

\$36 a year for business telephones and \$24 a year for private residences, or \$50 for both.

Barrie, Ont., has given its telephone franchise to the Bell Co. The Co. gets a five years' monopoly with the right to increase the rates of office 'phones \$5.00 and of residence 'phones half a mile from the exchange \$10.00. For services more than half a mile distant any price may be charged. The town gets four telephones free.

The Nova Scotia Telephone Co. has completed laying a large number of its wires in Halifax, underground. The main section of the cables contain 2,400 pairs of wires, and the branches running east and west have 440 pairs of wires; in each cable there is 208 pairs of wires. A new relay switch board has been installed in the exchange with a capacity of 3,600 telephones.

The Italian Government has just completed a telephone line over the Alps making a connection between Rome and Paris. The work in the mountains has been several months under way, and has been done at a cost of \$140,000. The work is taken up at the French frontier by the French Government and the Paris connection established. The line will be in operation during the coming summer.

The bill of the Bell Telephone Co. for an increase of capital was withdrawn when it reached the order papers in the Senate for a third reading at the recent session. There were several long debates regarding it with a view of having clauses inserted restricting rates. A bill promoted by the City of Toronto in the House of Commons to restrict the rates which the Co. could charge was also withdrawn and matters are left where they have been since 1892.

A. T. Griffiths and J. Mitchell were incorporated as the District Power and Telephone Co., at the last session of the B. C. Legislature with a capital of \$500,000, with power to increase and sell at a discount, for the purpose of constructing and operating telephone lines in the electoral districts of Esquimalt, Victoria City, North Victoria and South Victoria, and to acquire the lines of other companies within the province; and for the purpose of supplying power within the limits of its district.

The Yukon Telephone Syndicate classifies its service as follows:—

143 phones in.....	Dawson.
21 phones in.....	Grand Forks.
14 phones in.....	Bonanza Creek.
6 phones in.....	Eldorado Creek.
1 phone in.....	Sulphur Creek.
2 phones in.....	Dominion.
3 phones in.....	Gold Run.
1 phone at.....	Dome Road House.

191 talking places.

In the House of Commons, May 20, the Minister of Railways gave the following information: The mileage of all telephone companies, other than the Bell Telephone Co., operating in the Dominion, is as follows:—

Miles of poles	13,607
Miles of wire	32,541

He had not been able to obtain the number of subscribers as asked, but the number of offices in each province is as follows:—

Ontario	229
Quebec	165
Nova Scotia	150
New Brunswick	79
British Columbia	38

Total, including Prince Edward Island and Northwest Territories 743

The Manitoulin and North Shore Telephone and Telegraph Co. (Ltd.) has its central office and local exchange at Little Current, Ont., with long distance connection

throughout Manitoulin Island, Birch Island and Whitefish River district, the following being the offices:—Birch Island, Gore Bay, Green Bay, Hilly Cove, Honora, Kagawong, Little Current, Manitowaning, Mindemoya, Michael's Bay, Providence Bay, Sheguiandah, South Bay Mouth, Sandfield, Slash, Tehkumamah, Whitefish River and West River. Its telegraph is operated in connection with the

C.P.R. Co.'s telegraph working direct with Montreal, Ottawa and intervening points.

The Montreal City Council is considering the question of compelling the electric companies to put their wires underground. The charters of all companies except the Street Railway Co. contain a clause compelling them to do this when required.

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