

THE MONTREAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This popular Company, which has its wires laid along the line of railways and connections, was incorporated in the year 1847, with a capital of \$60,000, and began its operations with 12 or 15 offices between Montreal and Quebec. Its history has been an uninterrupted success from the start, its lines having been extended to the remotest sections of the country wherever they can be maintained, and offices opened in nearly every village and hamlet throughout the country. Its capital stock has been increased to \$2,000,000, its miles of lines to 22,000; and its number of offices to 1,450. Extensions are constantly going forward into newer and remoter sections of the country as routes opened up, and new offices are almost daily being opened.

This Company is apparently unaffected in its prosperity by rival schemes, having outlived several in the course of its history. No country in the world is probably better served in the matter of telegraphic communication than Canada. The great abilities and enterprising spirit of Sir Hugh Allan, the President of the Company, have been as serviceable in developing the organization we are now describing as in founding the magnificent system of Oceanic communication with which his name is so familiarly identified. An enterprising, but at the same time shrewd and far-seeing policy has, in fact, characterized the Company's operations from the very out-set. In this respect, and in all questions demanding liberal and comprehensive action, this company has been greatly assisted by possessing in Mr. H. P. Dwight, the superintendent of the Western District a gentleman who has had regard not so much for an immediate return for the work undertaken as the certain, steady expansion of business in a corresponding ratio with the increase of trade or population. Mr. Dwight's management extends over the most important section of the Company's territory.

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