General Telephone Matters.

The Levis County Electric Ry. Co. has installed a telephone line along its railway from Levis, Que.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co. is stringing a third wire between St. John and Moncton, N.B.

The Bell Telephone Co, has opened an office in Gretna, Man., in the County Court office building.

The Eastern Telephone Co. has completed the installation of a central energy switchboard at its new exchange, Sydney, N.S.

The Bell Telephone Co. has made application to the Ottawa city council to open up a number of streets for the purpose of laying conduits.

The Bell Telephone Co.'s new line from Winnipeg to the U.S. boundary has been completed, the connection being made at Neche, N.D.

The Alaska Central Rd. Co. purposes constructing a telephone line along its projected railway, from Resurrection Bay to Rampart City, Álaska.

The telephone line operated on St. Joseph Island, Ont., referred to in our last issue, connects Marksville, Carterton, Kentvale, Encampment and Richard's Landing.

The Nova Scotia Steel Co. has completed the installation of a telephone system connecting its different departments with the central office at Queen's colliery, North Sydney, N.S.

A local telephone company is operated at Islet, Que. It has 25 subscribers connect-L'Islet, Que. ed on the bridging system, and the line extends for several miles in the country in several directions. The annual subscription is

\$15.
The Bellechasse Telephone Co., Que., has the following directors for the current half-year: - G. Demers, A. B. Dupuis, G. Tanyear: G. Delliers, A. B. Dapuis, G. Tamburguay, M.P.P., Quebec; E. Couture, J. Lawlor, J. Thompson, Levis; Rev. J. H. Frechette, Dorchester; Dr. J. U. Ross, M.P.; Ste. Flavie; J. McWilliams, Pointe-au-Pere.

The Telephone Co. of Kamouraska gives notice of application for incorporation under the Quebec Companies' Act, with a capital of \$10,000, to carry on an electric and telephone business in the counties of L'Islet, Kamouraska and Temiscouata, "and the transmission of telephone and electric messages.'
The offices will be at St. Paschal, Que.

The Harrietsville Telephone Co., which operates a circuit of 20 miles, gives Harrietsville, Ont., connection with the C.P.R. station at Moseley, Crampton, Avon, Putnam, Gladstone and Dorchester station. The officers for the current year are: President, Dr. W. Doan; Secretary-Treasurer, J. Smith; other directors, J. McNiven, Dorchester station, and W. Dafoe, Avon.

The People's Telephone Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., was incorporated in 1888 by the Quebec Legislature to do a general telephone business in the province. Some negotiations have recently been in progress for the formation of a new company to take over the P. T. Co., as well as the street railway and lighting company, and operate them under one management. C. Skinner, Sherbrooke, is General Manager of the P. T. Co.

The committee appointed by the Hamilton, Ont., city council to investigate the telephone situation has gathered a great deal of in-formation, and has submitted a series of ques-tions to O. W. Rogers, promoter of the Mod-ern Telephone Co., which is seeking a franchise in the city. Mr. Rogers reported, Oct. 2, that he was not ready to demonstrate his automatic duplex system, but hoped to be in a few weeks. The committee will meet again when there is something definite to go before it.

The Ottawa city council has approved of the recommendation giving a five years' contract to the Bell Telephone Co. on the following terms: An annual cash payment of \$4,000 to the city, and an increase at the rate of \$2 a phone when the subscribers exceed 2,500. The rate for stores is to be \$40 a year, for residences, \$25 with a reduction to \$20 where three-year contracts are entered into. A citizens' meeting was held a few days later when a resolution was passed criticising the action of the council and favoring municipal ownership.

The Eastern Telephone Co.'s line from Sydney to Canso, which was mentioned in our Aug. issue, will run from Sydney via Grand Narrows, to Orangedale, necessitating 56 miles of new construction. From Orangedale existing lines will be used through Marble Mountain and West Bay to Port Hawkesbury and Port Hastings, where connection will be made by cable with the Nova Scotia Telephone Co.'s system, which now terminates at Antigonish, but which will be built to Mulgrave next spring. The Eastern Telephone Co. will do its best to complete its part of the work this season.

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