

ANNUAL MEETING OF TELEPHONE CO.

Actual Surplus Only \$1,199.37, Owing to Charge for Depreciation of Property. Net Earnings During Year \$271,783.69--New Building on Chipman Hill.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., May 19.—At the conclusion of the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Company's stockholders this evening it was announced that the new stone building costing \$35,000 will be erected on Chipman Hill, St. John, to accommodate the company's growing needs in that city where the company's business is now centred.

One change was made in the board of directors, James I. McAvity of St. John being elected to succeed J. D. Irving of Buctouche. The officers and managing board remain the same having been elected at a meeting of the directors following the stockholders meeting.

Outside the directors only a comparatively small number of stockholders attended the meeting, the number including Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., of St. John, L. Stewart of Chatham, and Dr. Pedonia of Newcastle.

Directors Elected. S. H. White, Senator F. P. Thompson, P. B. Black, W. Bennett, H. P. Robinson, R. O'Leary, W. B. Snowball, A. R. Slipp, J. M. Robinson, G. W. Ganong, R. B. Emmerson, L. C. McFarlane, F. B. Carvell, J. L. McAvity, F. W. Sumner.

Mr. McFarlane belongs to Montreal and represents the Bell Telephone Company. The directors at a subsequent meeting elected S. H. White, president; Senator Thompson, first vice-president and P. B. Black, second vice-president.

These with A. W. Bennett and H. P. Robinson form the managing board. The annual report of the president and directors as submitted by President S. H. White, follows:

The statement for surplus for the year calls possibly for some explanation, in view of the amount of the surplus indicated in the report for the previous year. In the last year's report the deduction from the surplus of a semi-annual dividend subsequently paid by the company for the year was not made, as such dividend had not been declared for the term covered by the fiscal period of which the report was dealing.

It will be noticed, however, that the sum of \$40,000 has been added to the present year to the reserve of the company for depreciation. The directors for some time have realized that the earnings of the company were not sufficient to enable it to set aside a proper amount for the depreciation of the properties of the company and they now realize that the earnings are still inadequate for the purpose.

The company, during the year, has maintained the expansion in its business that your directors had reason to anticipate would occur. The number of phones has increased from 8,410 to 9,035 during the year, and it is the policy of the directors to continue to develop the company's system throughout the province wherever warranted in order to meet the requirements of the public for a telephone service, and

WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

Daniel S. Doherty Of Danvers Mass., Strangled Housekeeper With Clothesline And Took Poison—Fatal Result.

DEAD WOMAN HAD HUSBAND LIVING

Danvers, Mass., May 19.—The death of Daniel S. Doherty late today rang down the curtain on the final act of the swift tragedy which took place in his home here today. The only actor on the fatal stage, so far as is known, was Doherty's housekeeper, Mrs. Beatrice Rice, whose body was found lying on the floor this afternoon. Mrs. Rice had been strangled, Doherty calmly told a policeman, who had some to investigate reports of a disturbance at the house, that he had drunk four ounces of nitric acid, and to the effects of the poison he succumbed several hours later.

EMPLOYEES OF C.P.R. FINED

Engineer And Firemen Plead Guilty To Intoxication And Fine Of \$50 Imposed—The First Case.

Woodstock, N. B., May 19.—The examination of Roy Craig, fireman of the C. P. R., charged by Andrew Williams, trainmaster, with being intoxicated while on duty on the night of April 23 and the morning of April 24, on a special train from Perth to Woodstock took place before Magistrate Dibblee this afternoon, and upon being arraigned for trial Craig pleaded guilty of drinking liquor on those days. Last Thursday Wm. A. Johnston, engineer, also pleaded guilty to saying that the conduct of the C. P. R. employees in this section had been exceptionally good during the 30 years that he had presided over this court. No similar case had ever been before it. This being the first case and though realizing the enormity of the offence, still he would make the sentence light and give warning that after this date the maximum punishment would be inflicted on violations of this part of the code.

POLITICAL RUMORS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Reported That Provincial Elections Will Be Held This Fall—Fielding Stated For High Commissionship.

Halifax, May 19.—Rumors current here today, emanating from the Liberal camp, are to the effect that a provincial general election for this province will be held in September or October. Also, that the federal election will be held this fall, and that Hon. W. S. Fielding will not again contest Queens-Sheburne, but will be appointed to the high commissionship in London and will be knighted.

DEFECTIVE SCALES WHEELED INTO COURT

New York, May 19.—There was wheeled into the criminal branch of the U. S. circuit court late today on a huge scale, an exact duplicate of the scales used on the docks of the American Sugar Refining Company in Brooklyn. And while the 12 jurors sent forward interestedly, a weight of 997 pounds was placed thereon. Then a steel wire was thrust in a hole drilled in the stanchion and the result was noted. The scales, though accurate, registered only 988 pounds—nine pounds short.

TRIBUTES OF THE WORLD PAID TO KING EDWARD TODAY

Nine Sovereigns in Attendance at Obsequies Sit Around King George's Table—Arrangements Complete for Imposing Pageant and Attendant Funeral Ceremonies at Windsor.

Route of March to be Followed by Procession One Mass of Mourning Decorations and Flowers—Canada Joins With Other Colonies and Countries in Paying Tribute.

London, May 19.—Nine crowned heads of Europe and several heirs to thrones sat down in Buckingham Palace tonight at a dinner which King George gave to all his eminent guests assembled in London for the funeral of King Edward tomorrow. After the dinner, the members of all the suites were introduced to the King. It is noteworthy though the presence of so many rulers and princes must necessarily throw a great sense of responsibility upon the authorities and the police, all move about quite freely, and no word is heard in the press or through the public of the apprehension of untoward incidents.

London today filled rapidly with people from the provinces and foreign lands. The whole line of the funeral route has been from early morning until late at night, a surging mass of people, viewing the final preparations and purchasing seats. The stand business, however, has been greatly overdone and seats for which \$25 or \$50 were asked a few days ago, are now being hawked for from \$5 to \$10.

The neighborhood of the palaces, the Government offices and the great houses today has seen a constance of royal carriages with foreign representatives paying formal visits. Almost all the official visitors went to see Sir Edward Grey at the Foreign Office this afternoon.

Kaiser Greets Emperor William of Germany, who arrived this morning was met by King George and later had an affecting meeting with the Queen Mother Alexandra. The emperor then accompanied by King George, proceeded to Westminster Hall, and paid a tribute to the memory of King Edward. For a few moments, while the emperor and King George stood beside the coffin, the thousands who were waiting in line to file past paid tribute to the late monarch in check, though those within Westminster Hall were permitted to remain.

Upon rising to their feet the two monarchs gripped hands as they stood with bowed heads beside the coffin of King Edward. It was a striking scene and greatly moved all those who witnessed it. Special trains will convey the people who will pass the night in the streets to secure points of vantage from which to view the cortege. The lying-in-state lasted at Windsor until it is estimated that not less than four million persons passed through Westminster Hall. King George, with King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, paid a final visit at a late hour.

All London is garbed in mourning. Four thousand evergreen wreaths received by the committee of ladies from all parts of the country have been hung along the route, and great masses of flowers are to be seen everywhere.

A trial trip was made today by the royal train, which will carry the body tomorrow, from London to Windsor. The royal saloon has been upholstered in purple and white silk. A catafalque has been erected in the centre, and this train will travel King George and Queen Mary, the Queen Mother, Alexandra, eight other sovereigns and near a hundred other dignitaries to Windsor.

The little town of Windsor has assumed a purple hue. From the station at the foot of Castle Hill, where the body of King Edward will arrive, to the sovereigns' entrance to the castle every building, including even the churches is covered with a mourning pall of royal purple. The stands erected in the open places have been enshrouded in a similar manner, so that the coffin with the royal mourners will pass through an avenue of the most sombre description.

Flowers in Profusion. Throughout the day hundreds of people came to Windsor from London and the surrounding districts, and a continuous stream of motors and carriages poured through the castle gates, carrying floral memorials to the dead King. The cloisters of the chapel are already filled with flowers, and scores of extra ones have been erected on which to place the others.

On the lawn there is another great mass of flowers. Little bunches of daisies or buttercups from the village children lying side by side with great wreaths of orchids and roses sent by state officials and the governments of the world. Prominent among these from societies is the offering of the American society—the shield of the United States in flowers. The royal wreaths are of the simplest character only a floral circlet.

Chief Justice of England, Col. Roosevelt inscribed his name on the books of King Manuel of Portugal and King Albert of Belgium.

The Ancient Colony. St. John's, Nfld., May 19.—Newfoundland's last tribute to King Edward VII. will be paid at a state memorial service in the Anglican cathedral tomorrow noon. Gov. Williams and his cabinet, other public officials and the legislature, together with the city solicitor and clergymen of all denominations will be present to hear the tribute of Bishop Jones. From 12 to 1 o'clock the bells in the Catholic cathedral will toll. Through the island shops will close and all business will be suspended. At midday every train and steamboat will stop moving for half an hour in silent homage to the memory of the late sovereign.

Washington, D. C., May 19.—Memorial services for King Edward will be held in St. John's Protestant Episcopal church tomorrow morning at nearly simultaneously as possible with the funeral services in London. Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of the church, will conduct the services and it is expected that Bishop Harding will be present.

Invitations to attend have been issued by the British Ambassador through the state department and a large and distinguished attendance is assured.

In Canada's Capital. Ottawa, May 19.—Arrangements for tomorrow's ceremonies include a solemn open air pageant on Parliament Hill. The garrison of the city will march in front of the parliament buildings forming three sides of a square. The troops will be stationed with arms reversed, while the bands march in front of the square.

At 1.30 p. m. a hush will come over the entire city, the industrial pulse of Ottawa for three minutes will cease. The salute of 21 guns will be fired at 1.30 o'clock by the blowing of the whistles of four factories in various parts of the city. The first sound of the whistles will be given exactly at the salute of 21 guns will be the signal for the resumption of activity. Street cars and vehicles will continue on their way, the factories will resume operations and the church bells will cease tolling. On Parliament Hill the massed bands of all the regiments in the city will play the Dead March in Saul, then the National Anthem will be played and the great open air audience will take up the strain.

The mayor has issued a proclamation calling for the cessation of work and the Street Car Company have agreed to stop their cars at the moment named. The salute of 21 guns will be fired at sunset and at the sound of the last gun, precisely as the sun dips below the horizon, the half-masted flags will be lowered.

Programme at Fredericton. Fredericton, N. B., May 19.—Premier Hazen arrived here this evening from St. Andrews and Lieut. Governor Tweedie, Chief Justice Barker, Judge McLeod, Hon. Robert Maxwell and other prominent men also are here to attend officially the memorial service at Christ Church Cathedral tomorrow afternoon in honor of the late King Edward.

Many of them will also attend the memorial service held by the united evangelical churches of the city at the Methodist church at 11 a. m. the service at the Cathedral being held at 3 p. m. There will also be memorial services at St. Dunns's Roman Catholic church at 3 p. m.

The Orange and St. Andrew's Society will attend the memorial service at the Methodist church. The Royal Canadian Regiment Company, South African War Veterans, Sons of England and Masons will attend the Cathedral service and the Ancient Order of Hibernians will attend St. Dunstan's church service. At the Cathedral Dean Schofield has arranged to have service exactly as the one held in London and the Fredericton Brass Band of 38 pieces will assist in rendition of the brilliant musical programme.

Memorial Services in St. John. Memorial services will be held in the city today and business will be generally suspended. The principal services will be held in Trinity church morning and afternoon, but in many of the other churches of the city congregations will be present.

COMET'S TAIL PLAINLY SEEN

Astronomers Detected The Swish Made In Passing—Remarkable Spectrum On Sun Causes Excitement.

AURORA DISPLAYS AND ELECTRICAL STORMS

Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, May 19.—Following closely on the wholly unexpected astronomical conditions that prevailed early today, when the tail of Halley's comet was plainly seen in the East, astronomers at Yerkes Observatory were further bewildered by a startling apparition across the face of the sun at noon.

A broad spectrum of light, extending across and a considerable distance to each side of the sun, challenged the attention of vigilant, sworn observers. The phenomenon declared he had never before witnessed its like. Prof. E. E. Barnard said the same. The apparition lasted less than half an hour.

The spectrum at once became a topic of over-mastering interest and conjecture. Eminent sun spots seen Wednesday afternoon followed by brilliant displays of Northern lights last night, and these in turn succeeded by varied reports of fiery streamers shooting across the horizon to the southwest, had been passed by the astronomers as having no direct connection with the comet.

Seen at Yale. New Haven, May 19.—The tail of the comet was seen from Yale observatory after the moon set this morning. It was a faint glow developed to six degrees in the southeast sky. Director Elkin of the observatory, says that at that time the earth had just passed through the tail, although he believes the comet must have been in the tail at the time fixed. He believes that the earth has now passed through the tail. Passage would be from 6 to 12 hours ago.

Cambridge, Mass., May 19.—Halley's speeding comet was not on the visiting list of the Harvard Observatory this evening, the astronomers said tonight. The flaming visitor was so involved in the twilight that its presence could not be detected. Through out the evening, the observatory was besieged with calls from persons who thought that they had espied the wandering comet and sought verification. Not even the tail was seen, however by the experts.

No Solid Matter. Manila, May 19.—Father Algue, an astronomer, believes that the long cherished theory of a solid composition forming the nucleus of comets is now disproved. Exhaustive observations made from 3.30 to 11.30 a. m. late today at the Jesuit observatory at Manila, failed to reveal a trace of solid matter. The weather conditions were poor and the observations were assisted by three natural sun spots which facilitated the detection of solids.

Many of the natives were frightened last night by a magnetic storm which disarranged the electric power service, extinguishing the lights and interrupting the street car service for a few moments.

Many Sun Spots. Washington, D. C., May 19.—A large group of solar spots has formed on the sun's visible disc since yesterday noon as shown by the daily solar photograph taken by George H. Peters, of the United States naval observatory. They are in south latitude and in a position corresponding to a rotational displacement of two days from the sun's eastern limb. These, together with the large groups observed at the observatory during the past week, which are also in the southern hemisphere, it is stated form unusual conditions for this period in the sun spot cycle.

U.S. MARINES LAND AT NICARAGUA

Bluefields, Nic., May 19.—The U. S. garrisons Bluefield and Paducah landed one hundred and sixty blue jackets here today to protect American interests in Bluefields and to prevent fighting within the town limits. The American force is prepared for any emergency, having taken ashore several field guns and rapid fireers.

EMMERSON ON CANADIAN NAVY

ROYAL EDWARD AT MONTREAL

Canadian Northern Steamer Made Fastest Daily Average And Longest Day's Run—Mr. Mann Announces Plans.

FAST STEAMERS ON ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC

Special to The Standard. Montreal, May 19.—The Canadian Northern palatial new steamship The Royal Edward, swung into the port of Montreal tonight after having made the fastest trip between England and Quebec of any commercial steamship, with the fastest daily average and also the biggest day's run ever made on the Canadian Atlantic highway.

The vessel not only proved herself exceedingly fast but also most seaworthy and comfortable. A large crowd was waiting the arrival of the vessel and everybody was struck with her appearance. One of the first to board the vessel after her arrival was Mr. D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern. A large number of newspaper representatives had come up on the vessel from Quebec, and in response to a vote of thanks, Mr. Mann made a brief address in which he intimated that the plans of the Canadian Northern are far more far-reaching than former Atlantic services.

Mr. Mann, in fact, intimated that this was the beginning of a steamship service to be run in connection with the future Canadian Northern Transcontinental Railway, which would include fast vessels on both the Atlantic and Pacific and also on the Great Lakes.

Mr. Mann said he hoped that by the time the railway is completed from ocean to ocean the steamship service between Great Britain and Canada would be in good running order and that they would be preparing for further extensions.

Captain Roberts stated that between Bristol and Cape Race the Royal Edward averaged 19.7 knots, which constitutes a new record for the Canadian route, and shows that the new boats for the Canadian Northern can maintain the same speed on the Atlantic that they did on the Mediterranean route. Captain Roberts states that on Monday the Royal Edward reached 4280 knots in the gulf an average speed of 20 knots an hour, which is easily a record for gulf navigation.

Montreal, Que., May 19.—Mr. Mann announced later that the construction of the first 150 miles of the Canadian Northern from Quebec to the Pacific would be begun within the next three weeks. Hugh Sutherland, the financial agent of the road, has returned from London and states the money required has been underwritten.

DAMAGE CLAIMS FOR COLLISION

Owners Of Steamer Beluga Which Collided With Two Vessels Sued For \$31,000—Counter Claim Filed.

Special to The Standard. North Sydney, May 19.—The French steam trawler Beluga, which was in collision early yesterday morning with the Reid-Newfoundland Company's steamer, Iremore, and later collided with and sank the tug Zaldie was arrested at North Sydney this morning at the instance of the North Sydney towboat, who claimed \$7000 for the destruction of their tug. Tonight Sheriff Ingraham again arrested the Beluga at the instance of the Reid-Newfoundland Company whose claim has been placed at \$25,000. A counter claim against the Reid company will be filed on behalf of the owners of the Beluga, and it now looks as if there will be a big fight in the courts before the three damage claims are settled.

NO COADJUTOR IN QUEBEC DIOCESE

Anglican Synod Adopts a Compromise By Voting \$4,000 To Bishop Dunn To Obtain The Required Assistance. Quebec, May 19.—No coadjutor bishop has been elected for the Diocese of Quebec, but the Diocesan Synod of this afternoon found a happy solution of the difficulties which confronted it by voting \$4,000 to the bishop to obtain episcopal assistance for a year.

Tells Westmorland Electors That He Does Not Approve of Separation Idea

Advocated Direct Contribution When Need Arose—Hopeful for Absorption of Branch Lines.

Sackville, N. B., May 19.—A fairly attended Liberal political gathering was held in Dixon Hall this evening, with Mr. Albert Anderson in the chair.

Among those slated to speak were Messrs. H. R. Emmerson, C. W. Robinson, F. J. Sweeney and A. B. Copp. In another Messrs. Robinson and Sweeney turned up. After introductory speeches by the chairman and Mr. George McCord, Mr. A. B. Copp gave a somewhat lengthy speech on local politics. The keynote of the evening, however, was Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Ex-minister of Railways and Public Works. He began his address by a feeling reference to the great loss sustained by the empire by the king's death and to the spirit of optimism prevailing the people concerning the reign of the present king.

Two Features. Getting down to politics, however, he said that there were two distinct features in the governing of our country, the legislature and the parliament at Ottawa. Although he had not always seen eye to eye with the Liberal administration in the past, because he was himself a true Liberal. In legislative enactments they had made mistakes, sometimes, but they were not the fault of the party but of individuals. After following the course of Liberal rule from 1896 he came to the story of his own doings. He remembered the heavy welcome in that place before the last election, and if there had not been an execution of the promise given, it would have been the fault of the Liberal party but of the member for Westmorland sent to Ottawa. Then followed the history of the Sackville railway station, some light-hearted and long expected wharf which he said once more would be built if the promise of the chief engineer of the department of public works is any good. Tenders for the building of it would be advertised in the local papers before a fortnight and he should have been already done.

Opposed Separate Navy. He came at last to his strong point the Canadian navy. He approved of the building of Canadian warships in Canadian waters with Canadian labor, but of making it part and parcel of the great imperial navy. He did not, however, think that the money ready for the big enterprise of building her own navy. "When I stood up in Parliament to advocate the branch line policy," he said, "I met opposition on the grounds of economy, and therefore wondered at Canada's having the money for such an undertaking as a navy of her own. I voted for the bill and why? I had to vote for something. I voted on principle and hoped that the money could be obtained. I criticized the speed of launching such a policy. I didn't vote for the second amendment because there is too much British aristocracy in it. I don't believe in it. I don't believe in aristocracy, and think there is too much of it in the Canadian military circles now. I voted for the bill but hoped the government would go slow. My idea was that they should put aside a certain amount, and that this amount, whether \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000, should be sent over to Britain when an emergency came, and not till then. If the crisis did not arrive in three or four years we could begin to build some ships and some training ships. I believe that others thought the same as I but they did not have the courage to speak out."

In conclusion he stated that he was a firm believer in the intercolonial branch line policy and hoped that eventually that the branch lines would be taken over. He said: "By day and night in Parliament and out I have advocated it and I have kept my promise."

SHOCKING ACCIDENT NEAR DEBEC JCT.

LeRoy Merrithew Lost His Arm As Result Of Accidental Discharge Of Buck Shot From His Rifle.

DeBec, May 19.—LeRoy Merrithew, eldest son of Henry Merrithew of Westbury, met with a very painful accident yesterday. The young man was in the employ of the C. P. R. and while out of town was engaged in shooting from a canoe on Deer Lake. In some unaccountable way the gun which contained a heavy charge of buckshot, was discharged and shattered his hand in such a fashion that when he was taken to the Carleton county hospital, Woodstock, Drs. Grant and Rankine found it necessary to amputate the arm below the elbow.

At the time of writing the patient is resting comfortably but very weak from loss of blood.