

working order during the ensuing month from Toronto to Buffalo, where we connect with the House Printing Telegraph Co., having a concentration of stations throughout the United States, which, coupled with their prompt attention to business, must prove a valuable connection to this Company.

These repairs, so urgently demanded, being perfected, and thus rendering the line reliable, public confidence will be restored and this Company must secure a due portion of the Telegraphic correspondence so rapidly increasing throughout the Province.

I feel persuaded from my observation of the business tendered (but owing to defects,) now necessarily refused by us daily, that this Company will feel compelled to add a second wire to the line, extending the printing method, already begun, to the principal cities to satisfy the public demand.

Having our present line finished I would strongly recommend extending from Hamilton to Brantford, Woodstock and London, where in addition to the great increase of business resulting to the line and save a large amount daily paid to the Montreal Company for communications to those places which although at full prices does not receive that attention we might reasonably expect.

The circuit would be a direct one from Toronto to London, without repeating at Hamilton. I would also recommend the line to be immediately put up between Belleville and Napanee, (twenty-two miles distance) so that in the event of any defect occurring to the submarine on the Bay the connection for through business will be uninterrupted.

Agreeably to a resolution of the Board I accompanied the President to Quebec to ascertain the true state of the line and endeavor if necessary to make some advantageous arrangement with the British N. A. Telegraph Company. We found that our line on the South Shore had been so imperfectly built as to render it a matter for serious consideration of the Board. Owing to our present circumstances, I have meantime reduced my staff and other expenses at Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Quebec, as well as at other stations, and such offices as proved not selfsustaining have been closed.