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The str. Colonia, with the 3,500 miles of cable to be laid between Vancouver island and Fanning island, for the all-British cable to Australia, is expected in Vancouver early this month, and will set to work laying the cable a few days thereafter. The cable str. Anglia is in England loading the section of the cable to be laid between Fanning island and Suva, Fiji islands. This work is expected to be completed by Nov. A steamer has been specially built for use in repairing the cable, and is expected at Suva, which will be her headquarters, in October. She is a twin-screw steamer of 2,300 tons.

In connection with the Pacific cable, now being laid from Australia to Vancouver island, the C.P.R. telegraph department is constructing a line from Nanaimo to Bamfield creek, where the cable station is situated, 105 miles. At present a single line extends from Wellington to Alberni; this will be reconstructed and two wires strung on new posts from Wellington to Englishmen's river, and from that point to Alberni the present posts will be used for the two wires. The double line will be carried from Alberni to Cape Beale. The total cost of the work will be about \$12,000, and the new line is expected to be completed by Sept. 30. The present line is a Government one, but the new one will be the joint property of the C.P.R. telegraph department and the Government.

Dominion Telegraph Company.

The annual meeting was held at Toronto July 9. Following is the financial statement for the year ended June 30, 1902:

ASSETS.

Capital expenditure.....	\$1,281,819 47
Toronto, Grey & Bruce Ry. 1903 bonds, and interest thereon.....	1,596 24
Cash in bank and on hand.....	29,372 36
	<u>\$1,312,788 07</u>

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid up.....	\$1,000,000 00
Dividends unclaimed.....	907 50
Dividend 104, payable July 15.....	14,000 00
Suspense.....	422 13
	<u>\$1,015,329 63</u>
Balance at credit of profit and loss.....	297,458 44
	<u>\$1,312,788 07</u>

The directors reported the regular payment, quarterly in advance, of the guaranteed interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the capital stock of the Co., by the lessees, the Western Union Telegraph Co., up to June 30, 1902, which interest has been duly distributed quarterly to the shareholders of the Dominion Co.

The officers for the current year are: President, F. Swinyard; Vice-President, T. R. Wood; other directors, A. G. Ramsay, H. Pellatt, T. F. Clark, C. O'Reilly, M.D., R. C. Clowry and B. Brooks, the two latter Western Union Telegraph officials replacing Gen. Eckert and C. A. Tinker.

General Telephone Matters.

The Bell Telephone Co. paid a quarterly dividend of 2% on July 15.

The Bell Telephone Co. has extended its long distance line to Jackson's Point, Ont.

The Union Telephone Co., Arichat, N.S., has given a bill of sale for \$7,200, covering its capital stock, to the Eastern Telephone Co., Ltd.

The Bell Telephone Co. has completed an installation of its system in North Bay, Ont. There are 50 instruments connected with the exchange.

A telephone line is being constructed from Jocelyn to Marksville, via Carterton, in the vicinity of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

The Bell Telephone Co. is stringing a copper wire between Owen Sound and Toronto, and will install a new central energy switch board at the Owen Sound exchange.

The Bell Telephone Co. has purchased the Pontiac telephone line, running from Quyon to Portage du Fort, Que. It is reported to be the intention of the Co. to establish a connection with Aylmer, Que.

The Ottawa city council has asked the Bell Telephone Co. on what terms it will sell out the local exchange, so that it can be operated as a civic enterprise, but the Co. will not entertain the proposition.

Fifty telephones have been connected with the recently established exchange at Parrsboro, N.S., and long distance connections have been secured with Halifax, Truro, Amherst, Advocate and other points.

The Hull, Que., Board of Trade has appointed a committee to confer with a committee from the Hull city council, and the Ottawa city council with a view of securing a cheaper telephone service for the two cities.

The Nova Scotia Telephone Co. has under construction a new copper line, weighing 370 lbs. to the mile, from New Glasgow to the strait of Canso. The line is expected to be completed to Antigonish by the end of Aug.

The Bell Telephone Co. is putting up a new metallic circuit between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, Man., and will probably make a short extension into Wellwood, Man. It is also building a new line from Winnipeg to the International boundary.

The Bell Telephone Co. has filed an appeal against the decision of Justice Street that the Co. has not the right to carry any poles or wires, above or underground, along any street in Toronto without first obtaining the consent of the city council.

The Bell Telephone Co. has been given permission by the Montreal city council to open a number of streets, with a view of placing its wires underground. The Brantford, Ont., city council has deferred the consideration of a similar application from the Co.

The Kent Telephone Co. was given power at the last session of the New Brunswick Legislature to extend its lines to Buctouche, Bass River, Harcourt and Chatham, and through the parishes of Wellington, Weldford and Harcourt, N.B., and was given two years within which the extensions are to be made.

No action has been taken by the Hamilton city council on the telephone question. The Bell Telephone Co. is pressing for a decision regarding its franchise, but the council is not disposed to do anything pending consideration of the O. W. Rogers offer to put in a service at \$15 for offices and \$10 for houses, and an investigation of the system of which the Canadian Machine Telephone Co. has control in Canada.

J. L. Murphy, barrister, Windsor, Ont., has secured an injunction against the Bell Telephone Co. compelling it to give him a service although he declined to sign a contract, and a verdict of \$10 damages sustained by reason of the Co. cutting the connection, with costs. Mr. Murphy declined to sign the contract on the ground that it contained clauses giving all the protection to the Co. and none to the patron. Stay of execution was granted to enable the Co. to enter an appeal.

The Eastern Telephone Co. is constructing a long distance line from Sydney, N.S., to the strait of Canso, where a connection will be made with the Nova Scotia Telephone Co.'s

line from New Glasgow to the strait, now under construction. The N.S.T. Co. owns a large proportion of the shares of the E.T. Co., which confines its operations to Cape Breton island. It is reported that as soon as the work at present in hand is completed, a long distance line will be constructed connecting the strait of Canso and Port Hood.

The Modern Telephone Co. of Hamilton, (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act, with a capital of \$300,000, to construct a local telephone line in Hamilton, Ont., and in adjoining towns and cities in Ontario, and to carry on a general telephone business. The provisional directors are: O. W. Rogers, F. Leoffler, of New York City; J. S. King, C. A. Johnson, W. A. Johnson, H. A. Drummond, W. Vandusen, S. C. Biggs, F. Dagger, of Toronto; and J. B. Scovill, of Buffalo, N.Y. The offices of the Co. are to be in Hamilton.

The Association of Railroad Telegraph Superintendents at their recent convention at Chicago discussed the question of telephoning from moving trains, and it is probable a series of tests will be made under its auspices. B. Bidwell, in a paper on the subject, said that while telephone and telegraph connections might be made from a moving trolley car, such a system has not yet been found feasible on the ordinary railroad. For this reason it was suggested that communications could be had with moving trains if a trolley wire or third rail were placed alongside the tracks.

The Canadian Machine Telephone Co. (Ltd.) has been incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act, with R. Neill, Peterborough, Ont.; Hon. G. E. Foster, M. H. Ludwig, J. A. Phin, Toronto; J. E. Ganong, J. De W. Chipman, St. Stephen, N.B., as provisional directors, to carry on the general business of a telephone company, and with the consent of municipalities, erect poles on, or construct conduits under any streets, highways, etc.; to manufacture telephone appliances, etc. The head offices of the Co. are to be in Ottawa, and the capital is fixed at \$250,000.

The Yorkton Northwest Electric Co. (Ltd.) was incorporated June 1, and has elected the following officers: President and Manager, Thos. Paul; Vice-President, J. J. Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Magee; other directors, Thomas Meredith, M. A. Eby, G. Betts and J. H. Nelson. The offices of the Co. are at Yorkton, Assa.; its capital is \$20,000 in \$1 shares, \$11,000 of which has been subscribed and \$5,500 has been paid up. The Co. takes over the telephone line and exchange constructed by T. Paul, described in our issue of Aug., 1901, pg. 255, and expects to add 50 miles of line in the rural districts this year. These lines will extend to Saltcoats, Theodore, Crescent, and to the Beaver hills. The lines in Yorkton are being extended and improved.

The Eastern Telephone Co. (Ltd.) has elected the following directors and officers: President, R. A. H. Mackeen; Vice-President, Judge Dodd; Secretary, W. Crowe; other directors, J. E. Burchell, B. Archibald, H. Donkin, C. F. Fraser, B. W. Chipman, R. Uniacke and F. B. McCurdy. The annual report showed that there had been a steady growth in the business both in Sydney, N.S., and over the whole system. Besides erecting the new building there has been installed over a quarter of a mile of underground system using 6,000 ft. of ducts. In these is half a mile of cable, and four miles more have been strung overhead. These cables contain 400 miles of wire. An entirely new exchange has been fitted up at Glace Bay with a switch board of the latest pattern. The Union Telephone Co., of Arichat, operating in Richmond county,