

Recent Provincial Legislation.

The sittings of several of the Provincial Legislatures for 1905 having been completed, a list of the Acts passed by them affecting transportation and allied interests is appended:

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Amending the British Columbia Ry. Act.
Incorporating the Fording Valley Ry. Co.
Respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific Ry. Co.
Respecting the Pacific Northern and Omineca Ry.
Amending the Queen Charlotte Islands Ry. Co. Act, 1901.
Respecting the Victoria Terminal Ry. and Ferry Co., and the New Westminster Southern Ry. Co.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Respecting the Beersville Coal and Ry. Co.
Incorporating the Buctouche and Rexton Ry. Co.
Approving of certain agreements between the C.P.R. and the town of St. Stephen.
Respecting the Caraquet Ry. Co.
Respecting the Gulf Shore Ry. Co.
Amending the Act incorporating the Imperial Dock Co. of St. John.
For the protection of fires in connection with surveys and construction of the National Transcontinental Ry. and other railways through the forest lands in New Brunswick.
To facilitate the opening for settlement of the lands of the New Brunswick Ry. Co.
Authorizing the conveyance of right of way to the St. John Bridge and Ry. Extension Co.
Regarding street railway companies in the city, and city and county of St. John.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Incorporating the Bear River Steamship Co.
Incorporating the British American Coal and Ry. Co. (Ltd.).
Amending the Act incorporating the Cape Breton Coal, Iron, and Ry. Co. (Ltd.).
Amending the Act incorporating the Cape Breton Northern Ry. Co.
Amending the Act incorporating the Cumberland Telephone Co.
Amending the Act incorporating the Davison Tramway Co.
Relating to the Halifax and Southwestern Ry. Co., the Halifax and Yarmouth Ry. and the Middleton and Victoria Beach Ry. Co.
Amending the Act incorporating the Lunenburg Marine Insurance Co.
Respecting the sale of the Midland Ry.
Amending the Act incorporating the Minudie Coal Co.
To enable the town of North Sydney to grant a bonus and exemption from taxation to the North Sydney Marine railway.
Relating to the Nova Scotia Eastern Ry.
Amending the Act incorporating the Nova Scotia Northern Ry.
Relating to the Nova Scotia Steel Co.
Amending the Act incorporating the Port Hood-Richmond Ry.
Amending the Act incorporating Rhodes, Curry & Co. (Ltd.).
Authorizing the granting of aid to the construction of a railway from St. Peters to Louisburg.
Incorporating the Union Telephone Co.

ONTARIO.

Amending act respecting land grant to Algoma Central Ry.
Respecting Bruce Mines & Algoma Ry.
Respecting Canada Central Ry.
Respecting aid given by town of Fort William to G.T. Pacific Ry.
Confirming agreement between G.T.R. and city of Brantford.
Respecting Guelph Radial Ry. and confirming by-law of city of Guelph.

To extend time for completion of Hali-burton, Whitney & Mattawa Ry.

To incorporate Hamilton, Guelph and North Shore Ry. Co.

Respecting Herminia Mining Co.

Relating to Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Ry.

Amending act incorporating Lake Superior, Long Lake & Albany River Ry.

Respecting London, Aylmer & North Shore Electric Ry. Co.

Incorporating London, Chatham & Western Ry. Co.

Respecting London Street Ry.

Incorporating Manitoulin & Iron Range Ry.

Respecting New Ontario Ry.

Incorporating Niagara, Dunnville & Erie Electric Ry. Co.

Respecting Ontario Electric Ry. Co.

Amending act incorporating the Ottawa River Ry. Co.

Incorporating Ontario Telephone Co.

Respecting Pacific & Atlantic Ry. Co.

Respecting the Penetanguishene & Orillia Ry. Co.

Incorporating Perth & Huron Radial Ry. Co.

Respecting St. Catharines, Pelham & Welland Electric Ry. Co.

Incorporating Toronto, Ottawa & French River Ry. Co.

Incorporating Western Central Ry. Co.

Respecting Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Ry.

Respecting Windsor & Tecumseh Electric Ry. Co.

Respecting the London Street Ry.

Amending the act incorporating the Lake Superior, Long Lake and Albany River Ry.

Respecting the Herminia Mining Co.

Sir C. Rivers Wilson, President G.T.R., arrived in Montreal from England May 12, and during his stay there, remained at the residence of Sir H. Montague Allan. He started out May 25 from Montreal on an inspection of the Company's lines.

The Canadian Freight Association has issued a circular to shippers in reference to the practice of false classification, false representation of the contents of packages, false report of weight, etc., and calling attention to the penalties prescribed in the Railway Act, 1903, for these offences.

A Winnipeg despatch of May 8 stated that the C.P.R. was contemplating handing over the work of the maintenance of way of its Western lines to private contractors. The company at present employs about 10,000 men on the work of maintenance. We have reason to believe that the report was without foundation.

The Colonial Construction Co. has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies' Act, with a capital of \$2,000,000 and offices at Montreal, to carry on a general contracting business. The provisional directors are: F. S. Maclellan, K.C., J. J. Meagher, F. Robertson, J. C. Macdiarmid, J. T. Mitchell, of Montreal.

The Dominion Parliament at its current session passed an act in respect to the letting of Government contracts. It is provided that tenders shall be asked for all public works, except in cases of pressing emergency in which delay would be injurious to the public interest; in cases where the work can be done more expeditiously and economically by the officers and servants of the department; where the estimated cost does not exceed \$5,000, or where, from the nature of the work it is not advisable to invite tenders; and that the tenders received shall be submitted to the Governor-in-Council, under the direction of which the contract shall be awarded.

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

Electric Ry. Finance, Meetings, Etc.

British Columbia Electric Ry.—Railway earnings for Mar.—Vancouver, \$19,157; Victoria, \$10,019; New Westminster, \$10,509; total \$49,685 against \$34,690 for Mar., 1904. Gross earnings, railway and lighting, \$71,522, against \$66,352 for Mar., 1904. Working expenses, \$41,180; renewal funds, \$6,695; net income, \$23,647, against \$39,951, \$5,988 and \$20,413 respectively, for Mar., 1904. Net earnings for nine months ended Mar. 31, \$254,362, against \$224,371 for same period 1903-04.

At a special general meeting held in London, Eng., April 20, the capital was increased to £1,000,000 by the creation of 150,000 new shares, and a rearrangement of the shares already issued was approved of. The shareholders also consented to the electrification of the Vancouver and Lulu Island Ry., leased from the C.P.R., and to the purchase of most of the shares of the Victoria Gas Co.

Halifax Electric Tramway.—Railway receipts for April, \$10,515.93, against \$11,144.71 for April, 1904.

Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataract Electric Ry.—The line has been advertised for sale by the bondholders, by tender. The line comprises nine miles of track, and has recreation park facilities. The car barn, 23 cars, two sweepers, and a motor are also included in the sale.

Montreal Street Ry.—A special meeting of the shareholders was called for May 8, to sanction an issue of debenture bonds, but as certain necessary formalities had not been complied with at that date, the meeting was adjourned to an unnamed date.

Passenger earnings for April, \$200,910.09; total earnings, \$202,946.25, against \$184,905.41 and \$186,472.75 for Mar., 1904. Operating expenses, \$125,350; fixed charges, \$22,454; surplus, \$55,141.57, against \$125,372.36; \$20,836.74 and \$40,263, respectively, for Mar., 1904. Net earnings for seven months ended Mar. 31, \$453,158.37; fixed charges, \$140,905.27; surplus, \$312,253.10, against \$417,446.28; fixed charges, \$140,905.27; surplus, \$291,011.77 for same period 1903-04.

St. John St. Ry.—The New Brunswick Legislature at its recent session passed an act providing for the assessment of the property of street railways in St. John. The act also provides for the making of by-laws by the city for enforcing the giving of an efficient service, and the laying of necessary tracks, and for the cleaning of snow in winter by the company.

St. Thomas Street Ry.—The cost of the power for the operation of the line for 1904 was reported to be \$3,120.53.

Toronto Ry.—Car earnings for April, \$201,317.40, against \$183,763.24 for April, 1904.

Projects, Construction and Betterments.

Brantford Street Ry.—An extension to the Mohawk Road is proposed to be undertaken at an early date. (Mar., pg. 109.)

Brantford and Erie Ry.—Application is being made to the Brantford, Ont., city council for a right of entry to the city, and negotiations are in progress with the Brantford Street Ry. The council's railway committee favors the entrance of the line over the Oxford St. and Lorne bridge. The projected line is from Brantford to Port Dover, Ont.

British Columbia Electric Ry.—The tunnel at Coquitlam, 2½ miles, in connection with the company's power development plan, has been practically completed. The work was commenced in July, 1902, and it was estimated that it would take three years to com-