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#### Canadian Facific Telegraph.

This system is becoming an important one throughout Canada. In an interview with a reporter, Superintendent Jenkins, of the C.P.R. system, gave the following statement of the operations of the company:—

"Construction operations are very brisk with us in Eastern Canada and the Maritime Provinces. Our system there is being much enlarged between important centres and is otherwise being greatly extended. On the western division considerable work is already in hand, or arranged for this year. The line along the Regina and Long Lake railway, about 70 miles of which was put up last season, will be completed to Prince Albert, 245 miles, in six weeks or two months time. This will be a strictly standard line. Connection will be had at Saskatoon with the Government lines to Battleford and Edmonton, instead of at Qu'Appelle as at present. That part of the Government system between Qu'Appelle and Clarke's Crossing, and Clarke's Crossing and Prince Albert will be abandoned, having served its purpose. The Government may operate, as a telephone line, a portion of the.c line between Clarke's Crossing and Prince Albert, connecting certain stations which are some distance from the railway.

"It is expected that one hundred miles or more of new and standard line will be put up along the Calgary and Edmonton railway this year. Work will commence in a few weeks. The line along the Souris branch is now building. A line will also be put up along the railway extension from Glenboro to Souris. An additional wire will be strung between Souris and Brandon. This will give us another and sixth wire to Brandon and place Brandon as well as Wireipeg in direct connection with all offices on these branches; "direct wires" mean "prompt service," you know. Should the crop outlook continue bright an additional wire on the Southwestern will be necessary and will be strung. We also have a gang on the line between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, effecting certain improvements and doing general

"We will shortly start the stringing of a fourth through wire to the coast to enable us to properly care for the enormous press of transcontinental business, which is steadily increasing, coming to us from the Pacific coast as far south as San Bernadino, Cal., and from Eastern Canada, the Middle and Atlantic states. This wire will be a heavy one, No. 6 guage, and will be duplexed. The wire is being imported from Germany, and a portion of it is now on the sea. Work will commence about August let. We are for the present well provided with wires east from Winnipeg.

"Manitobans, and especially Winnipeggers, may be surprised, and a uld, I think, be pleased to know that Winnipeg is now one of the most important telegraph centres existing anywhere. All transcontinental business passing over our system is, in addition to the local and Canadian business passing east and west, relayed or repeated in our city office here. Direct duplex circuits are daily worked with Vancouver and San Francisco in the west, and Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal and New York in the east. From twelve to fourteen hundred messages are daily handled in our Winnipeg office, exclusive of thousands of words of press report. Our staff at present numbers, outside the messenger force and branch offices, over thirty operators.

"When do you expect a visit from Mr. Hosmer?"

"I don't know. I guess he is pretty busy, Mr. Hosmer, besides being manager of the Canadian Pacific system, is general manager of the Pacific Postal Telegraph Company, of which Mr. John W. Mackay is president, and Mr. Van Horne vice president. He will shortly be elected a director of the Postal Telegraph Cable Co., of New York, which is our principal American connection. He is also, along with Mr. Van Horne, a director of the Commercial Cable Co., the Canadian Pacific having recently acquired a large interest in these splendid cables. We connect with the Commercial cables at New York and Canso, Nova Scotia. Our line at Canso was recently completed in order to make this connection. This gives Canadians a practically independent cable service. Canadian cablegrams are flashed back and forth entirely through British and Canadian territory. The Canadian press will no doubt soon receive their own despatches from Britain and Europe and will not be obliged to use, as is often the case now, news matter specially compiled and doctored to suit the American public."

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#### Lumber Cuttings.

Products of the forest to the amount of \$2,041,095 were exported from Canada during May.

J. A. Christie, of Brandon, is adding a planer to his saw-mIll with a capacity of 90,000 feet daily.

The sawmill at Millwood, Man., is running full time with a staff of forty-five men. They are turning out about 25,000 feet of lumber per day.

The Toronto board of trade has finally adopted the rules for the inspection of pine and hardwood lumber as published in these columns a few weeks ago.

The Western Lumber Company are building a new tug at Fort Francis for Rainy Lake. About 40,000,000 feet of logs are to come down from Rainy Lake this season and about the same from the Minnesota Rivers.

Canadian grey elm is meeting with an increased demand in the Eastern States. It is rather soft wood and will not warp, and is used for furniture, imitation walnut. It usually sells for from \$18 to \$20 on the cars at Buffalo.

The Dominion Government has approved of the tariff and tolls to be charged by the Sable and Spanish Boom and Slide Company, of Algoma, on saw logs, timber and lumber passing through the booms and other works on the Spanish river.

A l ii to regulate the management of lumber rafts upon the great lakes is being discussed in the House at Washington. The provisions of this bill are that rafts shall not exceed 550 feet in length, and not less than two tugs shall be employed in handling each. Any buoys that have been dragged from their place are to be replaced and proper lights must be carried. Heavy penalties are prescribed for violating the provisions of the bill.

The report of the Minister of Crown Lands recently issued, states that there are 25 saw

lls in the province of British Columbia, with daily capacity in the aggregate of 170,000 or about 275,000,000 per annum. The acreage of timber leases held from the Provincial Government amounts to 8,135,063 acres, and on Crown Lands, 10,930,400; timber leasehold, 9,420,565; private property, 3,342,352, total, 31,878,234; royaty collected, \$12,575.59; rebate on timber exported, \$3,051.48.