

A Chicago telegram, of Nov. 23, said:—"By the use of a new automatic telegraph invention, 122,000 words an hour were sent yesterday from the Tribune office to Milwaukee & back again. The apparatus was invented in Buda Pest, Hungary, & this was the first exhibition of its working powers in this country. Nearly as many words were sent to Buffalo & return, but the experiment was not so successful. The instruments used were not adapted to such a long distance."

We have been unable to find any foundation for the report that telegraph communication is to be established between Port Arthur, Ont., & Duluth, Minn., via the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Ry., though, of course, it may come later on. At present there is no telegraph line along the P.A., D. & W., but a wire has been strung from Port Arthur to Stanley, & is being continued along the Ontario & Rainy River Ry., now under construction. On the Minnesota side the telegraph wires now extend to the terminus of the Duluth & Iron Range Ry., at Ely.

The people in Prince Edward Island who are agitating for improved or competitive cable service with the mainland, allege that the Anglo-American Telegraph Co., the only company operating on the Island, only provides a 12 hours' service in the day, closing down from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily, that the tolls from the Island to the mainland are double the tolls charged between points in the mainland provinces, & within 5c. of double the charges between New Brunswick & Nova Scotia, & Ontario & Quebec, & that press messages are charged double those of the mainland. Wireless telegraphy from the Island to the New Brunswick shore is suggested as a remedy.

General Telephone Matters.

A telephone line is projected between Skagway, Alaska, & Bennett, B.C.

Oyster Bay, B.C., has been connected with Alexandria & Extension Mines by telephone.

The Bell Telephone Co.'s Hamilton, Ont., office is to have an entirely new keyboard & fittings.

Telephone service has been established between St. George, Pennfield, Beaver Harbor, & Black's Harbor, N.B.

The Eastern Telephone Co., which operates in Cape Breton, has added over 50 subscribers this year, & has made a number of office improvements.

Thieves have found a new sphere of activity in copper telephone wires. The Delaware & Atlantic Co. recently lost about 2½ miles of wire by one night's operations.

The New Westminster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Co.'s new switchboard at Vancouver, referred to in our last issue, is to be put in by the Bell Telephone Co.

The people of Oaklands district, Man., to which the Northern Pacific Ry. has recently been extended, are trying to secure telephone connection with Portage la Prairie.

The North American Telegraph Co. has rebuilt its line between Belleville & Madoc, Ont., putting up a copper metallic circuit between those places for telephone purposes, & has connected Douglas, Ont., with its telephone system.

In reference to the issue of debenture stock & shares of the British Columbia Telephones, Ltd., referred to in our last issue, pg. 343, we were advised by the Secretary on Nov. 26 that he was in a position to say that the whole issue would be taken up.

The Roads Committee of Montreal City Council recently considered the application of B. R. Dodge, of Vermont, inventor of the Dodge system of telephones, to establish a new system of telephones in the city, a system which he claims is way ahead of anything so far invented, while the prices are practically nothing. He refrained, however, from giving any prices in his letter, which asked for the right to erect poles on the streets & carry on a system of telephones. The committee took the matter as a huge joke, the City Engineer saying there were already too

many poles on the streets. It was decided that there was not enough information given in the letter, & it was decided to reply, asking for capitalization of the company, what it would give for the franchise, charge for a telephone, & if it could put its wires underground.

Among the Express Companies.

The Great Northern Ex. Co. has opened an office at Salmo, B.C.

The Western Ex. Co.'s money orders are now payable at all offices of the Maritime Ex. Co.

The Canadian Ex. Co. has opened the following offices; Grand Mere Jct., Que.; Shawenegan Falls, Que.; Niagara Falls South (Drummondville), Ont.

At a recent meeting of the Great Northern Ex. Co. the following officers were elected: President, D. Miller; Vice-Pres. & General Manager, W. J. Footner; other directors, M. D. Groves, R. I. Farrington, J. N. Hill; Sec.-Treas., E. Sawyer. The new President is 2nd Vice-President of the Great Northern R.R.

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