

company working inland in the mining centres adjacent to the international border separating B.C. from the U.S. A joint contract has now been entered into between your Co. and a U.S. company (with which your Co. has a reciprocal working arrangement) of the one part, and the competing company of the other part, whereby the interests of the competing company in Canadian territory will be taken over on favorable terms by this Co., and those in the U.S. territory by the U.S. company.

The profits for the year (including £466 4s. 8d. brought from last year's account) after deducting the expenses of the English offices amount to :

	£8,352 18 11
Out of which have been paid :—	
Interest on debenture stock	
June 30, 1901	1,279 17 1
Dividend on preference shares	
to June 30, 1901	1,706 9 1
Interim dividend on ordinary shares @ 8% per annum	1,200 0 0
	4,186 6 2
Leaving a balance of	£4,166 12 9

Your directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows :—

To transfer to the reserve fund	2,000 0 0
In payment of dividend on ordinary shares @ 8% per annum free from tax, for the ½ year ended June 30, 1901	1,379 11 8
To provide for directors' remuneration and to carry forward to next year's account ..	787 1 1
	£4,166 12 9

The balance sheet shows the capital and liabilities of the Co. to be £108,550 16s. 5d. The assets are shares in the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone Co. and the New Westminster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Co., which include the shares in subsidiary companies £88,380 3s.; profits from and amounts owing by subsidiary companies £18,661 3s. 1d.; cash in bank and in hand £1,509 10s. 4d.

Telephone System on the Royal Train.

The special train provided by the C.P.R. for the transcontinental tour of the Duke of Cornwall is equipped with very many conveniences and luxuries which are not found in the ordinary passenger train, amongst which is a telephone system connecting the cars of the train together, allowing intercommunication between all of them. The sets were specially designed for this train, and the cases are of the same wood and finish as the interior of the cars in which they are placed, one being of oak, one of prima vera and the rest of mahogany. Eight sets are provided, one for each car, each one being placed in a convenient but not obtrusive location. The cases are about 6 by 10 inches, the faces being equipped with a number of sockets each one marked with the name of one of the other cars. A plug which fits them is attached by means of a flexible cord to the side of the box, while a push button is located above the sockets with a vibrating bell on the top of all. To communicate with any car the plug is inserted in the socket marked with name of the car wanted and the button is depressed when a signal is sent in, power being derived from a battery of dry cells about the middle of the train. For talking, special combination telephones and transmitters are provided. If a transmitter were attached to the car in any way, the vibration of the train would disturb the transmitter, causing such a noise in the telephone as to make conversation next to impossible. These combination sets are arranged so that when the telephone is taken from the hook, the transmitter, being joined to it, is also removed. When the telephone is held to the ear the transmitter mouthpiece, which is curved, is at a convenient distance from the lips. By removing the transmitter from all connection with the body of the car

the noise due to vibration is reduced to a minimum and talking is good.

The cars are wired with rubber-covered wire cable run underneath the car. Under each platform is a brass case in which are placed insulated sockets or jacks, one for each line. To connect the cars, flexible cable of rubber-covered wire is used, provided with a case of plugs at each end (the plugs being

insulated from the case) which fits the case of sockets under the cars. The two cases of plugs are also connected by a chain, so that if the cars should break apart the plugs would be pulled out of the sockets without damaging the connecting cable. The sets were made by the Northern Electric and Mfg. Co., of Montreal, and the installation was done by the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada.

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NO ADMITTANCE

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Fire Escape.	Private Board.
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Ladies.	Fresh to Day.
Women.	Teas Provided.
Gentlemen.	Please Shut the Gate.

Size 14 x 3 inches. Oblong, oval ends, white ground, blue letters, lined and tipped.

No Admittance.

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Size 18 x 3½ inches. Oblong, square ends, white ground, blue letters, lined & tipped.

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Oval, size 2 x 3 inches, white ground, blue letters, tipped, hollowed, lettered **Push, Pull**, as above.

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