the corner of Hospital & St. Francois Xavier, with a second for employees & messengers on the last named street. It is probable that the Montreal Club will find a home on the 7th story, & the operating room of the telegraph will be on the 8th. The other portions of the building will be let as offices. The contract requires the completion of the building at the beginning of May, 1901.

ing at the beginning of May, 1901. Manager Kent recently made an inspec-tion trip, from Montreal to the Pacific Coast, on returning from which he said :--" When the season's work is finished we will have a new line between Laggan & Fort William. We have been doing so many miles each year, & now we have completed that distance besides accomplishing several hun-dred miles of renewals on the Pacific division. Additional wire facilities to the extent of 1,000 miles will be provided this year to meet the increasing demands of the trade. We have also spent a considerable sum of money in chopping trees along the lake lines in the Kootenay district, for the purpose of preventing trees falling on the wires. We have put up a new wire between New Denver & Nelson. This will allow us to work the Duplicate system from Vancouver to Nelson and Rossland, and so double our present facilities in the district. The wires of the Manitoba & Northwestern Rys. have been extended into Winnipeg, thus giving a direct wire service between Winnipeg and all points on the Northwestern branch.

Telegraph & Cable Matters.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 11/4%, payable July 16.

The Commercial Cable Co. recently declared its regular quarterly dividend of $1\frac{34}{34}$ %, payable June 2.

It is proposed to use the Edison phonoplex system between Juneau & Skagway, Alaska, laying a cable 100 miles long.

A telegraph line is proposed from Syria to Heijaz. It will give access to that portion of Arabia, thus bringing Mecca & Medina into communication with the world. The line would follow the old pilgrimage route to Mohammed's shrine at Mecca; the total length would be 931 miles.

Brigadier-General Greely, Chief Signal Officer of the U.S., has directed the establishment of wireless telegraph stations in the harbor of San Francisco & in Puerto Rico & the Philippines. In New York harbor it is possible that the wireless telegraph system may take the place of the cable connecting Fort Hamilton & Fort Hancock. This cable was recently found to have been cut in 11 places by anchors.

Col. A. B. Chandler, president of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., returned to New York recently from an extended trip to the Pacific Coast much benefited in health from his long relaxation from business. He has now gone to his country home in Randolph, Vt., his native place, where he will spend the summer. It is believed that he will be able to resume active business in the fall with his health wholly restored.

The Dominion Government has let a contract for the construction of a cable to be laid from Point aux Esquimaux, on the north shore of the Strait of Belle Isle to Belle Isle. It will be laid by the Government str. Newfield, & the work is expected to be completed by the end of September. The land line along the north shore of the St. Lawrence is being extended from its former terminus at Big Romaine, 628 miles from Murray Bay, a further distance of 315 miles, to opposite Belle Isle, where connection will be made with the cable.

No official information has been given out lately about the progress of construction of the Government telegraph line from Quesnelle to Atlin, B.C. In May, Superintendent Charleson, who was then in Skagway on his way to Atlin & Dawson, said: 'We expect to have the line through from Atlin to Telegraph Creck, 180 miles, early in June, & to have the entire line completed to Quesnelle, thus giving connection with the outside world, in October. From Quesnelle we shall run south to Ashcroft, 220 miles, over the present government wire, and from there gain





entrance to Vancouver over the wires of the C.P.R. Telegraph."

Sir William Preece, electrician of the General Post Office of Great Britain, gave an interesting lecture in London recently, before the Institution of Civil Engineers, upon the latest developments of electricity, & Marconi's numerous experiments. Sir William acknowledged that wireless telegraphy had made small progress, a circumstance which he attributed to the fact that there is no commercial business in the invention. The interest in wireless telegraphy appears to have diminished in London, & Sir William's poignant remarks will not give much further encouragement to those few who are so closely interested in Marconi's experiments. It may be remembered that Sir William assisted Marconi when he first took his primitive instruments to England.

The case of F. Lenchter against the Western Union Tclegraph Co., the Montreal Telegraph Co., and the Great Northwestern Telegraph Co., praying that the agreement between the companies of Aug. 17, 1881, might be set aside, was heard recently by Judge Smith, in the special term of the Supreme Court of New York State, at St. George, Staten Island. The plaintiff & G. D. Perry, Secretary of the G.N.W. T. Co., were the only witnesses called for the case, & T. F. Clark, Vice-President of the W.U.T. Co., & Ross-Ross, secretary of the Montreal Tele-

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