

telegraph office east of Toronto at Port Hope in 1847; had charge of offices at other points at later dates, and was moved to Ottawa (then Bytown) in 1863. In writing of Mr. Bethune's resignation to the Monetary Times, Mr. Dwight says: "My business and personal relations with Mr. Bethune date from 1847, when we both began our careers as telegraph operators on the line of the Montreal Telegraph Co., which was opened for business between Quebec, Montreal and Toronto during that year. For forty years Mr. Bethune has filled the position of telegraph manager for that company and the one which leased its wires, the G.N.W.T. Co., in Ottawa, at which point, since the seat of Government was established there and it became the Capital and political focus of the Dominion, it has required special tact and judgment to conduct the business. I do not remember during the whole of this period to have received a single complaint as to Mr. Bethune's management, nor has any doubt arisen in any respect as to his entire competency and strict integrity in his position as Local Manager and Superintendent of the Ottawa district. I have always looked upon Mr. Bethune not only as a faithful employe of the company, but as a personal friend, whose loyalty both in personal and business relations was never for one moment to be doubted. He is a man of rare intelligence, and carries with him into his retirement the good wishes of all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance." Mr. Bethune's resignation took effect Oct. 18. The position of District Superintendent has been abolished, and that of local manager at Ottawa has been filled by the appointment of F. R. Carney, of Chicago, Ill.

General Telephone Matters.

The Kingston, Ont., Council's finance committee has not taken any further action in the matter of the Bell Telephone Co.'s offer for an exclusive franchise in the city.

The Brantford, Ont., Board of Trade has decided to purchase the old Bell homestead on Tutela Heights, for the purpose of turning it into a park, and erecting a memorial in connection with the invention of the telephone there by Professor G. Bell.

The Ontario Court of Appeal has decided to dismiss the appeal of J. J. Price, of Hamilton, against the decision of Justice Britton declining to quash a by-law of the Hamilton City Council passed Aug. 31, 1903, granting an exclusive franchise to the Bell Telephone Co. for five years. An appeal is to be made to the Supreme Court.

The City of Toronto has received an offer from the Canadian Machine Telephone Co. to instal a system in the city in response to its invitation. Letters were sent in from two other companies declining to submit prices on the ground that the conditions were too onerous. The terms of the offer received have not been considered.

The Brantford, Ont., City Council, on rescinding its resolution to submit a by-law to raise \$40,000 for the establishment of a municipal telephone plant, decided to receive offers for the installation of an independent plant up to Oct. 18. Several offers had been received prior to the adoption of the by-law, and one was received since, from the Stark Telephone, Light and Power Co. The terms offered by this company resulted in the dropping of the municipal telephone proposal.

The Nova Scotia Telephone Co. has purchased a site on Prevost St., New Glasgow, N.S., for a telephone building there. Plans have been prepared calling for a two-story brick building with light Pictou freestone trimmings. The first floor will contain manager's office, operating room, power room, work room, toilet rooms, and toll boxes; and

the second floor is to be devoted entirely to offices. The floors, roof and partitions are to be constructed on the "slow burning" principle. The building will be heated throughout by hot water and lighted by electricity. The company is now running underground wires to the new building, which is expected to be completed during the fall.

The Port Arthur, Ont., municipal telephone plant earned as gross income for the half year ended June 30, \$2,679; the operating expenses were \$1,783, and the interest charges \$450, leaving a surplus of \$446. For the year 1903 the total earnings were \$3,774 and the surplus \$419. The amount of telephone debentures outstanding is \$21,000, bearing 5% interest, and of this amount \$12,000 is being offered by the Dominion Securities Corporation, Toronto, at 101 and accrued interest. The telephone plant was installed Nov., 1902, and in Sept. there were 433 subscribers, of whom 199 were for business phones and 284 for instruments in private houses. The system is a central energy one, and free connection is given to Fort William. The rates are \$12 for instruments in private houses and \$24 for business places.

The Licensed Victuallers' Association of Montreal passed a resolution Oct. 5 adopting a protest against the slot machines being installed by the Bell Telephone Co. in public places, hotels, restaurants, drug stores, etc., on the ground that their use is an unfair tax on the community. A petition to the City Council has also been adopted in which it is pointed out that the Bell Telephone Co. "has unlawfully and by threats of discontinuing the service entirely compelled a number of subscribers to adopt what is known as the 'slot machine system,' whereby the subscriber is compelled to pay a monthly rate, which, in the aggregate, exceeds the lawful rate payable annually for telephone service, and, in addition thereto, the Bell Telephone Co. collects a fee for each use which is made of the telephone, by means of which the annual rental is made excessive and unjust." A statement has been issued by D. C. Dewar, local manager at Montreal, in which he points out that there has been no increase of rates, and that where there appears to be an apparent increase the subscriber has the option of taking an old-time transmitter at the old rates, or the new long distance equipment at \$5 extra; this long distance equipment until two years ago was \$20 extra. In regard to the slot machines, it is entirely optional with the subscriber to have them. The company, however, is prepared to instal a regular pay telephone, which enables a licensed victualler to do away with the delays caused by customers desiring to use the regular instrument. The subscriber can have his regular instrument taken out, and for out-calls can pay the charge of 5 cents a call at the pay instrument, receiving all in-calls free, and being entitled to 50% of the receipts over \$5 a month.

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- Locomotives (Steam)**
 - American Locomotive Co. New York, N.Y.
 - Baldwin Locomotive Works Philadelphia, Pa.
 - Canada Foundry Co. Toronto.
 - Canadian Locomotive Co. Kingston, Ont.
 - F. H. Hopkins & Co. Montreal.
 - Lima Locomotive and Machine Co. Lima, Ohio.
 - Locomotive and Machine Co. of Montreal
 - The Saxon Engine Works, Chemnitz, Germany.
- Machinery, Mining**
 - The Bertram Engine Works Co. Toronto
- Machine Tools**
 - W. Abbott Montreal.
 - The Saxon Engine Works, Chemnitz, Germany.
- Machine Screws, Set, Cap and Planer**
 - John Morrow Machine Screw Co. Ingersoll.
- Machinery Repairs**
 - The Bertram Engine Works Co. Toronto.
- Manganese Steel Castings**
 - Montreal Steel Works Montreal.
- Manhole Frames and Covers**
 - American Brake Shoe & F'dry Co. Mahwah, N. J.
- Matches**
 - The Hudson's Bay Company Montreal.
- Mats and Matting**
 - The Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co. of Toronto.
- Mechanical Draft Fans**
 - Babcock & Wilcox (Ltd.) Montreal.
- Millepost Numbers**
 - Acton Burrows Co Toronto.
- Milling Cutters**
 - W. Abbott Montreal.
- Milling Machines**
 - The John Bertram Sons Co. Dundas, Ont.
- Mills, Boring and Turning**
 - The John Bertram Sons Co. Dundas, Ont.
- Mohair**
 - The Hudson's Bay Company Montreal.
- Numbers**
 - Acton Burrows Co. Toronto.
- Nuts, Cold Pressed**
 - John Morrow Machine Screw Co. Ingersoll.
- Nuts, Square and Hexagon**
 - Canada Foundry Co. Toronto.
 - Toronto Bolt and Forging Co. Toronto.
- Oakum**
 - Rice Lewis & Son Toronto.
 - The Hudson's Bay Company Montreal.
- Office Desks**
 - Canadian Office & School Furniture Co., Preston, Ont.
- Office Fittings**
 - Canadian Office & School Furniture Co., Preston, Ont.
- Office Signs**
 - Acton Burrows Co Toronto.
- Oils**
 - Galena-Signal Oil Co. Franklin, Pa., & Toronto.
 - The Queen City Oil Company Toronto.
- Packing**
 - The N. L. Piper Railway Supply Co. Toronto.
- Packing, High Pressure Sheet**
 - The Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co. of Toronto.
- Packing, Piston**
 - The Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co. of Toronto.
- Pinch Bars**
 - The N. L. Piper Railway Supply Co. Toronto.
- Pipe Covering**
 - The James Morrison Brass Mfg. Co. Toronto.
 - Mica Boiler Covering Co. Montreal.
- Planers**
 - The John Bertram Sons Co. Dundas, Ont.
- Plushes**
 - The Hudson's Bay Company Montreal.
- Porter**
 - E. L. Drewry Winnipeg.
- Portable Boilers**
 - Babcock & Wilcox (Ltd.) Montreal.
 - Canada Foundry Co. Toronto.
- Printing**
 - The Hunter, Rose Co. Toronto.
 - The Mail Job Printing Company Toronto.
- Pumps**
 - Canada Foundry Co. Toronto.
 - Rice Lewis & Son Toronto.
- Punching and Shearing Machines**
 - The John Bertram Sons Co. Dundas, Ont.
- Rail Bondors, Roller**
 - Montreal Steel Works Montreal.
- Railway Interlocking**
 - General Railway Signal Co. Buffalo, N.Y.
- Railway Signalling**
 - General Railway Signal Co. Buffalo, N.Y.
- Railway Supplies**
 - The N. L. Piper Railway Supply Co. Toronto.
- Rails (New)**
 - Drummond, McCall & Co. Montreal.
 - F. H. Hopkins & Co. Montreal.
 - J. J. Garthore Toronto.
 - W. H. C. Mussen & Co. Montreal.
- Rails (for relaying)**
 - F. H. Hopkins & Co. Montreal.
 - J. J. Garthore Toronto.
 - T. A. Morrison & Co. Montreal.
 - W. H. C. Mussen & Co. Montreal.
 - Rice Lewis & Son Toronto.
 - Jas. W. Pyke & Co. Montreal.
- Reamers**
 - W. Abbott Montreal.
- Ribbons and Carbon Paper**
 - United Typewriter Co. Toronto.
- Rivets, Boiler and Bridge**
 - Canada Foundry Co. Toronto.
 - Toronto Bolt and Forging Co. Toronto.