

The exchange at Midland, Ont., is being improved; a switch board is being installed capable of handling 50 more subscribers than the present one.

An office has been opened at North Augusta, Ont., & one will shortly be opened at Algonquin, Ont.

The Co.'s new metallic line between Ottawa & Brockville, Ont., has been completed.

The Co. is installing a new & modern type of switch board at Ottawa.

Among the Express Companies.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened offices at Windsor Jct., N.S., & Swan River, Man.

The Great Northern Ex. Co. has opened an office in Victoria, B.C., with W. Sloan as Agent.

The Western Ex. Co. has extended its service over the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic's new line to Bay Mills, Mich.

The Western Ex. Co. has opened offices at Bruce's Crossing, Mich.; Newton, Mich.; & Wyndmere, N.D. The office at Mackinac Island, Mich., has been closed.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Ex. Co., in Montreal, Dec. 21, the vacancy on the directorate, caused by the death of Sir Geo. Kirkpatrick, was filled by the election of General Manager Stout. The officers are now as follows:—President, Jno. Cassils; Vice-President & General Manager, W. S. Stout; other directors, T. G. Shaughnessy, R. B. Angus, T. Tait; Sec.-Treas., H. E. Suckling.

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Yukon points during the winter season of 1899-1900, the Canadian Development Co. has established a winter route, with 20 provisioned station houses. The transport service will be carried on by a staff including 4 divisional superintendents, 18 couriers, & 36 post keepers & cooks. Accommodations for travellers will be provided at every station house. By the opening of a trail made by the Dominion Government & the Co., the route between Bennett, B.C., & Dawson has been shortened over 120 miles, the distance by the Co.'s winter route being 443 miles. The express rates for B.C. & Puget Sound ports to Dawson & intermediate Yukon points below Tagish are \$3 a lb. (minimum charge), & to Tagish Post & Atlin City \$2 a lb. (minimum). Single packages not to exceed 50 lbs. in weight & 3 x 2 ft. in size.

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