

Low Point, C.B.—A line was built between Lingan and Low Point, a distance of 5 miles, in 1881, and was operated at the expense of the Government, but the route of the Western Union telegraph line *via* Lingan was subsequently abandoned and their line was rebuilt *via* Low Point. The local traffic did not warrant the company in keeping the office open there and it was found necessary in the interest of the signal service to continue an annual payment of \$50, that had previously been allowed, to the operator. The office at Low Point continues in operation on that basis.

The Bay of Fundy system (Eastport to Campobello, Grand Manan and Whitehead Islands) continues in satisfactory operation.

RIVER AND GULF ST. LAWRENCE.

The telegraph cable connecting Anticosti Island with the mainland at Gaspé was crushed by ice in the South-west Point shore end in April, but communication was preserved by the prompt action of the district superintendent, and a new piece of cable was spliced in by the ss. "Newfield" later on in the season (13th September, 1893.) The other Anticosti cable, between Long Point of Mingan and Mechastie Bay continues in operation. The land lines have been maintained in a very satisfactory way; some brush clearances and general repairs are being made this season.

The Escuminac line (Chatham to Point Escuminac, N.B.) continues in operation as heretofore.

The Grosse Isle Quarantine line has also continued free of interruption and the north shore lines (Chicoutimi to Point Esquimaux) continue in the same satisfactory condition reported last year. In the interval, however, the facilities for handling traffic have been further increased by the Great North-western Telegraph Company having rebuilt and duplicated their line for some distance below Quebec, where the single circuit used to be over-crowded. The company has also extended its line *via* the Lake St. John Railway to Chicoutimi, and another outlet for the traffic of the north shore lines is thereby afforded in event of interruption of the line to Quebec.

ONTARIO.

The Bath, Amherst Island, and the Wolfe and Howe Island lines, continue in the hands of the lessee, the North American Telegraph Company.

The telephone cable connecting Pelee Island with Leamington was broken by a vessel's anchor on the 11th November, but by means of a steam tug it was repaired on the 27th of the same month. The line continued thereafter in working order as before.

Manitoulin Island, and Nairn Station, Canadian Pacific Railway. In the fall of 1892, telephonic communication was established between the above named places by the Manitoulin and North Shore Telegraph and Telephone Company. The connection comprises 35 miles of land line and a short stretch of cable across the navigable channel at Little Current. The Government contributed a bonus of \$1,000 towards the cost of this connection.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

The line from Qu'Appelle to Edmonton has been maintained in operation as in previous years. It was found unnecessary to continue the services of a special lineman at Battleford and a transfer was made thence to Moose Jaw in order that the Wood Mountain line might be kept in more reliable condition. This latter line was overhauled in the course of the present season, and 100 new cedar poles were put into it. A half mile of new pole line was also erected in the village of Fort Qu'Appelle.