

which the Canadian Express Co. now operates the express service, and having entered into a contract with the American Railway Express Co. giving that company the exclusive privileges of conducting express service thereon, effective July 1, 1918, the offices of the Canadian Express Co. in the states named will be closed at midnight June 30. On July 1, the express operations will be carried on by and in the name of the American Railway Express Co. Suitable instructions will be issued by the officers of that company as soon as possible. Meanwhile, until such instructions have been received, the present employes of the Canadian Co. will continue to perform their duties as usual, using the present books and forms until new ones have been supplied.

The Canadian Express Co.'s accounts must be balanced and closed as of June 30, and new accounts or books started for the new company July 1. All equipment and office supplies are to be transferred to the American Railway Express Co. on July 1. Agents will make a special list of all undelivered goods on hand at midnight June 30, showing charges thereon, and send same to the superintendent.

At Buffalo, N.Y., Suspension Bridge, N.Y., Port Huron, Mich., and Detroit, Mich., where the Canadian Express Co. has heretofore been operated jointly with the American Express Co. or National Express Co., the offices will on, and after July 1, become exclusive offices of the American Railway Express Co.

The management of the Canadian Express Co. desires to take this opportunity of thanking its employes in the states named for their services, and to bespeak for the new company their co-operation.

### The Western Express Co. and U.S. Business.

The Western Express Co., which is owned by the Dominion Ex. Co. and which carries on express business on C.P.R. controlled lines in the U.S., has issued the following circular to employes:—

It is the wish of the Director General of Railroads that there shall be in the U.S., during the period of federal control of railroads, but one express company. To accommodate that wish, the Western Ex. Co. will, at the close of business on June 30, retire from the express transportation business for the period of federal control of railroads. A new express company will be organized, which will, as the Agent of the Director General of Railroads, transact the express business upon all the railroads in the U.S., commencing July 1. The management of the Western Ex. Co. has agreed with the management of the new express company to promote, in every way possible, the employment by the new company of the employes of the Western Ex. Co. It is understood that Western Ex. Co. employes accepting employment with the new company will retain their service records for participation in the pension system of the new company. The details of the transfer of the business and of the property will be set forth in a subsequent circular. The management of the Western Ex. Co. gratefully acknowledges your loyal support and co-operation which has enabled the company to establish a reputation for efficiency and fair dealing. The management has provided for employment by the new company of all employes wishing to accept such employment. The management hopes you will accept employment with the new company and that you will accord to the Director General through the new company, that same de-

gree of efficiency and that wonderful spirit of loyalty which the Western Ex. Co. has enjoyed, to the end that the public may be properly served and the desires of the Government may be fully realized.

We are officially advised that the above does not apply to Maine and Vermont, where the Western Ex. Co. will continue to operate over C.P.R. lines in Maine and Vermont, as hitherto.

### Among the Express Companies.

Canadian Ex. Co. employes are stated to have been granted an increase in wages, and a new time schedule. The new graded scale of pay is said to be \$100 a month after 5 years service.

The Board of Railway Commissioners has extended the express collection and delivery limits at Rossland, B.C., to include the nortion on Earl St. from Fourth Ave. to the West Kootenay Power & Light Co.'s works.

A press dispatch from Washington, D.C., states that the operation of eight interstate express companies for January, resulted in a deficit of \$1,637,757. One company, the Southern Ex. Co., showed a profit, the operating income being \$89,630. The largest deficit was that of the American Ex. Co., \$752,645.

### Telegraph, Telephone and Cable Matters.

The Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents is included in the list of associations which have been disapproved by the U.S. Railroad Administration, and for which no expenditures are permitted by any railway without special authority.

A board of conciliation has been appointed to deal with wages and working conditions of C.P.R. commercial telegraphers. Judge Scott, Perth, Ont., is chairman, N. W. Tilley, K.C., represents the company, and D. Campbell, Regina, Sask., the men.

The U.S. President has, by proclamation, taken over the operation of all telegraph and telephone lines throughout the U.S., as from July 31, and has placed them under the Postmaster General's control. Wireless telegraph and cable lines are not included.

The Great North Western Telegraph Co. has deposited plans, etc., with the Public Works Department, for laying and landing a submarine telegraph cable in the Straits of Juan de Fuca, the proposed landing being at the foot of Douglas St., Victoria, B.C.

M. H. Clapp, Superintendent of Telegraph, Northern Pacific Ry., St. Paul, Minn., and President of the Association of Railway Telegraph Superintendents, has been appointed Manager of the Telegraph Section of the U.S. Railroad Administration, reporting to C. R. Gray, Director of Operation, with office at Washington, D.C.

The Great North Western Telegraph Co. has opened offices at Grand Anse, N.B.; Abenakis Springs, Little Metis Beach, Manoir Richelieu, Perthuis station, Pointe au Pic and Woodlands, Que.; Bala Park, Chaffey's Locks, Dunnville, Dwight, Lake Joseph, Sellwood and Sparrow Lake, Ont.; and Alberta Beach, Alta.; and has closed its offices at Les Eboulements wharf, Que., Atherley, Ont., and Durban and Langruth, Man.

A few weeks ago certain charges were preferred against two operators employed by the Great North Western Telegraph Co. at Toronto, alleging wrongful use of the company's wires in connection with horse racing news. These men were ac-

quitted of fraud in the local court, but the company dismissed them. The telegraphers' union intervened and demanded that the men be reinstated, eventually serving the company with notice that unless they were unconditionally reinstated, a general strike of the employes would occur at 10 a.m., July 16. After some negotiations, the matter was adjusted by the re-employment of the men, and a strike was averted.

The Dominion Telegraph Co.'s 49th annual meeting was held at Toronto, July 10, when the report for the year ended June 30 was adopted. It was announced that payment had been made quarterly in advance, for the past 39 years, of the guaranteed interest at 6%, on the company's capital stock, by the lessees, the Western Union Telegraph Co., the lease being for 99 years from July 1, 1879. The assets are given as \$1,309,720.82, and the liabilities as \$1,017,490.10, the balance at credit of profit and loss being \$292,230.72. The directors for this year are: Sir Henry M. Pellatt, President; Aemilius Jarvis, Vice President; F. Roper, Secretary and Treasurer; G. W. E. Atkins, R. C. Clowry, E. Y. Gallaher, Sir John M. Gibson, and C. O'Reilly.

### Trade and Supply Notes.

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Johnson & Higgins.—P. L. Roberts has been appointed Manager, Montreal Branch, Johnson & Higgins, average adjusters and insurance brokers, New York, with office in Board of Trade Building, Montreal.

The Canadian Ingersoll-Rand Co. has issued a catalogue of direct lift vertical air hoists, giving complete details, with illustrations, of the different types of valve used for various classes of work up to 5 tons capacity, the dust proof single acting, the dust proof air balanced, and the dust proof double acting. Complete tables are given, including one of the free air consumption of the hoists.

The Ohio Brass Co. has issued a booklet, "Guarding the Grade Crossings," which describes the national trolley guard, which consists of a wire mesh formed into an inverted trough mounted above the trolley wire. Among the illustrations are views showing installations on the Hull Electric Co.'s railway, London St. Ry., Sudbury-Copper Cliff Suburban Electric Ry., Toronto & York Radial Ry. and Toronto Ry.

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