

Firebox boiler, 15 in. long, cylindrical part, 8 ft. 6 in., diameter, working pressure, 140 lbs., for the Goderich Engine Works. Mosher boiler, 4 ft. 8 in. long, working pressure, 225 lbs., to replace a smaller boiler on T. Eaton's launch, Muskoka lakes. Machinery outfit for a 1 1/4 yd. marl dipper dredge, consisting of a pair of 10 by 12 high pressure engines.

### Among the Express Companies.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has moved from the C.P.R. offices at Halifax, N.S., to its new offices on Granville st.

R. B. Colwell, heretofore cashier of the Dominion Ex. Co. at St. John, N.B., has been appointed agent for the Co., at Halifax, N.S.

Navigation to Cape Nome, Alaska, reopened in April, and the Alaska Pacific Ex. Co. is again handling business to that territory.

W. A. Hart, heretofore chief clerk of the Canadian Ex. Co. at Halifax, N.S., has been appointed cashier in the Halifax office of the Dominion Ex. Co.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has moved into its new offices on King St., St. John, N.B. Extensive alterations have been made in the premises to fit them for the Co.'s business.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened a route on the Grand Forks and Republic Ry. (Kettle Valley Lines), with offices at Curlew, Danville, Lambert, Republic, and Summit, Wash.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened offices at Dearin's Spur, Haslem's Siding, and Winlow's Siding, B.C.; Arrow river, Man.; Crosby, Rockliffe, and Ryerson, Ont.; Quebec Southern Jct., Que.

G. H. McLeod, heretofore cashier of the Great Northern Ex. Co., at Seattle, Wash., has been appointed agent of the Alaska Pacific Ex. Co. at Skagway, Alaska, succeeding E. W. Gideon, resigned.

The American Express Co. has extended its service over the Quebec Southern Ry. between Noyan and Quebec Southern Jct., from which portion of the Q.S.R. the Dominion Express Co. recently withdrew.

J. N. Whitehead, formerly Dominion Ex. Co.'s messenger running between Toronto and Montreal, has succeeded D. J. McFeggan as agent at Parkdale, Mr. McFeggan having been appointed acting Route Agent.

The Alaska-Pacific Ex. Co. gives notice that navigation on the Yukon will open about June 1, and that express matter for Dawson and other river points via Skagway will make quick time. Rates have been reduced materially.

The Dominion Ex. Co. recently handled an express train of nine cars of fresh halibut, one car of canned salmon and one car of hops from Vancouver, B.C., to Boston, Mass. This is the largest single shipment of fresh fish that has ever left the Pacific coast.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has withdrawn its service from the portion of the Quebec Southern Ry. between Quebec Southern Jct. and Noyan Jct., and now transfers express matter to the Q.S.R. Co.'s freight department at Quebec Southern Jct. The Dominion Ex. Co. still operates over the Q.S.R. between Quebec Southern Jct. and Sorel.

D. J. McFeggan has been appointed acting Route Agent of the Dominion Ex. Co. with headquarters at Smith's Falls, Ont. He will relieve G. W. Liddle of, and have charge of, the following territory: all offices on C.P.R. in Ontario Division from Toronto to Green Valley, Ont.; Ottawa to Brockville, Prescott and St. Eugene, Ont.; all offices on Central

Ontario Ry., Kingston and Pembroke Ry., Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie Ry., Bay of Quinte Ry.; offices on Bay of Quinte boat routes; and following stage routes: Green Valley and Alexandria, Ivanhoe and Belleville, Havelock and Campbellford, Norwood and Warkworth, Myrtle and Oshawa.

### Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The Dominion Government telegraph line is to be extended to the Skeena river, B.C., near the Aberdeen cannery.

It is reported that the new owners of the Quebec Southern Ry. will construct and operate a telegraph line along it.

The C.P.R. Co.'s Telegraph is not about to be extended from North Sydney to Sydney Mines, N.S., as recently stated in daily press reports.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. has recently strung an additional copper wire from St. John, N.B., to New Glasgow, N.S., to give increased facilities for the Cape Breton business.

A. M. MacKay, who is connected with the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. at St. John's, Nfld., and who was the first Canadian to copy messages by sound, recently celebrated his 68th birthday.

The C.P.R. Co.'s Telegraph has just completed a wire from Nelson, B.C., to Winnipeg, Man., for commercial purposes. The Co. contemplates making considerable additions to its lines in the Kootenay and Yale districts.

The new telegraph line to Murray, N.S., has been completed, and the office opened. This is an extension of the Dominion Government telegraph lines in Cape Breton. It connects with the Meat Cove line at Barrasois and is eight miles long.

The Dominion Department of Public Works has under consideration the construction of a telegraph line from St. Peters to Minadieu, N.S., with a cable connection to Scatarie island, and a line about 35 miles in length between Gabarus and North Sydney, N.S.

The rates for telegrams on the C.P.R. Co.'s Telegraph from Winnipeg, Man., and Port Arthur, Ont., to all points in Ontario and Quebec has been reduced from 75c. to 50c. for 10 words, and 4c. for each additional word, day rate, and to 40c. for 10 words, and 3c. for each additional word, night rate.

A bill recently introduced by the Government dealing with telephones and telegraphs, was discussed in the House of Commons and withdrawn, but will be reintroduced next year. So far as telegraph companies were affected the bill provided for the consolidation of the law now in force, and for the control of the rates by the railway committee of the Privy Council.

W. Mackenzie, D. D. Mann, Z. A. Lash, E. W. McNeill, Toronto; and R. J. Mackenzie, of Winnipeg, are applying at the current session of the Dominion Parliament for an act incorporating the Canadian Northern Telegraph Co. to construct telegraph lines anywhere in Canada, or to acquire lines already constructed. The capital of the Co. is proposed to be fixed at \$5,000,000.

The all-Canadian telegraph line to the Maritime Provinces now being strung by the C.P.R. Co.'s Telegraph is expected to be completed this summer. The line has already been constructed from Montreal to Quebec, and from Woodstock to St. John, N.B. The route of the portion to be constructed is from Quebec to Levis, thence following the I.C.R. to Riviere du Loup, then following the Tem-

iscouata Ry. to Edmundston, and on to Woodstock.

The all-British Pacific cable has been laid between Australia and New Zealand, and preparations are being made for the laying of the section to Fanning island. At this point about \$125,000 is being expended on buildings and equipment. The Colonia, which will lay the long section between Vancouver island and Fanning island is being fitted out at Newcastle, Eng., where she was launched in Feb. She is the biggest cable steamer in the world, being 500 ft. long, with a capacity of 10,000 tons.

The Dominion Minister of Public Works, in the course of a recent debate in the House of Commons on telegraph facilities in Prince Edward Island, said that the people there had a grievance, and he would see what could be done with the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. when he was in England during the summer. If that Co. would not give improved facilities the Government system might very well be extended, and something might be done with wireless telegraphy under the Marconi agreement.

The Governor of Newfoundland, in his speech at the opening of the Legislature, said: "The government telegraph lines were taken over from the contractor in Oct. and placed under the control of the Post Office Department. My ministers hoped to have been able to arrange with the Anglo-American Telegraph Co., for the erection of a Government line between St. John's and Whitbourne, thus completing the connection of the government system of telegraphs, but I regret to state that the Co. has expressed its inability to meet this desire."

The estimates for the year ending June 30, 1903, passed by the Dominion Parliament provide for the expenditure of the following sums on capital account: to improve roadways and increase operating facilities on the St. Lawrence lines, east of Godbout, \$1,000; for the Alberni-Clohoquo line, B.C., \$2,500; and for a line from Golden to Windermere, B.C., \$1,500. The following amounts chargeable to revenue were also voted: line between Prince Edward Island and mainland, \$2,000; lines in Maritime Provinces, St. Lawrence, Belle Isle cable, and wireless telegraph system at Belle Isle, \$70,000; lines in North-West Territories, \$20,000; lines in B.C., \$15,000; Ashcroft-Dawson line, \$87,500; telegraph service generally, \$2,500.

The Commercial Cable Co.'s report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1901, is as follows:

|                           | 1901.       | Increase. |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Gross earnings.....       | \$3,371,063 | \$74,913  |
| Expenses .....            | 1,111,166   | 94,683    |
| Net .....                 | \$2,259,897 | \$19,770  |
| Bond interest .....       | 783,694     | 63,694    |
| Balance .....             | \$1,476,203 | \$83,464  |
| 8 per cent. dividend..... | 1,066,664   | .....     |
| Balance .....             | \$409,537   | \$83,464  |
| Previous surplus.....     | 221,066     | *7,997    |
| Total .....               | \$630,603   | \$90,463  |
| Reserve fund .....        | 500,000     | .....     |
| Surplus .....             | \$130,603   | *\$90,463 |

\* Decrease.

Gross earnings as above include the gross of cable and the net earnings of land lines, while the expenses are of the cable lines only. The general balance sheet shows: Assets—Cables, land lines, electric plant, office fixtures, etc., etc., \$35,539,220; supplies on hand, \$352,714; patent rights, \$564; investments in stocks and bonds \$4,449,796; sundry debtors, \$733,688; cash in hands of agents, \$88,909; cash in banks, \$675,745; total, \$41,840,638. Liabilities—Capital stock, \$13,330,300; bonds, \$20,000,000; credit balances, \$649,050; dividend, \$366,665; revenue applied for extension of cables prior to 1895, \$2,250,000; reserve fund,