

# ST. PAUL OPENS COAST LINE

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## First Consignment of Freight Is Sent Over Road's Extension.

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### I. C. ACT SETS A PRECEDENT.

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#### Gives Information Against Broker Accused of Getting Rebate.

Final announcement was made yesterday that the first transcontinental railroad ever built through from Chicago to the Pacific coast under one management, the 1,400 mile extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, is now ready for business. The formal notice was contained in a telegram received at the Chicago headquarters of the road from President A. J. Earling, who wired from Seattle, "The Puget Sound railway is now ready to receive freight of all kinds to all points on its line." The first consignment from Chicago to Seattle was started during the day on its 145 hour journey.

While the new line will not be ready for the running of through passenger trains for some time to come, President Earling's announcement marks the real accomplishment of a noteworthy achievement in the annals of railroad building and the linking of Chicago with the cities of the Puget Sound district, that is of the greatest import to this city.

#### Record in Construction.

Construction work was completed by the laying of the last rail on March 20 and the line east of Butte, Mont., has been in regular operation since September of last year. The first through passenger run was that of the special car in which President Earling and Roswell Miller, chairman of the board of directors, arrived in Seattle on Tuesday on a trip of inspection. The new road has established a record for fast railroad construction, as the first shovelful of earth was turned in April, 1906.

The Pacific extension is to be operated by a separate company, the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railway, and extends from Mobridge, S. D., to Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., 1,400 miles. During the three year construction period 60,000,000 cubic yards of material has been excavated, 360,000 yards of tunnel driven, twenty miles of bridges erected, and 200,000 tons of eighty-five pound rails laid at a cost of \$85,000,000. A noteworthy fact is that this sum is considerably less than the original estimates.

Traffic arrangements have been made with a Japanese steamship line for the operation of six large steamships in connection with the railway, the first of which will arrive in Tacoma for a cargo about Aug. 1.

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An entirely new line of prosecutions for