been appointed Acting Route Agent for the territory of New Brunswick & Nova Scotia, with headquarters at St. John, N.B., vice R. J. Smith, resigned.

W. J. Kirby has been appointed Acting Route Agent, with headquarters at Winnipeg, & has charge of the following territory: all offices on main line of C.P.R. between Fort William & Moose Jaw, inclusive; Gretna & Emerson, Stonewall, West Selkirk, Pembina, South-Western, Pipestone, Esteven, Pasqua & North Portal, & Prince Albert Branches: Manitoba & North-Western Ry., Lake Dauphin Ry., & G.N.-W. Central Ry.

A. Devitt, with headquarters removed to Revelstoke, B.C., has charge of the following territory: all offices on main line of C.P.R. west of Moose Jaw to Revelstoke inclusive; Lethbridge, Edmonton & Macleod Branches, & all offices in Kootenay District.

E. J. Millard having been assigned to other duties, A. W. Lee has been appointed Route Agent, with headquarters at Seattle, Wash., & will have charge of all offices in B.C. west of Revelstoke, & all offices in State of Washington.

Shipments to Yukon.—Until such time as some regular line of transportation is established and which has complied with the requirements of the Department of Customs, shipments cannot be forwarded "In Bond" beyond the terminal point or office of this Co. on the Pacific Coast.

The Co. has inaugurated a free collection & delivery system at Rat Portage, Ont.

The Western Express Co. has re-opened a route on the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Bessemer Branch, between Bessemer Jct. & Bessemer, Mich.

The Ontario Express & Transportation Co., which made such a sensational attempt to open up business over the G.T.R. a few years ago, by equipping & opening up some hundreds of offices all over Ontario, but which at the last moment was refused permission by the management of the G.T.R. to do business over its lines, has declared a first & final dividend of 12% on the amount of capital stock paid up.

On June 5 the Pacific Express Co. which operates on all lines of the Wabash & Missouri Pacific Systems in the southwest & on the Union Pacific System in the northwest to Portland, Ore., & beyond, having some 3,000 offices, extended its service over the Southern Division of the G.T.R., & is now handling business on Wabash trains running through Canada. Local agencies have been established at all points between Windsor & Niagara Falls, Ont., & Route Agent C. E. Johnson has been going over the route instructing the agents.

TELEPHONES.**Pelee Island Telephone Cable.**

The Government is about to relay the Pelee Island telephone cable. This time it will be placed east of Point Pelee bar out to the dummy light, where an instrument will be placed, thence south of the "middle ground" to Pelee Island light. Whether it will be landed at Brown's dock, on the east side of Pelee Island, & thence by land to the lighthouse, is not yet quite decided. This change in the cable will remove it from the anchorage off Point Pelee in Pigeon Bay, where it has often been broken & greatly strained by vessels dragging their anchors over it. It will give a much needed station at the dummy light, & lying south of the "middle ground" will be sheltered during winter from the drifting ice floes, which, driven by the westerly gales, grind over the reefs, wearing & twisting the cable on the rocky bottom.

Nova Scotia Telephone Co.

This Co. is completing a branch line of about 25 miles to establish communication between Halifax & the pilot stations at Chebucto Head Light & Sambro, with connections at Ferguson's Cove, Herring Cove, Portuguese Cove & Ketch Harbor. This line will prove of very great service to the shipping community in the vicinity of Halifax. The Co. is also planning extensions & improvements to its system in Pictou County. A metallic switch board is being constructed in Montreal for its New Glasgow exchange. A new switchboard is also to be placed in the Westville office, which will give the patrons a much better service than they now enjoy. A lot of new business has been secured in Pictou & important extensions of the lines are to be made in that town.

The Bell Telephone Co. has opened an office in Brownsville, Ont.

The Fort Wrangel & Glenora Telephone, Telegraph & Electric Lighting Co. has been incorporated, with headquarters in Wrangel.

The Metis Telephone Co., Metis, Que., has been incorporated with a capital of \$2,500, to build & operate a telephone line in the counties of Matane & Rimouski.

The Little Salmon River Telephone Co., Sussex, N.B., has been given supplementary letters patent to enable it to extend its lines into adjoining municipalities.

England is said to have only about 75,000 telephones in use, while Canada has about 40,000. Government control is said to hamper the use of the telephone in England. France has but 35,000, while Germany has 140,000, & the United States 900,000. Sweden has 50,000, & Switzerland 30,000. Little Denmark has 15,000.

The Pan Handle Ry. is putting in telephones at points where improvements are in progress & in this way furnishing a means for facilitating the movement of trains without the expense of telegraph operators, which has been the custom heretofore. This is only one of many cases in which the telephone is crowding out the telegraph.

The People's Telephone Co., of Windsor, Ont., has been incorporated, with power to operate a telephone system in Windsor, Walkerville & Sandwich, the provisional directors being R. H. Evans & L. S. Larabee, of Detroit, Mich., W. A. Fraser, of the Lansing, Mich., Telephone Co., A. H. Clarke, W. J. Pulling & W. J. McKee, M.L.A., Windsor.