

The Canadian Ex. Co. operated a special express train between Toronto and London during the Christmas season. It is expected that the company will make this special train for the Christmas trade a permanent fixture.

The Dominion Ex. Co. and the Western Ex. Co. have appointed as their agents in Liverpool, England, M. Beck & Co., of 61 South John st. All communications relating to Liverpool business are henceforth to be addressed to that firm.

The Dominion Ex. Co. has opened a route on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Ry. from North Bay to Red Water, Ont. The service is mainly for the convenience of the construction gangs and for the settlements at Haileybury and New Liskeard, Ont.

C. McMichael was arrested at Halifax December 24, on a charge of passing bogus express orders. The order forms had been stolen from the Canadian Ex. Co.'s office at Orangeville, Ont., and several of them had been filled in and passed at various points in Ontario.

W. S. Stout, heretofore Vice-President and General Manager, Dominion Ex. Co., has been elected President and General Manager. The office of President has been vacant since the death of J. Cassils, of Montreal, in 1902. C. F. Smith, of Montreal, has been elected Vice-President.

The Western Ex. Co. has opened a route on the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Ry. from Glenwood to Carlos, Minn., on the extension of the line towards Winnipeg, Man., now under construction, and has opened offices at Carlos, Henning, Ottentail and Parker's Prairie, thereon.

The Principal of the Guelph, Ont., Agricultural College has been advocating at Farmers' Institute meetings the nationalization of the express service, and its operation in connection with the post office department. At a public meeting recently held at Bowmanville, Ont., a resolution was passed in favor of the nationalization of the express service, and sending a petition to the Postmaster-General asking him to take the matter into consideration.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has extended its service over the branch lines of the Central Vermont Ry. in Canada. There are three routes: Montreal to Waterloo, Que.; St. John's to Frelighsburg, Que.; and Marieville to St. Cesaire, Que., and offices have been opened at the following points: Angeline, Chambly Basin, Chambly Canton, Farnham, Frelighsburg, Granby, Iberville, Marieville, Richelieu, Rougemont, St. Angele, St. Brigide, St. Cesaire, St. John's, Stanbridge East, Versailles, Waterloo.

The U.S. Customs department has issued a new regulation relating to shipments of goods from Canada to the U.S. of the value of \$4 and over. It is now necessary for an entry to be made and an "owners' oath" executed by the consignee before delivery is made, such oath to be made before a Customs' notary or collector. The express companies in Canada consequently have issued notices that perishable goods and live stock cannot be accepted for transit to U.S. points without this "owners' oath," and all other goods will only be accepted subject to delay at the frontier until the "owners' oath" is obtained if it was not provided at the time of shipment.

Telegraph and Cable Matters.

The G.N.W. Telegraph Co. has opened an office at Lynedoch, Ont.

The Dominion Government proposes to establish a number of additional wireless telegraph stations, Marconi system, in the gulf of St. Lawrence, as well as one on Sable Island with a connecting station on the Nova Scotia mainland.

Application will be made at the current session of the Manitoba Legislature for the incorporation of a company to carry on a variety of enterprises including the construction of telegraph and telephone lines within a radius of 75 miles of Emerson.

J. D. Oppe, General Manager of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., recently stated that he was satisfied that it would be only a short time before communication for commercial purposes would be established between Canada and England by the company.

Owing to the frequent snapping of the cable between Pelee island, Lake Erie and the mainland, operated as a telephone cable by the G.N.W. Telegraph Co., application is being made to have the Dominion Government establish wireless telegraph stations on the island and at a point on the mainland.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. announces the following additions to the list of transfer offices in Canada: Dunnville, Gananoque, Gravenhurst, Listowel, Morrisburg, Paris, Parry Sound, Ridgeway, St. Mary's, Warton, Ont., and Granby, Que., all being class E., and that St. Thomas, Ont., has been advanced to class D., among the transfer offices.

The 200 miles of telegraph line under construction on Cape Breton island for the Dominion Government will complete the circuit of the island. We were recently advised that offices had been opened at Louisburg, Gabarous, Main-a-Dieu and Scatarie island, and that the remaining offices were expected to be opened early in Jan. Ahearn & Soper, (Ltd.), Ottawa, had the contract.

F. T. Jennings, heretofore chief operator and circuit manager C.P.R. Telegraphs, Montreal, has been appointed Inspector of Telegraphs same division, succeeding J. F. Richardson, recently appointed Superintendent Eastern division. H. Bott, assistant chief operator, has been appointed chief operator; J. F. B. Caisse, heretofore night chief, has been appointed assistant chief operator; J. Mitchell has been appointed night chief, and A. Bennie assistant night chief.

Hon. H. Copeland, Agent General in London, Eng., for New South Wales, and one of the Australian representatives on the Pacific Cable Board, who recently visited Canada, said in an interview that the cable had proved of immense service to Australia and New Zealand by reducing tolls and generally improving the service. The new Australian Federal Government had granted all the concessions asked by the Pacific Cable Board, and at Mr. Copeland's suggestion had reduced the terminal charges on ordinary messages from 10 to 6 cents a message, and on Government messages from 10 to 3 cents. With regard to the reports that the "All Red Line" was losing trade because it stood too much on its dignity as an international concern, he said such statements were "pure, unmitigated nonsense." As a matter of fact, he added, agents had been sent to New Zealand and other countries to work up trade.

Montreal Telegraph Co.

At the 57th annual meeting in Montreal Jan. 14, the balance sheet for the year ended Dec. 31, 1903, was presented as follows:

ASSETS.	
Telegraph lines in Canada and the U.S.	\$1,625,800.00
Telegraph cables in Canada and the U.S.	33,487.39
Telegraph offices and equipment of offices in Canada and the U.S.	212,500.00
Real estate in Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec and Toronto	279,946.46
	\$2,151,823.85
Cash, accounts receivable, bonds and other securities and real estate (not included in lease to G.N.W.)	135,337.97
	\$2,287,161.82
LIABILITIES.	
Shareholders' capital	\$2,000,000.00

Excess in value of property operated by the G.N.W. Tel. Co. over shareholders' capital	151,823.85
	\$2,151,823.85
Dividend payable Jan. 15, 1904	\$40,000.00
Unclaimed dividends, etc.	1,156.47
Contingent Fund	94,181.50
	135,337.97
	\$2,287,161.82

The directors' report said: The dividend guaranteed by the Western Union Telegraph Co. under the terms of the agreement of Aug. 17, 1881, was distributed in the usual manner, and on the fixed dates, with a payment of 10c. a share to shareholders of record on March 31 last. The Company's property in the foregoing statement, valued at \$2,151,823.85, is operated and maintained by the G.N.W.T. Co. of Canada. Its operation and maintenance is also guaranteed by the Western Union Telegraph Co. of New York, under an agreement with this Company for 97 years from July 1, 1881. The Company continues free from debt or encumbrance of any kind.

The following were elected officers and directors: President, H. A. Allan; Vice-President A. T. Paterson; other directors: J. Joseph, W. McMaster, W. R. Miller, W. Wainwright; Secretary-Treasurer, D. Ross Ross.

General Telephone Matters.

The Bell Telephone Co. is completing the installation of a telephone system at Raymond, Alta.

The long-distance telephone line between Halifax and Sydney, N.S., was expected to be completed and ready for operation by Feb. 20.

The Eastern Telephone Co., press reports state, is relieving all unmarried men on its staff of their duties and replacing them by married men.

The Bell Telephone Co. proposes to practically reconstruct the local telephone system in Carman, Man., which it recently acquired, and to put in a new exchange.

The Bell Telephone Co. has completed its long-distance line from Calgary to Edmonton, Alta., and communication was established between the two points early in Jan.

The Kamouraska Telephone Co.'s line, which was placed in operation recently, extends from Riviere du Loup to Quebec. J. C. Pouliot, Riviere du Loup, Que., is President.

Proceedings have been taken by a ratepayer of Hamilton, Ont., to have the by-law recently passed by the city council granting a new franchise to the Bell Telephone Co. quashed.

The Bell Telephone Co.'s assessment in Galt, Ont., was raised by the assessors from \$2,000 to \$6,000, and on an appeal being made to the county court judge, it was fixed at \$4,995.50.

The telephone system of St. John, Nfld., is provided by the Anglo-American Telegraph Co., W. C. Winsbrow being the Superintendent. The list of subscribers shows 391 instruments in use.

The issue of debentures by the Port Arthur, Ont., town council to pay for the installation of the municipal telephone service, is reported to have been largely taken up in Toronto, at a premium of 5%.

The Bell Telephone Co. proposes to extend its long-distance lines into Saskatchewan, and W. C. McKay, Prince Albert, is reported to have secured a contract for getting out the poles so that work may be started in the spring.

The promoters of the proposed new telephone service in St. John, N.B., claim to have secured the promise of 1,000 subscribers, and state that the plans for laying wires under ground, etc., will shortly be laid before the council.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co. has laid a new cable across the St. John river from near Miller's mill to the market slip in