

Carleton, 1,200 ft., and an overhead cable to connect with the central office in Carleton, a total distance of nearly two miles.

The Sydney Fur Co. (Ltd.) is applying at the current session of the Nova Scotia Legislature for an act of incorporation. The company proposes to establish a farm for breeding fur-bearing animals, and in connection therewith is asking for power to construct telephone lines, and to connect the same with the lines of other companies.

The Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Co. has been canvassing for subscribers in Toronto, and it is claimed that the names of 5,000 have been secured to a preliminary contract. The company has been approaching the city council with a view of obtaining a franchise, on the understanding that the wires be placed underground.

C. E. Phelps, who was consulted by the Montreal city council relating to the placing

of telephone and other wires underground, has presented a report showing that the cost of the work would be about \$1,205,100. The main or trunk line conduits would be built by the most direct routes into the territory which each was designed to feed, keeping as nearly as possible along the line of street railway tracks to facilitate feeding to the trolley wires, with a distributing system interconnected at each street intersection.

The Michigan Central Rd. has in use seven telephone-telegraph circuits on its lines, and is fitting up telephones in a number of its baggage cars, freight cabooses, etc., so that communication may be had, in cases of emergency, with the nearest station. Circuit 4 terminates in the Windsor, Ont., yards and connects with the U.S. sections of the line; circuit 5 connects the Detroit general offices, Windsor station, Windsor yard, Ridgeway, and Division Superintendent, St. Thomas, 112 miles; circuit 6 connects St. Thomas, Water-

ford, Welland, Montrose and Suspension Bridge, 116 miles; and circuit 7 connects Victoria yard, Ont., and Black Rock, N.Y.

Referring to the municipal telephone system in operation at Port Arthur and Fort William, Ont., the Mayor of Fort William recently said: "Our telephone plant is scarcely yet completely installed. We operated successfully from Dec., 1902, to Mar. 10, 1903, when the central equipment was destroyed by fire. We erected a fire-proof building, reinstalled central equipment and resumed operation June, 1903. Since then applications for telephones have been so numerous that we have found it difficult to keep up with the demand. Fort William, in the nine months of its operation, has 310 telephones in use, and Port Arthur 330, making a total of 640 for both towns. There is a system of free exchange between the towns, and the tariff is only \$1 a month for domestic and \$2 for commercial use."

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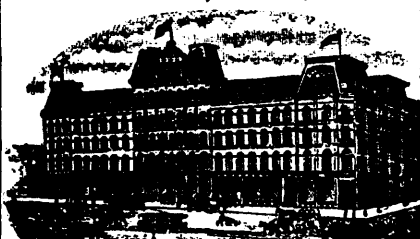
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