

St., Vancouver. It will be 3 storeys high, with stone front. The ground floor will be devoted to general business, the floor of which will be laid in blocked marble; the 1st floor will be for offices & the 2nd, or top floor, will be devoted to the operating & kindred departments. Every modern idea will be taken advantage of & utilized in the erection of the building & its laying out for business purposes. Work on construction will begin shortly. It is the intention to open an office in the Hotel Vancouver, & in one or two other sections of the city, in addition to the headquarters and the office in the new terminal building.

General Telegraph Matters.

It is said D. C. Corbin, who recently secured a charter from the Dominion Parliament, will build a telegraph line to Greenwood, B.C., at once.

The telegraph line between Kalispell, Montana, & Fort Steele, B.C., has been extended from Fort Steele to Cranbrook where it connects with the C.P.R. system.

A magistrate at Dundas, Ont., recently fined some telegraph linemen \$20 & costs & awarded \$30 damages for trees having been cut owing to their interfering with the wires. The case has been appealed.

A contract for the construction of a telegraph line between Kamloops & Nicola, B.C., has been given by the Dominion Department of Public Works to J. H. Latremouille. The Dominion supplementary estimates for 1899-90 contain \$2,550, a revote for this work.

Work is nearly completed on the Dominion Government telegraph line between Cape Beale & Alberni, B.C. This line will take the place of the present one, & be of great value to Alberni, as the new route follows the canal from Cape Beale to Alberni, & will be much easier to keep in repair during winter.

At the recent bi-annual Convention of Railway Telegraphers at Peoria, Ill., F. J. Reynolds, of Medicine Hat, Assa., was selected to represent the Canadian membership. The organization is in a highly satisfactory condition, the membership having doubled during the last year, being especially numerous in Canada. There were over 20 Canadian delegates.

The Dominion Government telegraph line to the Yukon was completed on June 29 to Lake Labarge, 128 miles from its starting point at Lake Bennett & 173 miles from Skagway. It is expected to have it completed to Dawson by Oct. 15. The Dominion supplementary estimates for 1899-90 provide \$147,500 for the line from Bennett to Dawson, with a branch to Atlin City, & \$225,000 for a line from the end of the present Government line at Quesnelle, B.C., via Stikine River & Teslin Lake to Atlin, which will give a through line to Dawson entirely through Canadian territory.

A U.S. syndicate is said to have secured a controlling interest in the North American Telegraph Co., which has been in existence for 20 years, the controlling stock having been held by the Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, & the Folger Brothers, of Kingston, Ont. The Co. has over 1,000 miles of poles, & from 3,000 to 4,000 miles of wires. The Co. owns & operates the telephone & telegraph wires in Prince Edward, Hastings, Frontenac, & several other counties in Eastern Ontario. It is proposed by the new owners to extend the system. W. Bampfield, of Montreal, has been appointed General Manager, with headquarters at Kingston, succeeding R. C. Carter, who has held the position of Manager since the Co.'s organization. It is said those who sold their stock realized well, & are quite pleased to let it go. Messrs. Folger & Rathbun are said to be still interested.

The Canadian, British Columbian & Dawson City Telegraph Co. has forwarded to the Dominion Government through Lord Strathcona a statement of claims for compensation on account of the Government having virtually repudiated the concession to the Co. for the building of a telegraph line to the Yukon & having proceeded with it as a Government work. We are informed that unless the Government awards liberal compensation the whole question of the abrogation of the charter & of the breaking of faith with English capitalists will be ventilated in the Imperial House of Commons. One of the trustees for the debenture holders, Mr. Clough, is M.P. for Portsmouth, & he has pointed out to Lord Strathcona the damaging effect which would result to Canadian credit should the question have to be raised in the Imperial Parliament. The directors of the Co. very forcibly say that while the breaking of engagements with foreign powers may sometimes be looked for, the same treatment is not expected from British Colonial Governments.

Nova Scotia Telephone Co.

At the annual meeting in Halifax, June 15, the following statement was submitted, for the year ended Jan. 31, 1899:

ASSETS.	
Exchanges and plant.....	\$278,997 29
Stores.....	5,518 83
Stock in other companies.....	19,752 00
Real estate, building, etc.....	15,699 21
Amounts due Company.....	1,964 53
Due by agencies, including Halifax	8,124 02
Cash on hand & in bank.....	2,690 17
	\$332,746 05

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	\$200,000 00
Bonds.....	20,000 00
Bills payable.....	10,453 43
Sundry amounts due.....	14,966 50
Depreciation acct.....	3,000 00
Dividend no. 17, payable Mar. 1,	
1899.....	6,000 00
Accident reserve acct.....	8,902 50
Insurance reserve acct.....	9,000 00
Contingent acct. & sinking fund	
acct.....	36,830 99
Profit & loss acct.....	23,592 63
	\$332,746 05

PROFIT AND LOSS, JAN. 31, 1899.

1898		
Feb. 1, Balance.....	\$ 21,939 91	
1899		
Jan. 31, Net earnings.....	16,652 72	\$ 38,592 63
1899		
Jan. 31, Dividend 16, paid Sep. 1, '98	\$6,000 00	
	17, payable Mar.	
1, '99.....	6,000 00	
Jan. 31, Transferred to sinking fund	3,000 00	\$ 15,000 00
		\$23,592 63
Balance forward.....		

The directors were unanimously re-elected as follows: President, B. W. Chipman; Vice-President, R. Uniacke; Secretary, C. E. Harris; other directors, C. F. Fraser, Dr. A. C. Cogswell, R. L. Borden, M.P., Dr. A. Haley, M.P., C. F. Sise.

The Co.'s long distance lines are not being extended to any great extent this year, owing to the extremely high price of copper wire. Metallic circuits are being installed in Halifax as fast as possible & steps are being taken to install the most modern system of switch boards there.

The Bell Telephone Company.

The Co. has bought Pare & Pare's telephone system at Granby, Que.

Conduits for underground wires are being laid in Main & some other principal streets in Winnipeg.

The people of Portage La Prairie want the Co. to establish long distance service with Winnipeg.

The Ottawa City Solicitor has given an opinion in regard to the conditions that sur-

round the use of the streets by the Bell Co. He says the charter of the Co. authorizes it to construct its lines in the public highways, provided the rights of travelers are not interfered with and "provided that in cities, towns & incorporated villages the location of the line or lines & the opening up of the streets for the erection of poles or for carrying wires underground shall be done under the direction & supervision of the engineer or such officer as the council may appoint & in such manner as the council may direct, & that the surface of the street shall in all cases be restored to its former condition by & at the expense of the company." From this he draws the conclusion that the Co. has the right to place its wires underground on any of the streets of the city & to open up the streets for that purpose, but in so doing must not interfere with the public right of travelling on or using such highways, & must locate its underground lines in such portion of the street as the council may direct & must carry on the work of opening up the streets and placing its wires underground also in such manner as the council may direct under the supervision & direction of the City Engineer.

B. C. Telephone Lines.

The Vernon & Nelson Telephone Co. has secured connection with the Inland Telephone Co. at Cascade City B.C., the latter Co. having built a line from Bossburg, Wash., to Cascade. Formerly the V. & N. Co. worked with the Spokane & B. C. Co. The Inland Co. has two metallic lines between Spokane, Wash., & Rossland, B.C., & direct connection with Republic, & throughout all the Western States. A person in Greenwood can now speak to Portland, Vancouver, San Francisco, or even Los Angeles.

The Columbia Telephone Co. is building a line from Cascade, B.C., to Camp McKinney, passing through Grand Forks, Columbia, Niagara, Summit, Eholt, Greenwood, Anacanda, Boundary Falls, Midway & Rock Creek. At the eastern end connection is made with the Spokane & B. Columbia Telephone Co. now operating to Spokane & Republic, Wash., & Rossland, B.C. To complete necessary connections the Columbia Company will also build a line from Trail to Rossland & thence to International Boundary. The intention is to establish exchanges at Rossland, Trail, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Camp McKinney & Cascade City, B.C.

General Telephone Matters.

The American Bell Telephone Co. has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 3% & 1 1/2% extra, payable July 15.

The Callender Telephone Exchange Co. has had its capital stock increased from \$100,000 to \$450,000 under the Dominion Companies Act.

The Victoria Telephone Co. held its first meeting at Woodville, Ont., recently, & elected these officers: President, J. G. Eyres; Vice-President, J. G. Campbell; Treasurer, C. E. Weeks; Secretary, Wm. A. Robinson. The directors have, it is said, decided to build lines to Beaverton, Orillia, Midland, Barrie, Lindsay, Peterboro, and other places as soon as possible.

At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. in Fredericton, June 13, the following were elected: President, Hon. A. G. Blair; Vice-President, J. L. Black; Managing Director, F. P. Thompson; other directors, A. A. Stockton, C. Fawcett, W. T. Whitehead; Sec.-Treas., W. E. Smith. It was decided to put in a metallic circuit between Fredericton & St. John & to extend the trunk line from Fredericton to Chatham & the north shore.