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The Great North Western Telegraph Company of Canada.

Operating the Lines of the Montreal & Dominion Telegraph Companies.

Miles of Line, 34,000. Number of Offices, 2,000.

ERASTUS WIMAN, President. - H. P. DWIGHT, General Manager.

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT.

This Company has lately made arrangements for working the lines of the Montreal and Dominion Telegraph Companies of Canada. At its commencement the Company's property and operations were confined entirely to the Province of Manitoba, but during the past year its scope and influence have been vastly extended." The ample provisions of the Charter of the Company were made available for the purpose of consolidating the conflicting telegraph interests of the Dominion, which, through ruinous competition, had been seriously impaired. The low rate for telegraph tolls which prevailed for the two years previously had so weakened the power of the telegraph companies to pay interest on the capital invested, and at the same time maintain the property in an efficient condition, that the prospects seemed most serious for all persons interested in this kind of investment. An arrangement was however effected, by which the rival companies were combined under one management, resulting in the introduction of large economies on the one hand, and the establishment of a uniform rate of 25 cents for telegraph tolls on the other. Investors in Telegraph property were thus assured of a fair return for their investment, and the public provided with a more efficient service.

This Company has a close alliance with the Western Union Company, and thus secures for its customers prompt and easy communication with every point upon this continent, to which the vast network of wires amounting to 340,000 miles owned by the Western Union Company extends. The various important inventions, secured by patents in most cases, which the Western Union Company now control, have also been placed at the disposition of, and will hereafter be used by, this Company.

Mr. H. P. Dwight, formerly Western Sup't of the Montreal Telegraph has been appointed General Manager of the new Company.

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