

Department of Public Works.

The projected line from Moosomin to Cannington was not constructed; no one having been found to undertake the work for the amount of the appropriation provided for it.

The line from Dunmore to Fort Macleod has continued in the hands of the lessee, the North-west Coal and Navigation Company.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Cape Beale line suffered severely from the storms of December last and was in places wholly broken down. General repairs were, however, immediately proceeded with, and communication between Victoria and Cape Beale was restored in January. Later on the line was overhauled and cleared of brush wood and has laterly been in more reliable working order. This line and the Barkerville (Ashcroft to Barkerville) which has continued in satisfactory operation as heretofore, are operated in conjunction with the Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph system.

The construction of the telegraph line to Comox, which was begun under contract, was completed by the department as far as Wellington, in the fall of 1892. In the following April, it was extended to Nanaimo and put in operation, with offices established on commission at Nanaimo, Wellington, Union Mines, Courtney, and Comox, the two latter being reached by telephone. The total length of this line is 81 miles.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The revenue and expenditure figures for each of the lines in the several districts hereinbefore mentioned are given in the following table:—

Telegraph Service.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Remarks.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	
Lower St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces:—			Signal Service messages, Meteorological Service messages and reports, and Fisheries bulletins are handled free of tolls.
Anticosti Island lines.....	407 71	2,150 62	
Bay of Fundy do.....	765 54	1,242 25	
Cape Ray do.....		500 00	
Cape Sable do.....	34 04	243 32	
Cheticamp do.....	281 26	861 56	
Escuminac do.....	168 09	415 74	
Low Point do.....		50 00	
Magdalen Islands do.....	363 64	1,903 91	
Meat Cove do (including St. Paul's Island.....	707 33	1,243 72	
North Shore St. Lawrence (East of Bersimis).....	983 19	4,310 33	
do do (West of Bersimis).....	2,710 40	3,413 42	
Quarantine line.....	964 61	688 00	
Subsidies, stationery, line and office material, cable repairs and contingencies chargeable to the appropriation for Gulf lines.....		1,963 98	
	7,385 81	18,986 85	
Ontario: Pelee Island line.....	142 18	634 51	
	7,527 99	19,621 36	
North-west telegraph lines.....	1,799 63	16,328 37	
Total.....	9,327 62	35,949 73	

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