

## EXPRESS.

## The Arctic Express Company.

Particulars of the registration of this Co. in British Columbia, as an extra provincial company, were given in our Aug. issue, pg. 148. It may be added that the directors are Judge Struve, J. R. Winston & H. J. Ramsay, of Seattle, Wash., & F. M. Rattenbury, & A. S. Potts, of Victoria, B.C., Mr. Rattenbury being the Manager. It is said a considerable amount of the Co's stock has been sold in B.C., at the par value of \$1 a share.

The Co. is, says the Vancouver World, building a series of strong log hotels every 30 miles from Skagway to Dawson City, Yukon, & provisioning & equipping these with a large quantity of goods. Provisions & goods have been forwarded & are being distributed by the steamers. When completed a man can travel in & out of Dawson in comparative ease. Apart from these hotels, a man coming out of Dawson last year, & this year also, must buy his provisions, feed for dogs, tents, stoves, blankets, etc., & buy a costly team of dogs to haul them out again, pitching camp each night after his long walk, hunt for firewood, feed his dogs, all with infinite labor, & at an enormous cost, never less than \$1,000, & ranging from that price to \$1,800, according to the scarcity of dogs in Dawson. Not many can afford to travel this way, & none will ever dream of undergoing the cost & fatigue this year when the new posts are established, as a man can leave Dawson with nothing but what he stands up in. The charge has been fixed for the through accommodation at \$250, & whilst this sum will afford a good profit to the Co., it will also be infinitely cheaper than any other means of communication.

The Co. has secured a contract for carrying in the U.S. mail for 4 years. This will bring an annual revenue of \$80,000 for a fortnightly mail. It is expected the Canadian mail contract will also be secured. Express & newspaper service to the Klondike will also be carried on.

Following are the Co's express rates from Victoria, B.C., value being limited to \$25:

SUMMER RATES, MAY 15 TO SEPT. 15.			
		To Dawson City.	To Circle City & Weare.
1 to 5 lbs.	\$1.00		\$1.50 a lb.
5 to 10 lbs.	.75		1.00 "
10 to 100 lbs.	.50		.75 "

WINTER RATES, SEPT. 15 TO MAY 15.			
To Bennett & intermediate points,	\$ 1.50	a lb.	
To Dawson City	"	5.00	"
To Circle City	"	10.00	"
To Weare	"	15.00	"

When a shipment exceeds \$25 in value 50% additional is charged.

## MONEY &amp; VALUABLES.

To Bennett & intermediate points	1 1/2
To Dawson City	2

## Death of Gilman Cheney.

Gilman Cheney, Vice-President of the Canadian Express Co., died in Montreal Sept. 14, leaving a widow and a son. He was born at Hillsborough, N.H., in 1822. At the age of 17 he was apprenticed to one of the large cotton manufacturing companies of Manchester, N.H., where he remained until 1849, the year of the Californian gold excitement, when he joined the rush to the Pacific Coast. Two years of digging for fortune in the California sands gave him all the experience of that kind of life he desired, & he came home in 1852, subsequently coming to Canada as a representative of Rice & Co., express forwarding agents. This company was afterwards known as the British American Express Co., & latterly became the Canadian Express Co. In 1880 Mr. Cheney became its President, succeeding his father, B. P. Cheney, who was the

first President. In 1892 Mr. Cheney became a member of the Board of Trade, & until his recent illness was one of the best known figures in Montreal business circles. He was prominently associated with the Merchants Cotton Co., of which he was at one time President. He took an active interest in benevolent institutions, & besides being a director of the Board of the Montreal General Hospital, was the principal founder of the Sailors Institute.

The Dominion Express Co. has opened an office at Edmonton, Alta., which is situated on the north side of the North Saskatchewan River. The office on the south side of the river is at the terminus of the Calgary & Edmonton Ry., at South Edmonton.

The Dominion Express Co. has opened a route on the C.P.R. Crow's Nest Branch, between McLeod, Alberta, & Cranbrook, B.C., & has established agencies at Pincher Creek, Alta.; Bull Head, Cranbrook, Fernie & Wardner, B.C. It has also extended its route on the Montreal & Ottawa section of the C.P.R., between Plantagenet & Ottawa, Ont.

Henry Sanford, Vice-President of the Adams Express Co. was recently married in New York to Mrs. Olive Burchard, widow of Dr. T. H. Burchard, & daughter of S. Wilmot, of Newcastle, Ont., ex-Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries. Mr. Sanford, who is aged 68, has been a widower for many years, & Mrs. Burchard, who is about 35, was a friend of his daughter & made frequent visits to his home in Bright, Conn. Mr. Sanford became strongly attached to her, & after her husband's death he became a frequent visitor at the Buckingham, where Mrs. Burchard made her home when in New York.

## TELEPHONES.

## The Bell Telephone Company.

The protest of the Co. against being taxed for areas in Toronto may result favorably to the Co., the City Solicitor having advised that the Co. entered into an agreement with the city by which it is exempted from payment of charges for area space.

It is said the Co. has decided to establish a long-distance service in Manitoba, & that the line mentioned in our Aug. issue, pg. 168, as having been started from Carberry to Neepawa, is the first step in the work. When the whole service is finished it is expected there will be communication between Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Rapid City, Brandon, Carberry, Souris, Boissevain & Morden. The Co. already has a line between Winnipeg & Selkirk, 24 miles, & another between Winnipeg & Stony Mountain, 13 miles.

In Oct., 1892, the Co. secured a franchise in Brantford, for 5 years, at \$450 a year. This has not been renewed, & negotiations are still pending between the Co. & the city. In referring to the matter the Brantford Courier says: "As far as Brantford is concerned the People's Company could come here to-morrow and stand an equal chance with the Bell in securing the franchise. How far it is in the interest of business men & private houses to have a duplicate telephone service is a moot question. However, one thing is sure. The day has gone by when municipalities are going to be paid any substantial sum by the Bell people for an exclusive franchise."

The Co. recently offered the city corporation of London, Ont., \$1,000 a year for a 5 years' exclusive franchise. This would be simply a renewal of the franchise heretofore held. The Co. has reduced the rate for house service unlimited to \$20 a year; druggists & doctors, \$25 a year; business telephones remaining at the old rate of \$40. The People's Telephone Co. of London, which recently ob-

tained a 15 years' franchise from the city, is trying to get its capital stock taken up there. So far no work appears to have been done towards establishing an exchange. This Co. proposes to charge \$12 for house telephones, limited service, & \$26 for business service, with a 2c. call rate.

In a recent interview the Manager of the Ontario Department of the Co., speaking of the city of Hamilton, said: "It is very doubtful if the Co. will ask for a renewal of its exclusive franchise in 1902, when our present franchise expires. The strong probability is that the Bell Co. will not seek for exclusive franchises in any Canadian town in the future. Its position is so impregnable that there is not the slightest danger of any permanent injury to its business by the competition of rival companies. Such competition can only be temporary, spasmodic & isolated, & cannot possibly succeed. Then why should the Bell Co. trouble itself to secure exclusive franchises?"

## Telephone Items.

The ratepayers of Neepawa, Man., have voted a bonus of \$6,000 for a new telephone system.

The Citizens' Telephone & Light Co., Rat Portage, Ont., has ordered a 2,000 light single pole alternator.

The White Pass & Yukon Ry. is about to install a telephone system along its completed section, starting at Skagway.

Notice is given of application for incorporation of B. A. Scott & others, of Roberval, Que., as the Roberval Telephone Co., with \$10,000 capital.

It is reported that a telephone company will be formed at Gore Bay, Ont., to connect with Meldrum Bay, Silver Water & Evansville. The distance is about 58 miles.

The telephone line between Carberry & Neepawa, Man., referred to in our Aug. issue, pg. 168, was built by W. M. Boyd, of Carberry, who is now managing the line.

The New Westminster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Co. has completed its Boundary Creek line as far as Greenwood Camp, B.C., giving through connection to Spokane, Wash. The Co. expects to have the line completed to Greenwood City this month.

The Dominion Government has recently laid down the Pelee Island telephone cable out to the Dummy Light, Point Pelee, & put a telephone instrument in the Dummy itself. By this action, vessels may, at a moment's notice, wire intelligence of any casualty which may occur, or of the passing of any special steamer, boat, raft, etc. The Pelee cable, as now laid, extends to the east side of Pelee Island in a straight line, to a point about a mile south of Pelee Island Light. It is also south of the "middle ground" & all reefs in the north channel. From its landing on Pelee Island, the line extends to the life-saving station at the south end of Pelee Island, & the life-boat can be launched in a few minutes at any hour of the 24.

It is said the Spokane Falls & B.C. Telephone Co. is to have a rival. The Inland Telephone Co., it seems, has endeavored to purchase the line between Rossland, B.C., & Spokane, Wash., & failing in this, now threatens to parallel the existing line. Ex-Governor Bell, of Nevada, in a recent interview at Spokane, said: "It is the intention of the Co. to extend the lines wherever business may be found in this section to justify it. We have poles here & at Loon Lake for the line to Rossland & Republic, & will have 2, perhaps 3, gangs of 25 to 30 men in the field this week. The lines should be in working order in 40 days if our plans do not miscarry. We branch off from Meyers Falls or Kettle Falls to Eureka & from thence will probably extend to Condonully."