

THE Bell Telephone Company intend to string a larger amount of trunk line extensions this year than they have in any one season for the past six. A through copper line will be constructed from Toronto to Orangeville, and through Shelburne, Dundalk, Flesherton, Markdale and Chatsworth to Owen Sound, and across to Hepworth and Wiarton *via* Tara. This will relieve the pressure, of the present trunk lines reaching Toronto *via* Barrie, Orangeville and Guelph. A trunk line is also to be constructed from Mt. Forest to Durham and Flesherton, connecting with the above main line. Another extension will be made from Parkhill to Sarnia, and also a connecting link between St. Thomas and Ridgetown, and a line will be run north from Lindsay to Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.

<i>Week ending</i>		<i>1891.</i>	<i>1890.</i>
April 4	Passenger train earnings	\$127,596	\$125,259
do	Freight do do	258,373	254,251
April 11	Passenger do do	119,731	124,733
do	Freight do do	239,183	251,851
April 18	Passenger do do	117,854	120,435
do	Freight do do	223,398	266,602
April 25	Passenger do do	126,398	124,854
do	Freight do do	233,414	264,653
		\$1,445,947	\$1,532,638
			1,445,947
Decrease.....			\$86,691

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.

<i>Week ending</i>		<i>1891.</i>	<i>1890.</i>
April 7	Traffic earnings	\$391,000	\$300,000
April 14	Do	371,000	304,000
April 21	Do	363,000	297,000
April 30	Do	472,000	381,000
		\$1,597,000	\$1,282,000
		1,282,000	

Increase.....\$315,000

The earnings of the New Brunswick railway are included in the earnings of both years.