

The B.C. Tourist Association, Vancouver, B.C., has secured, as a relic, one of the life-boats of the str. Beaver, built at Blackwall, Eng., in 1836 for the Hudson's Bay Co., and the pioneer steamer in the Northern Pacific. It is proposed to make an endeavor to raise the Beaver, which was wrecked at Stanley Park, July 26, 1888.

The North Vancouver Ferry and Power Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the B.C. Companies' Act, with a capital of \$100,000 to carry on a ferry business on Burrard Inlet, and a general navigation business in the province. The Co. has acquired the str. Mermaid for the ferry service between Vancouver and North Vancouver.

A proposal has been made by an English shipbuilder to establish an ocean patrol for the purpose of giving aid to vessels in distress. The proposal is to have a number of specially equipped vessels to patrol the North Atlantic ocean along the line of the great ocean steamers on a regular schedule, of which all steamship lines would have due notice, so that in case of accident they would be able to know when and where they might look for a patrol boat to render aid.

The judicial committee of the Privy Council in London, Eng., has decided that the Anchor Line str. Furnesia cannot recover salvage for rendering aid to the ferry str. Scotia while being brought out from England to Halifax, N.S., for the Intercolonial Ry. The court held that the Scotia was the property of the crown, and no action could lie, but recommended that the Dominion Government make a payment as a matter of grace.

The Department of Marine proposes to establish a new certificate to be called a home trade certificate, and to otherwise amend the act with respect to certificates to masters and mates.

The act increasing the Government subsidy towards the construction of dry docks to 3% has been passed by the Dominion Parliament.

Among the Express Companies.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has withdrawn its service from the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Ry.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened a route on the C.P.R. from Forest to Lenore, Man.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has extended its service on the Bay of Quinte Ry. from Napanee to Deseronto, Ont.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has extended its route from West Selkirk to Winnipeg Beach, Man., on the Winnipeg Beach branch, C.P.R.

Geo. Severs has been appointed Foreign Traffic Agent, Canadian Ex. Co. at Montreal. He is to be addressed on all matters relating to European business.

C. A. Folwell, Chief Clerk, Dominion Ex. Co. at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has been transferred to the Company's Winnipeg office, and has been succeeded by A. McPhail.

R. Murphy, heretofore acting Route Agent, Central division, Canadian Ex. Co. at Montreal, has been appointed Route Agent, same division, succeeding F. H. Hackett.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has closed its offices at the following points: Creston Jct., Ladysmith, B.C.; McTaggart, Assa.; Anderson's Pit, Atbara, Norman, Ont.; Conception, L'Ange Gardien West, Quebec.

On July 1 all the express companies doing business in Canada and the United States introduced a new schedule of rates on all small parcels. This re-arrangement of rates on all small stuff was ordered at the last meeting of the amalgamated board of express companies and has been found necessary on account of the increased freight rates being charged by the railroads.

Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The G.N.W. Telegraph Co. has opened an office at Little Metis Lighthouse, Que.

The United States Government proposes to erect a number of wireless telegraph stations in Alaska.

The new lines being strung in Cape Breton, by the Public Works Department, will be connected at North Sydney with the lines of the Western Union system.

The recently completed U.S. telegraph line in Alaska, connecting St. Michael with Dawson, Yukon territory, and with the U.S. cable at Sitka, has been seriously damaged by forest fires.

Mackenzie, Mann & Co. propose to install a system of wireless telegraphy, with stations at convenient points between Toronto and Port Arthur, Ont., in connection with the steamship service of the Canadian Northern Ry.

J. C. Leslie, in the employ of the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. at Corn River, Nfld., is spending a holiday in Canada, the first time he has been away from his station during the entire period of his service of nearly fifty years.

The Pacific Commercial Cable Co.'s cable from San Francisco, Cal., to Manila, in the Philippine islands, has been completed. Congratulatory messages were exchanged between C. H. Mackay, President of the company, and the President of the United States.

The Globe of July 9 republished the following item from its issue of July 9, 1853: "It is about a year since the Grand Trunk Telegraph Company was organized. An advertisement in another column will speak its progress. Every share of the stock is now taken. We learn it will reach Montreal and Buffalo in a moment."

A Vancouver, B.C., press report of recent date states that the G.N.W. Telegraph Co. has under consideration a proposal to construct a land cable to Dawson, Yukon Territory, from some convenient point. The suggestion is made that the line will be carried through Alaska, and reach the U.S. cable to Seattle, Wash., at Sitka, Alaska.

Replying to a question in the British House of Commons recently, the Colonial Secretary stated that the capital outlay in connection with the all-British trans-Pacific cable did not include the cost of special surveys made by the Royal Navy. The soundings made by the surveying ships of the Royal Navy on the route, though of great value, were incidental to and made in the course of their ordinary operations. The special detailed survey required for the determination of the exact route to be followed by the cable was carried out, not by the Royal Navy, but by the contractors for the construction and laying of the cable. He added the information that "the question of a connection with the United States cable at Honolulu has been raised, but no action has yet been taken in that direction."

Dominion Telegraph Company.

The annual meeting was held at Toronto July 9. Following is the financial statement for the year ended June 30, 1903:

ASSETS.	
Capital expenditure.....	\$1,281,819 47
Toronto, Grey & Bruce Ry. Co. 1983 bonds and interest thereon.....	1,596 24
Cash in Bank.....	29,539 58
Suspense.....	52 87
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	\$1,313,008 16

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid up.....	\$1,000,000 00
Dividends unclaimed.....	769 85
Dividend No. 108, payable July 15, 1903.....	15,000 00
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Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account.....	\$1,015,769 85
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The directors reported the regular payment, quarterly in advance of the guaranteed interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the capital stock of the Co. by the lessees, the Western Union Telegraph Co., up to June 30, 1903, which interest has been duly distributed quarterly to the shareholders of the Dominion Co.

The officers for the current year are: President, T. Swinyard; Vice-President, T. R. Wood; other directors, B. Brooks, T. F. Clark, R. C. Clowry, A. Jarvis, C. O'Reilly, M.D., H. Pellatt, A. G. Ramsay; Secretary and Treasurer, F. Roper.

General Telephone Matters.

The Bell Telephone Co. declared a dividend of 2%, payable July 15, to shareholders of record of June 30.

The Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., town council has granted a franchise to the Bell Telephone Co. for a period of five years.

The Bell Telephone Co. has issued a map of its long distance lines in Ontario and Quebec, specially lithographed for affixing on office walls.

There is one telephone to every 63 inhabitants in British Columbia; one to every 89 inhabitants in Ontario, and one to every 102 inhabitants in Quebec.

The Rat Portage town council will take over the business of the Citizens' Telephone and Electric Light Co. as soon as the accounts between them are adjusted.

The Westport and Digby Telephone Co. proposes selling its business and winding up the Company. A meeting of its shareholders was called for July 31, at Westport, N.S., to consider the proposal of the directors.

By an act passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature it is enacted that neither the town council of Fort William nor of Port Arthur can sell or lease its municipal telephone system without obtaining the assent of the taxpayers.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co. is equipping a local exchange at St. Andrew's, N.B. It proposes to string new lines from St. John to Fredericton; from St. John to Sussex, and from Woodstock to Houlton. The new lines will require about 200 miles of wire.

The Montreal city council has decided to appoint an engineer to prepare plans and estimates for a conduit system for the wires of the electric companies doing business in the city. J. A. Baylis has been appointed by the Bell Telephone Co. to act as its engineer in connection with the preparation of plans, etc.

The franchise of the Bell Telephone Co. in Kingston, Ont., will expire July 1, 1904, and after negotiations a new contract has been arranged with the city council. The wires are to be placed underground, the company paying \$500 a year for the use of the streets, giving three free telephones, and agreeing not to charge more than \$25 and \$30 for telephones during the life of the contract, which is to run for five years.

In the action brought by the Fort William, Ont., town council for injunctions and damages against the Bell Telephone Co., recently heard at Port Arthur, Ont., the judge ordered the case to be dismissed, and directed that the town council should not take any further proceedings until the action of the Toronto city council against the Bell Telephone