

Province of Quebec Marine.

The Shipping Federation of Canada has established a branch office at Quebec.

A press report states that two fire boats are to be provided for Montreal harbor. The local shipping interests have been pressing for such for several years.

The Sincennes McNaughton Line, Ltd., has been granted supplementary letters patent increasing its capital stock from \$250,000 to \$750,000, in shares of \$50 each.

F. St. Louis, one of the oldest captains on the St. Lawrence River, died at Montreal recently, aged 89. He was in the R. & O.N. Co.'s employ for 58 years, and latterly had charge of the steamboat Three Rivers.

The amount distributed by the shipping companies operating at Montreal, to the longshoremen, as bonus in accordance with the agreements for service for the last season, was about \$50,000. The average bonus paid was \$30.

The city of Quebec has given notice of an application to the Provincial Legislature for amendments to its charter of incorporation, providing authority to operate a ferry system across the St. Lawrence River between Quebec and Levis, to borrow money for that object and for other purposes.

The list of coast, lake and river officers for the current year, given on another page, contains the s.s. Restigouche, owned by Bouchard Bros., Quebec. We are advised that the name of this vessel is to be changed to either Lady of Gaspe or Prince Edward, prior to the opening of navigation.

An order-in-council was passed Mar. 6, amending the Montreal Pilotage District by-law 44, by adding the following paragraph: "Provided, however, that vessels coming into the harbor of Montreal by way of the Lachine Rapids shall be exempt from pilotage dues on entering the harbor."

The Department of Marine has given instructions to the operators of the various wireless telegraph systems under its control that they will communicate to passing vessels equipped with wireless apparatus any information, not already published, respecting changes in aids to navigation on the routes such vessels are taking, and also, if requested, information as to the weather conditions prevailing during the previous 24 hours.

The Yale Shipping Co., Ltd., has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act, with a capital of \$33,000 and office at Montreal, to own and operate steam and other vessels, and to carry on the business of common carriers, within and without the Dominion. The provisional directors are: C. A. McCollough, New York, N.Y.; N. M. Ward, Orange, N.J.; W. A. Taft, Arlington, Mass.; G. I. Dewar, Ottawa.

Ship Pass of Balmaha Co., Ltd., has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act, with a capital of \$36,000 and office at Montreal, to own and operate steam and other vessels, and to carry on the business of ship owners and common carriers within and without the Dominion. The provisional directors are: C. A. McCollough, New York; N. M. Ward, Orange, N.J.; W. A. Taft, Arlington, Mass.; G. I. Dewar, Ottawa.

The Dominion Barging Co., Ltd., has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act, with a capital of \$75,000 and office at Lachine, Que., to build, purchase or otherwise acquire, and to operate tugs, barges and other vessels for the towage and conveyance of merchandise by water, and to carry on a general forwarding, warehousing and wharfing business. The provisional directors are: P. Johnson, A. J. Brown, F. G. Bush, Montreal; W. Beadie and J. McLaughlin, Lachine, Que.

The Pacific Pass Coal Fields, Ltd., has been incorporated under the Dominion

Companies Act, with a capital of \$5,000,000 and office at Montreal, to acquire interest in coal and other mines, and mining rights, etc., and in connection therewith to own and operate steam and other vessels, wharves, docks, etc. The provisional directors are: A. H. Cook, J. G. Scott, V. Boswell, G. E. Amyot, J. T. Ross, A. E. Doucet, Quebec, Que.; E. B. Greenshields, Montreal; A. de Bernis and R. Brutinel, Edmonton, Alta.

The question of constructing a dry dock at Quebec has received a fresh impetus by the recent receipt of a letter from Sir Thos. G. Shaughnessy, President C.P.R., by J. G. Scott, and which was read at a recent meeting of the Quebec Board of Trade, in which he said: "I quite agree with your views about a suitable graving dock either at Quebec or Montreal. No doubt Quebec would be the better place, because I imagine that the large passenger ships of the future will wish to make Quebec their terminus."

In connection with the Richelieu River improvements the Department of Public Works has opened an office at St. John's, Que. The work to be done consists of dredging, blasting and the construction of a movable dam, and there has been expended to date on the work \$18,918.97. P. Paradis was engineer in charge. Tenders were asked, Feb. 8, for the construction of two centre hopper dumping scows, for the purpose of replacing worn-out scows as tenders for the dredge Richelieu. The contract for their construction has not been awarded.

The National Navigation Co., Ltd., has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act, with a capital of \$300,000 and office at Quebec, Que., to build, repair, purchase, sell and navigate vessels of all descriptions; to float and raise sunken or wrecked vessels; to enter into contracts for the towing and salvage of vessels, and generally to engage in the business of common carriers on land and water. The provisional directors are: I. Montreuil, S. Martel, N. Mercier, J. A. Guerard, T. Gagnon, J. A. Fafard, and J. Cote, all of Quebec.

C. C. Ballantyne and L. E. Geoffrion, of the Montreal Harbor Commission, were in consultation with the Minister of Marine, Mar. 9, in relation to the proposed improvements to the harbor for the current year. Four sheds on the Jacques Cartier pier will be equipped with grain conveyors, and another marine leg will be added to the grain elevator. Electric transporters, designed by the Chief Engineer for handling cargo from ship to shed, or to vehicles, will be installed for the upper storeys of sheds 2 and 7, on trial; and in the meantime the upper storeys of all the other sheds are being equipped with wooden chutes. The plan of improvements, which is intended to be spread over the next 25 years, is under consideration, and it is expected that the Chief Engineer's specifications, etc., will be ready by May 1.

Ontario and the Great Lakes.

J. P. Healy has been appointed Government wharfinger at Rossport, Ont.

The Railways and Canals Department received, Mar. 23, tenders for stone protection on Summit Level, on the Welland Canal.

Burnet and Simpson, Birdsall, are having built a steamboat on Rice Lake. The machinery is being built at the Doty Engine Works, Goderich.

The Great Lakes Steamship Co., Ltd., of Toronto, is reported to be in negotiation for the construction of one or more steamers for delivery next spring.

The Lehigh Portland Cement Co., of Belleville, which operated the s.s. Salaberry last year, will not have any vessels in service during the current year.

F. Mills, Beaumaris, is building a steamboat for operation during this season, the machinery for which is being supplied by the Doty Engine Works Co., Goderich.

The C.P.R. is reported to be arranging for a canoe service to the Gowganda mining district, from Biscop, near Sudbury, to start as soon as river navigation is open.

The Lemcke Tug Co., Ltd., Lion's Head, Ont., owners of the tug W. E. Gladstone, which was wrecked in the fall, will not replace her for the forthcoming season.

The Minister of Public Works, in response to a question in the House of Commons, Mar. 11, said that the question of taking over Whitby harbor was under consideration.

The contract for the new boilers to be supplied to the Dominion Public Works Department's dredge Assiniboine has been awarded to the Doty Engine Works Co., Goderich.

The Inland Revenue Department received tenders, Mar. 29, for the privilege of ferrying across Lake Temiskaming, between Old Mission, Que., and Old Fort Temiskaming, Ont.

Smith and Howe, Port Stanley, are building a steam fishing tug, which will have a compound engine, 75 n.h.p., and boiler, which are being constructed at the Doty Engine Works, Goderich.

The Niagara Navigation Co., and the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., are reported to be considering the question of equipping their vessels with a system of wireless telegraphy.

J. Walsh, one of the three men who were sentenced to life imprisonment in 1900, in connection with the attempted blowing up of lock 24 on the Welland Canal, died at the Kingston penitentiary Mar. 4.

W. Hanna & Co., Port Carling, are building a steamboat for service on the Muskoka lakes. She will be 85 ft. long over all, by 16 ft. beam. The engine and boiler are being supplied by the Doty Engine Works Co., Goderich.

The larger of the two steamboats which the Temagami Hotel and Steamboat Co. is building, as mentioned in our last issue, will be equipped with a triple-expansion engine and water tube boiler by the Doty Engine Works Co., Goderich.

The G.T.R. car ferry Ontario No. 1 was recently taken in hand at Cobourg for some slight alterations in her accommodation. It is said that the dining and sitting rooms are to be enlarged and the plumbing and steam heating equipment overhauled.

The Merchants Steamship Co.'s new vessel, which was mentioned in our last issue, and which is expected to arrive at Toronto from England, early in July, will be named Mapleton. She will be operated under the management of J. & J. T. Mathews, Toronto.

E. A. Turner, accountant Montreal Transportation Co. at Montreal, has been appointed Manager at Kingston, in succession to L. Henderson, whose appointment as General Manager has already been announced. Mr. Turner has been with the company for 20 years.

The Western Navigation Co.'s s.s. Kaministiquia, was launched at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng., Mar. 9. She is of full canal size and is expected to be in service on the lakes soon after the opening of navigation, under command of E. L. Stephen. The company's headquarters are at Fort William.

The Collingwood, Ont., council is considering the request of R. Morrill, for a lease of certain land at the eastern end of Harbor St., 400 ft. each way from the present water line, for the installation of a marine railway for hauling out steamboats for repairs in connection with his yards.

The Conger Coal Co. is reported to have bought the Tonawanda, N.Y., steamboat A. Weston for operation between Toronto and