

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT.

Projected Lines, Surveys, Constructions, Betterments, Etc.

Adams River and Hectate Channel Ry.—C. Elliott, H. McLean and J. R. Webster are applying at the current session of the B.C. Legislature for the incorporation of a company with this title to construct a railway from the mouth of Adams river to the Klanchan river valley and to the mouth of Gold river on the west coast of Vancouver island, with a branch from Davie river to Hectate channel, and other branches. (Jan., pg. 18.)

Alaska.—The Alaska Rd. Co. has been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey to construct a railway from Valdez to Eagle City, on the Yukon river, with a branch from the headquarters of Tanana river to Behring strait. W. B. Bradley, G. T. Foster, of Jersey City, and W. H. Crawford, of New York, are the incorporators. (May, pg. 145.)

Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Ry.—The total length of track laid is 64 miles, about a mile and a half beyond Mekatina, and grading has been completed through to a junction with the line from Michipicoten, near Josephine mine. We were recently advised that it was expected to resume tracklaying by the end of June, by which time bridge work would have been sufficiently advanced to enable progress to be made. It is then intended to complete tracklaying to mileage 92, which will reach Montreal river. This bridge will be an extensive one, and will require about a year to construct. Up to May 5 a contract had not been let for it. It is not expected that there will be any grading done this year on the projected extension of the main line from the junction with the Michipicoten line, towards the C.P.R. main line at or near White river. (May, pg. 145.)

Algonquin Lumber and Power Co.—The applicants at the current session of the Dominion Parliament for an act incorporating a company with this title to construct several lengths of railway to connect North Bay with Georgian Bay, and Georgian Bay with the C.P.R. at Myrtle, in Duferin, Peel or York counties are J. R. Booth, of Ottawa; L. T. Barclay, A. G. Henderson, E. F. Burton, of Toronto; J. Carnegie, Port Perry, Ont.; M. Carr, M.L.A., Powassan, Ont.; C. A. Barclay, S. H. Stevenson, Brougham. The powers sought include the development of electrical power for the operation of the different lines of railway, etc. In 1902 some surveys were made for the construction of an electric railway from Maple Lake, on the Canada Atlantic Ry. to Port Cockburn and Rosseau and to develop some water powers there. (Aug., 1902, pg. 266; May, pg. 150.)

Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry.—The application to the Dominion Parliament for an act extending to 1908, the time for the completion of the company's line, which was planned to reach Lake Superior, and authorizing the construction of branch lines not exceeding 25 miles in any one case, was unanimously thrown out by the Railway Committee of the House of Commons. The railway runs from Metapedia, on the Intercolonial Ry., to New Carlisle, Que., 100 miles, and is being operated by the bondholders. In the course of the discussion on the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Ry., which proposes to construct a line from Gaspe Basin to the Intercolonial Ry., near Causapsal, through the centre of Gaspe county, it was stated that a representative of the bondholders of the A. and L.S. Ry. had an interview with the Premier and stated that the bondholders were not disposed to extend the line at present to Gaspe Basin. (Feb., pg. 37.)

Bay of Quinte Ry.—A route for the projected extension of the B. of Q. Ry. from Tweed to Bannockburn, Ont., on the Central

Ontario Ry., has been surveyed, and P. McCoy, contractor, of Deseronto, who constructed the direct line between Napanee and Deseronto for the company, is reported to have been given the contract for its construction. (May, pg. 145.)

B.C. Northern and Mackenzie Valley Ry.—R. L. Patterson, J. W. Haskins, Jas. Finmore and C. H. Lugin are applying at the current session of the B.C. Legislature for an act incorporating a company with this title to construct a railway from Nasoga gulf or other convenient point near the mouth of Naas river, B.C., to Telegraph creek or Glenora, and from near Dease lake to Atlin City. (Jan., pg. 19.)

Bedford Tramway Co.—At the recent session of the Nova Scotia Legislature an act was passed consolidating the various acts relating to the Bedford Electric Co. and changing its name to the Bedford Tramway Co. The incorporators are M. E. Keefe, Alex. McNeil, G. E. Boak, H. J. Crowe, W. A. Temple and C. F. Tremaine. (Oct., 1901, pg. 306.)

Beersville Ry. Co.—C. G. Polleys, Hon. C. W. Robinson, J. Bedford, R. F. Kinnear, Moncton, N.B., I. Purdy and H. Von Hagen, New York, were incorporated at the recent session of the New Brunswick Legislature under this title to construct a railway from Adamsville, on the I.C.R., to the Imperial Coal Co.'s mines at Beersville, and from the mine to Kingsville, about 16 miles. The act will not come into operation until after the Government has been satisfied as to the extent of the coalfield. In the railway subsidies act provision is made for subsidizing the line to the extent of \$2,500 a mile. (See Imperial Coal Co., April, pg. 119.)

Berlin, Waterloo, Wellesley and Georgian Bay Ry. Co.—J. G. Reiner, A. E. Ratz, E. E. Ratz, W. B. West, John Hill, Wellesley, Ont.; C. Hagedorn, Berlin, Ont.; D. Hibner, R. Roschman, Waterloo, Ont., and F. Clare, Preston, Ont., are applying at the current session of the Dominion Parliament for the incorporation of a company with this title to construct a railway from Berlin to Collingwood, with branches from Mount Forest to Owen Sound and to Wiarton. (Mar., pg. 93.)

Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—The applications of W. H. Comstock and others to acquire this railway and extend it to Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., under the title of the Brockville and Northwestern Ry.; of C. F. Hohn and others to have the title of the line vested in them, they having bought the line at a recent sale, and with all the powers of the original incorporators, and to incorporate them under the title of the Brockville and Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Co.; and of James Cooper and others, creditors of the B., W. and S.S.M. Ry., incorporating them as the Brockville and Western Ry. Co., were considered by the Railway Committee of the House of Commons as one order. The three bills were referred to a sub-committee with a view of harmonizing the different interests. (May, pg. 145.)

Bruce Mines and Algoma Ry.—The application of this Company to the Ontario Legislature for an act giving it power to extend its line from its present terminus at Rock Lake, Ont., to James bay, was opposed before the Railway Committee of the Legislature, and power was given only to extend the line to the C.P.R. transcontinental line. The Company is also making application to the Dominion Parliament to extend to James bay. (April, pg. 119.)

Canadian Yukon Western Ry.—J. A. Christie, W. H. Moore and F. A. McHugh are applicants at the current session of the Dominion Parliament for the incorporation of a company under the above name, and

also as the Stewart River Development Co. Among the works proposed to be constructed is a railway from Dawson, along the Yukon river valley, to the International boundary. (Dawson to B.C. boundary, Jan., pg. 20.)

Cape Breton Ry.—Construction is reported to have been recommenced on the uncompleted portion of the line between Point Tupper and St. Peter's, N.S. Jay Downer is Chief Engineer. (May, pg. 145.)

Central Ry. of New Brunswick.—E. G. Evans, Superintendent, recently reported that all the trestle bridges on the line had been rebuilt within the past two years, and that a number of bridges would be replaced with steel structures in the near future. New ties were being laid on portions of the line, and considerable ballasting was being done. (Aug., 1902, pg. 263.)

Central Trunk Ry.—An unsigned notice appears in the official Gazette, that application will be made at the current session of the Ontario Legislature for an act incorporating a company to operate a railway between the Ottawa river, in Prescott county, and with power to purchase or lease the Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie Ry., or any other railway holding charters to construct any portion of the proposed line.

Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Ry. Co. (Electric).—J. N. McKendry, H. L. Dunn, A. D. Brooks, F. Denton, Toronto, are applying at the current session of the Dominion Parliament for an act incorporating a company under this title to construct an electric railway to connect Chatham, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Petrolia, Rondeau and Blenheim, Ont. (Mar., pg. 95.)

Detroit River Bridge.—E. Burton, chairman of the U.S. Congress committee on rivers and harbors, in a recent interview said he was opposed to the erection of a single pier in the Detroit river, and thinks there would not be any difficulty in spanning the river with a bridge giving 135 ft. clear space over the water. A single span across the river would remove every objection the vessel-men could offer. (May, pg. 147.)

Duluth, Virginia and Rainy Lake Ry.—A press report states that this line will be completed to Pelican lake, about 45 miles south of Koochiching, on Rainy River, Minn., opposite Fort Frances, Ont., during June. (May, pg. 147.)

Edmonton St. Ry. (Electric).—The application of the E. S. Ry. Co., which is really the town council, for an act authorizing the construction of electric railways anywhere within 50 miles of Edmonton, Alta., was defeated in the Railway Committee of the House of Commons. The Company has a perpetual franchise to construct electric railways within 10 miles of Edmonton. (May, pg. 147.)

Flathead Valley Ry. Co.—W. F. Teetzel, D. La Bau and P. E. Wilson are applying at the current session of the B.C. Legislature for the incorporation of a company with this title to construct a railway from the Flathead river, near the International boundary, to the Crow's Nest Pass line of the C.P.R., near Elko, B.C. (Mar., pg. 95.)

Fraser River Bridge.—We were advised, May 8, that the contractors for the substructure of this bridge at New Westminster for the B.C. Government, expected to have their work completed early in June. The erection of the superstructure by the Dominion Bridge Co., Montreal, will be proceeded with at once. (May, pg. 147.)

Gaspe and Western Ry. Co.—G. T. Smith, of Quebec; C. A. Gauvreau, M.P., Isle Verte, Que.; J. A. Ross, M.P., Ste. Flavie Station, Que.; O. E. Talbot, M.P., St. Michel de Bellechasse, Que., and E. W. Tobin, Brompton Falls, Que., are applying at the current