

Our City Corporation will pay the Bell Telephone Company \$300 for the use of instruments the coming civic year.

We are pleased to notice the return of Mr. W. B. Powell, the cashier of the G. N. W. to his post after nearly a month's absence, caused by a severe attack of diphtheria.

Mr. Erasmus Wiman was proposed by Mr. Angus Grant at the last meeting of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club and elected an honorary member.

E. C. Pease is the Secretary of the Canada Mutual Co., filling the position in a very acceptable manner. He is a practical telegrapher, and, if we mistake not, an *etere* of President C. R. Hosmer.

J. Flynn, Head Chainman of the Road Department, is engaged preparing a statement showing girth, distance apart, situation, crossings, &c., of all the Telegraph and Telephone poles in this city, to be laid before the Council.

Mr. James Dakers, the veteran ex-Secretary of the Montreal Telegraph Company, is a very frequent visitor to the G. N. W. head office, discussing as of yore the general telegraphic horizon. He seems as hale and hearty as ever.

Mr. Angus Grant, when leading the Tuque Bleu snowshoers over the mountain or across the country, is not excelled by any one of the other members of that old club—as the beau ideal of *un bel homme*. *Vive la raquette!*

Alfred Nurse, Assistant Manager of the Main Operating Room of the G. N. W., is one of the most energetic employees in the Company's service. He is also an excellent man at the Switch Board.

Mr. Wm. Cassils is President of the Canadian District Telegraph Company, with Major James H. Onkes as Superintendent and General Manager. The Company's business is constantly increasing.

Mr. W. J. Graham, Manager of the G. N. W. Co., is a popular and excellent executive officer. His consideration for the humblest employee and frankly expressed opinions to the millionaire Director command the esteem of one and the respect of the other.

Wm. Mackenzie, one of Montreal's leading stock brokers and financiers, is noted as a keen, shrewd, and cautious business man. He is also Secretary of the Stock Exchange. Many years ago he was an expert operator in the old Montreal Company's service.

D. R. Ross, Secretary of the Montreal Telegraph Company, announces they will pay the 79th quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. at the Company's Head Office, on and after the 2nd of April. This is the guaranteed dividend from the G. N. W. Telegraph Company.

Alec Maenoughton, in the main office of the G. N. W. Co., we believe has for a great many years worked the New York wire. Any stranger could easily find his operating desk—among the many in the room—by simply looking for that on which may be found a bouquet of flowers.

"The Montreal Electrical Signal Company" is a new organisation, which is prepared to do a general district telegraph business. They have opened a very nice office in the basement of the Exchange Bank Building, on St. Francois Xavier Street. Mr. John Murray is the Manager.

Is it too late for an annual ball or dinner of the electrical fraternity at large of this city? A regular reunion of some such nature should occur every year, on a broad and liberal basis, in which all may take part, such as the Telegrapher, Telephoner, Electric Light employee and others.

The Royal Electric Company, of Canada, composed of a number of Canadian capitalists, have secured the control of the American Electric and Illuminating Company's plant and good-will for \$250,000. They will work in close relations, and mutually participate in all future inventions secured by either Company in Canada or the United States.

Mr. James Poustie, the Superintendent of Construction of the G. N. W., is preparing for his spring work. The subject of underground wires will receive much of his attention—especially in all our large Canadian cities. This question is still far from a settlement. We have noticed many aerial cables coming into general use, thus reducing the number of overhead wires.

Next month, April, will be the 37th anniversary of Mr. O. S. Wood's arrival in this city, from New York, to assume the Superintendency of the Montreal Telegraph Co.'s lines, then building. He was one of Professor Morse's first students. Today we find him the resident Managing Director of the same Company under a new name. Should the occasion be allowed to pass without some recognition of his long services?

We should like to see an Electrical Society formed in this City from amongst the employees of the various companies. We feel quite satisfied much good would result from the monthly lectures on, and discussion of subjects affecting the general interest of all. New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, and other cities, have such associations, and there is no reason why we should not organize. We shall be glad to receive any suggestions.

Jos. J. McConniff, Manager of the G. N. W. Co.'s office, as well as ticket agent at the Windsor Hotel, recently returned from an extended honeymoon trip, visiting among other places Boston, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Denver, Colorado. He was very favorably impressed with the active life and bustle of American cities, and especially Boston, but were he to reside from this city he would prefer New York. "Joe" is an expert operator, and very well liked by those doing business with him.

MONTREAL FIRE ALARM.

Mr. Badger, in his last annual report, just out, says that three new signal boxes for private companies had been placed during the year, and a signal line had been extended to Hochelaga. In concluding his report Mr. Badger declared that the present meagre facilities of the department for the use of the telephone service, have shown it to be an important auxiliary to the fire alarm. He therefore asks that an appropriation be made in order to connect all the stations with the central fire alarm office.

Last year the Montreal Fire Alarm Department appropriation was \$6,700 and the expenditure \$6,396.47, leaving an unexpended balance of \$353.53: The system, under the superintendence of Mr. F. H. Badger, has reached perfection. Some of the wires are now being worked in a satisfactory manner, through the underground Woodward system of insulation—between the City Hall and the Central Fire Station—distant nearly half a mile.

It is also the intention of the Chief of the Fire Brigade and Mr. Badger to agitate strongly during the present year the advisability of having each one of the fire stations provided with a telephone. By this means during the progress of a fire, should the chief desire to have another line of hose, he could easily go to the neighboring fire station and by telephoning to the fire alarm office have an extra reel out from one of the other stations without necessarily sounding a second alarm. It is also intended, as soon as the necessary funds are received, to provide the new ward (Hochelaga) with a complete fire alarm service.