

Freight and Passenger Traffic Notes.

The C.P.R. resumed service over the Outlook branch, Sask., Mar. 15.

The C.P.R. announced in Winnipeg, Mar. 15, that the entire system had been cleared from the effects of the Jan.-Feb. snowstorms.

The Canadian Northern Pacific Ry. was finally cleared for through traffic, Feb. 29, after the effects of the Jan.-Feb. snowstorms.

The Canadian Northern Ry. expect to inaugurate a daily train service between Toronto and Winnipeg, in connection with its transcontinental traffic, June 1.

The G.T.R. started, Mar. 15, running the 6.45 a.m. train from Rouse's Point, N.Y., to Montreal, and the 5.30 train from Montreal to Rouse's Point, via Itherville, Que.

The C.P.R. resumed its steamship service on Okanagan Lake, Mar. 13, which had been stopped on account of the severe weather at the end of January and early in February.

The C.P.R. upper lake steamships will, it is said, arrive at Port Arthur, Ont., during the coming navigation season, at 8 a.m., except the s.s. Manitoba, which will arrive Fridays at 3 p.m.

The Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Ry. announced Mar. 16 that it would give the same freight rates as the other companies from its territory for the spring horse show, April 4 to 8.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. announces that its steamship, Prince John, will leave Prince Rupert for Skagway every Thursday at noon, returning therefrom every Sunday at 1 p.m., from Mar. 30 to June 8.

The Intercolonial Ry. has discontinued temporarily, the Ocean Limited train between Halifax and Montreal. The last trip eastward from Montreal was on Mar. 7, and the last trip westward from Halifax was Mar. 8.

Petrograd, Russia, press dispatch, Mar. 10: "The Minister of Ways and Communications has announced plans for promoting direct freight trade facilities between Russia and Canada by way of Vladivostok, Siberia, and Victoria, B.C."

The Canadian Northern Ry., according to a Port Arthur press report, is arranging to open up the Lake Nipigon district for tourist purposes. It is proposed to erect a fishermen's lodge on the lake, to accommodate parties up to 20, for which camp equipment will be supplied from the Port Arthur Hotel.

In addition to the regular standard, tourist and observation car service, the C.P.R. inaugurated on Mar. 22 a new tourist car service between Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton, for the benefit of homeseekers leaving Winnipeg, Thursdays and returning Tuesdays. It will be continued until Oct. 31.

It was reported in Vancouver, Mar. 17, that the Pacific Great Eastern Ry. had been opened for traffic from Squamish to Cheakamus Canyon, B.C., 19 miles, and that the clearing of the track thence to Clinton, mileage 146 from Squamish, was being proceeded with. The railway became blocked in the first snowstorm at the end of January.

To make freight rates east of Levis, Que., uniform with those in effect west thereof and on the National Transcontinental Ry. west of Moncton, the mileage tariff rate on the Intercolonial east of Levis on certain forest products for local consumption, short haul has been raised,

as follows: Distance over 5 to 80 miles, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per 100 lbs.; over 80 to 90 miles, $\frac{3}{4}$ cent per 100 lbs.; over 90 to 100 miles, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per 100 lbs.

The Intercolonial Ry., the Prince Edward Island Ry., the New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island Ry., the International Ry. of New Brunswick, the St. John & Quebec Ry., and the National Transcontinental Ry. being Canadian Government railways, only one coupon is required in ticketing to any point thereon, except in the case of the P.E.I. Ry., where a separate coupon is required for the steamship

connection from Point du Chene to Summerside or from Pictou to Charlottetown.

An arrangement has been made by which farm laborers can travel on Canadian lines between Winnipeg and Kingsgate, B.C., at a 1c a mile rate. The special rate came into effect Mar. 20 and will be continued to May 15. No tickets will be sold for less than \$2. This arrangement was made, it was stated in the House of Commons, Mar. 20, in connection with a campaign inaugurated by the Interior Department to secure farm laborers from the United States.

Grain in Store at Terminal Elevators, Interior Terminal Elevators and at Public Elevators in the East.

Week ending Mar. 10, 1916.	Wheat. bushels.	Oats. bushels.	Barley. bushels.	Flax bushels.	Totals. bushels.
Port William—					
C.P.R.	4,356,478	892,828	386,770		5,636,076
Consolidated Elevator Co.	1,262,508	293,227	45,963	96,463	1,698,161
Empire Elevator Co.	1,691,212	493,195	128,285	188,620	2,501,312
Ogilvie Flour Mills Co.	1,294,009	139,469	77,589		1,511,067
Western Terminal Elevator Co.	1,444,483	292,234	42,151	137,728	1,916,596
G. T. Pacific	3,519,043	2,198,963	143,920	118,225	5,980,151
Grain Growers' Grain Co.	1,616,431	532,431	183,853		2,332,715
Port William Elevator Co.	1,036,502	340,708	46,945	25,998	1,450,153
Eastern Terminal Elevator Co.	947,841	225,411	56,785		1,230,037
Port Arthur—					
Port Arthur Elevator Co.	4,829,982	2,174,969	401,089	101,642	7,507,682
D. Horn & Co.	185,988	137,705	21,624	184,008	529,275
Dominion Government Elevator	1,840,675	971,552	122,384	85,112	3,019,723
Grain afloat.	2,425,386	974,311			3,399,697
Total Terminal Elevators	26,450,488	9,667,003	1,657,358	937,796	38,712,645
Calgary Dom. Govt. Elev.	71,646	157,341	7,057	x 1,174	237,218
Saskatoon Dom. Govt. Elev.	1,923,635	457,846	30,977		2,453,008
Moose Jaw Dom. Govt. Elev.	1,900,000	318,000	16,000		2,234,000
Total Interior Terminal Elevators.	3,895,281	933,187	54,034	x 1,174	4,963,253
Depot Harbor.	26,309			79,577	26,309
Midland—					
Aberdeen Elevator Co.	251,084	134,702			385,786
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Tiffin, G.T.P.	600,239	572,385	189		1,172,813
Port McNicoll	1,685,527	106,288			1,791,815
Collingwood					
Goderich Elevator & Transit Co.	376,803	58,310			435,113
Kingston—					
Montreal Transportation Co.					
Commercial Elevator Co.					
Port Colborne.	305,290	587,101		8,920	901,311
Prescott					
Montreal—					
Harbor Commissioners No. 1	221,410				221,410
Harbor Commissioners No. 2	316,628	368,654	128,560		813,842
Montreal Warehousing Co.	321,722	972,802	1,391		1,295,915
Quebec Harbor Commissioners	91,947	45,899	5,720		143,566
West St. John, N.B.	393,765	205,554	60,058		659,377
Halifax, N.S.					
Total Public Elevators.	4,654,528	3,197,365	195,918	8,920	8,056,731
Total Quantity in Store	35,000,297	13,797,555	1,907,310	x 1,174	51,732,629
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Military Railway Construction.—London, Eng., cablegram, Mar. 1: "A letter signed 'British Railwayman,' given prominence by the Times says that the lack of light railways at the front is hampering military operations. The writer thinks the the probable obstacle to the remedying of this condition is the shortage of rails and rolling stock, but suggests that the Canadians might help." His assertion that numerous plants for railway construction in Canada are lying idle is denied by Canadian railway officials. The latter also say that the British Government has constructed several lines in which the Canadian Overseas Railway Corps has helped.

G.T.R. employees in military service.—At the commencement of the war, the G.T.R. allowed six months full pay to its employees volunteering. To Dec. 31, 1915, the amount thus paid totalled, for the G.T.R. and G.T.P.R., \$680,000, and the present monthly payroll for the same purpose is \$62,500. It has since been decided to discontinue this method and to contribute \$10,000 monthly to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Charges Against C.P.R. Conductors.—Six conductors and three outside men were committed for trial at Ottawa, Ont., Mar. 12, on charges of theft and conspiracy to defraud the C.P.R. The men charged are S. Alexander, C. A. Merriam, M. Baker, R. T. Carter, H. Dunham, C. A. Dunham and F. Nelson, conductors, and C. Borts, H. Merson and A. Pinero. It is alleged that tickets collected from passengers were resold to other parties at reduced rates, the transactions taking place at Ottawa and on the run between Ottawa and Montreal. All the men charged have since been found not guilty and acquitted.

G.T.R. conductor committed.—Wm. Neil, Niagara Falls, Ont., a G.T.R. conductor, who was on the Niagara Falls-Sarnia run, was committed for trial at Hamilton, Ont., Mar. 20, on the charge of stealing \$9 from the company. A detective, testified that he gave the conductor \$9 for fare for himself and two companions, and an official swore that the conductor had not made a return of the money on the day in question. Defence was reserved for the higher court.