

The telegraph & long distance telephone have distinct functions & serve a different purpose to the commercial world. The telephone has, in reality, created a business for itself. Time is, to-day, the prime consideration in the transaction of much business, & the long distance telephone obliterates both time & space. Retail merchants no longer carry the heavy stock of former years, but promptly supply the requirements of their customers through the connection the long distance telephone affords with the wholesaler. So, through every branch of business the telephone has become a distinct & indispensable factor, the usefulness of which will be extended as its possibilities become more generally known & recognized.—Electrical News.

### A Big Thing.

Winebiddle—Wilkins has invented a telephone appliance which cannot fail to make his fortune.

Gildersleeve—What is it?

Winebiddle—It is a device to enable two ladies to talk over the same wire at the same time.

The Merchants Telephone Co., of Montreal, has obtained authority to increase its capital to \$1,000,000.

Extensive alterations and improvements will be made in the Bell Telephone Exchange at Goderich, Ont., at once.

Claremont, Ont., wants telephone connection with the outside world. A 4 mile line will probably be run to connect with the Stouffville-Uxbridge line.

The St. Philemon Telephone Co., St. Philemon, Bellechasse, Que., is now a reality. The wires & other appliances have been bought, & men are about to commence work on them. The line will take in the parishes of St. Valier, St. Raphael & St. Philemon.

Stealing telephone service is a new form of misdemeanor in England, classed by the Croydon Police Magistrate as petty larceny, & punished by him with a fine of five shillings. An ingenious young man had made a false key admitting him to the public telephones of the National Co., which he used without paying.

The Bell Telephone Co. has commenced work on its new exchange in Quebec, which will be 30 x 88 ft., & will be built of granite, surmounted by a cornice of red copper, & will cost over \$17,000. The switchboard, now being made in Montreal, will accommodate 3,000 subscribers. It is expected the new building will be ready for occupation by July.

The first telephone in Canada was from the residence of Prof. Graham Bell's father in Brantford, Ont., to the house of the Rev. T. Henderson, in the same city. The first line of any length was from Paris, Ont., to Brantford. The battery was in Toronto, some 60 or 70 miles away from Paris. The first commercial telephone was established in Hamilton in 1877.—From the Alphabet of First Things in Canada, by Geo. Johnson, F.S.S.

In Spain the phonograph is used as a receiver for telephonic messages. One advantage of this arrangement is the facility it offers for repeating messages, since the operator at the transmitting station can hear the message spoken by the phonograph at the same time the operator at the receiving station takes it down. Also messages may be transmitted as fast as desired, & the operator at the receiving station can reproduce them at any time & at lower speed, so that the message can be readily taken down.

## EXPRESS.

### The Pacific Express in Canada.

In answer to an enquiry from this office, Superintendent Bresie, of the Pacific Express Co., wrote from Decatur, Ill., April 18: "This Co. opened offices at Buffalo & Niagara Falls, N.Y., Mar. 21. These are the only offices we have east of Detroit. We have no local service on the Grand Trunk—Wabash trains at present; but my understanding is when the Wabash trains run via St. Thomas to Ft. Erie on what is called the Southern division of the G.T. it is expected the Pacific will do local business, although I cannot state positively as to that, as I have not been advised by this Co. I will hold your letter as a memorandum, & notify you should there be any changes. You understand the Pacific occupy all lines of the Wabash Road, the Missouri Pacific & leased lines, the Union Pacific, also the Toledo, Peoria & Western, & the Keokuk & Western Ry., & several other roads in the west & southwest."

Arrangements have been made between the Canadian & Dominion Express Companies by which each Co. pays the money orders issued by the other Co. In this way the money orders of either Co. are good at all points in Canada.

The Dominion Express Co. has opened an office at Edmonton, Alberta. Hitherto the business has been done from the office at the terminus of the Calgary & Edmonton Ry., at South Edmonton, on the south side of the North Saskatchewan River, Edmonton being on the north side.

According to the last annual reports the G.T.R. owns \$1,500,000 of Canadian Express Co.'s shares & \$33,400 of Intercolonial Express Co.'s shares. The C.P.R. owns all the Dominion Express Co.'s stock, amounting to \$113,700, which represents the cost of original equipment & organization.

The Dominion Express Co. announces the opening of a route on the C.P.R. between Slocan Junction & Slocan City, B.C. This is over the Slocan branch of the Columbia & Kootenay railway, which has been recently completed for traffic. Offices are established at Lemon Creek & Park Siding.

### Kind Words of Welcome.

CHAS. M. HAYS, General Manager G.T.R.:—"I have received vol. 1, issue no. 1, of THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD, and think you have succeeded very well in your first issue, & from all appearances will make a very creditable publication. The information you give in your first issue is very interesting, & I trust that future issues will show a continual improvement."

W. WHYTE, Manager Western Lines C.P.R., Winnipeg:—"I have long felt that our Canadian railways and steamships should have a paper devoted to their interests, & I am very pleased to know that you have decided to start one. For some years to come the great bulk of railway construction will be carried on west of Lake Superior, & your long & intimate knowledge of that territory should stand you in good stead in dealing with this feature of the work."

THOS. TAIT, Manager Eastern Lines C.P.R., Montreal:—"I am glad to hear that you purpose publishing a monthly railway & shipping journal in Canada, & wish you every success in the enterprise. I think there is an opening for a magazine of the kind."

A. C. HENRY, Purchasing Agent C.P.R.:—"I am glad to hear you intend bringing out a publication devoted to the railway & shipping interests of Canada. It seems to me there should be a good field for it, & I

should consider it a good medium for advertisers wishing to reach those classes."

W. J. CAMP, Electrician C.P.R. Telegraphs, Montreal:—"The matter published in your March issue was very good."

THE WESTINGHOUSE MANUFACTURING CO., Hamilton:—"We have received the first issue of THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD, & beg to say that our advertisement, & also the article on our works are entirely satisfactory; in fact, we think that as a whole the first issue does you considerable credit."

MYRA STAFFORD THOMPSON, Toronto, in Profitable Advertising, Boston: A new monthly publication, whose name is the index to its character, has just made its first bow to us. THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD, published in Toronto, will satisfy a long-felt need in Canada's business world, & its initial number gives promise that its future shall be highly successful. It gives a desired chance to many large manufacturers to appeal directly & exclusively to those interested in their goods. As a medium for such announcements, in addition to its railway & shipping news, it will be equally appreciated by the advertiser & all others interested in these industries.

STRATFORD, ONT., HERALD:—"An enterprising Toronto firm has found a field for a new monthly publication entitled THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD, vol. 1, no. 1, of which has just reached The Herald office. It is a well-gotten up & very interesting periodical devoted to steam & electric railways, shipping, express, telegraph & telephone interests. As might be expected, it starts out with an article on the Canadian Yukon Ry., a synopsis of the contract with Mackenzie & Mann & other matters of equal importance in the railway world & to the various interests it claims to represent. It does not enter into competition with any existing publication & promises to be independent of any corporation or political party."

MARINE RECORD, CLEVELAND, OHIO.—THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD is the title of a highly creditable monthly journal which made its first bow to the public in Toronto in March. In its salutary the publishers announce that it takes its place in the field of periodicals for the purpose of representing the transportation interests of Canada—steam & electric railways & shipping, & the allied express, telegraph & telephone interests. The March issue contains 28 pages & the April number 56 pages, which is a very promising indication of the prosperity of the new journal. The Record wishes the new competitor for trade favors much success, & we believe that there is an excellent field for its steady growth & development under the apparent able management of its publishers.

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., WESTERN CHRONICLE.—"We have received the first number of THE RAILWAY & SHIPPING WORLD, a monthly issued in the interests of transportation, steam & electric railways & shipping in Canada, & the allied express, telegraph & telephone interests. It is a neatly gotten-up magazine of 28 pages, with suitable cover. The number before us contains articles on the Canadian Yukon Ry., the contract with McKenzie & Mann, the construction of the line, & the Act to confirm the contract, the Victoria Bridge—the Grand Trunk's new structure at Montreal, the Crow's Nest Pass, & the progress of the C.P.R. line to the Kootenay, the Westinghouse Air Brake, the Wabash in Canada, traffic & finance, telegraphs & cables, to the great Yukon gold fields by ocean & river, & a splendid map of the Yukon country. The number contains many fine illustrations, among which is a beautiful photograph of the Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways, on the 1st page. The first number is a credit to Canadian journalism & contains much valuable information."