

General Telephone Matters.

Neepawa, Man., owns its telephone service, the cost being \$10 a year per instrument.

The Canadian Press Association has passed a resolution favoring government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co. is applying for a supplementary charter authorizing an increase of capital stock from \$250,000 to \$600,000.

The Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Co., a subsidiary of the Crow's Nest Coal Co., operates a telephone system in Fernie, B.C.

A report is current that the Bell Telephone Co. will shortly absorb the Merchants' Telephone Co., of Montreal, and in connection with the purchase will issue additional stock.

The work of installing the underground cables of the Canadian Machine Telephone Co., at Peterboro', Ont., has been completed, and most of the pole lines have been finished.

The Montreal City Council has submitted a series of questions to its legal advisers having reference to certain points in its contract with the Bell Telephone Co. The principal point has reference to the installation of slot machines.

The International Telephone Co. has been registered in British Columbia as an extra-provincial company. The company's head offices are at Bellingham, Wash., and the B.C. office is at Vancouver, W. Farrell being its attorney. The capital to be employed is \$50,000.

The private telephone line operated along the Westmoreland county shore from Shediac, N.B., has been extended to Cocagne, and three public pay stations have been established on the extension. The New Brunswick Telephone Co.'s exchange at Shediac is used by a mutual arrangement.

One of the four telephone exchanges of the Merchants' Telephone Co., Montreal, was burned out, Feb. 2, the connections of about 800 lines being destroyed. A partial service was given at the company's other exchanges, pending the installation of a new exchange on Vitre St., near the scene of the fire.

The Markham and Pickering Telephone Co. has been incorporated under the Ontario Companies' Act, with a capital of \$40,000 and offices at Whitevale, Ont., to carry on a general telephone business in the counties of York, Ontario, and Durham. The provisional directors are: A. Hoover, D. R. Beaton, of Pickering; A. C. Reesor, of Markham, Ont.

The Scarboro Telephone Co. has been incorporated under the Ontario Companies' Act, with a capital of \$40,000 and offices at Scarboro, Ont., to carry on a telephone business in the counties of York and Ontario. The provisional directors are: A. and J. Neilson, D. Brown, of Scarborough township; T. A. Young, Markham, Ont., and W. Mulock, Jr., Toronto.

The Bellechasse Telephone Co., of Levis, Que., will apply next session of the Quebec Legislature for an act increasing its capital to \$250,000, with power to further increase it to \$1,000,000. The company desires to have its powers extended so as to permit it to manufacture and sell telephone apparatus; to invest in securities of other similar companies. T. M. W. Pampalon, Quebec, is acting for the company.

The Manitoba Legislature has declined to accede to an application for an act to incorporate the Independent Telephone Co., in that province, with very extensive powers. In connection with the defeat of the application it was announced that the Government would, during the current year, make a

thorough investigation into the telephone problem with a view of the Province undertaking the establishment and operation of telephone lines.

The Burrard Inlet Telephone Co., which has a provincial charter enabling it to construct telephone lines within British Columbia started in to dig holes in the streets at Fernie, in which to put the poles recently. Some citizens objected, and the company's superintendent was fined \$10. The company obtained an injunction to restrain the local authorities from further interference. The citizens rather favor a local system, and are assisting local people, operating at Hammond and Turner, with a view of their obtaining a franchise.

The new construction work planned by the Bell Telephone Co., in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, includes the following long distance lines:—Portage la Prairie to Neepawa, via Gladstone, Man.; Brandon to Rapid City, Man.; Virden to Moosomin, Man.; Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, Man.; Winnipeg to Carmen, Man.; Winnipeg to Glenboro, Man.; Killarney to Deloraine, Man.; Carberry to Brandon, Man.; Morden to Pilot Mound, Man.; and Regina to Indian Head, Assa. The work involves the establishment of local exchanges and toll offices on the new lines to be opened up.

Petitions have been presented to the Dominion Parliament asking for the passing of an act to prevent telephone companies from erecting poles or constructing conduits on the streets or roads of any municipality in Canada without the consent of the council thereof, on behalf of the following municipalities: Tweed, Ont.; Iberville, Que.; Nanaimo, B.C. In connection with this movement a deputation representing Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, and other places in the Dominion waited on the Government with a view of urging the necessity for the passing of such an act.

The Central Telephone Co., according to the annual report recently presented to the shareholders, has 156 miles of line in operation, reaching 39 different points in Kings and Queens counties, N.B. The company has under consideration a proposal to obtain a special act of incorporation next session of the New Brunswick Legislature, and is planning further extensions of its lines. The officers and directors for the current year are:—President, T. H. Estabrooks, St. John; Vice-President, S. H. White, Sussex; Secretary-Treasurer, H. P. Robinson, Sussex; other directors: J. M. Scovil, Hon. W. Pugsley, St. John; G. W. Fowler, Sussex; G. W. Ganong, St. Stephen.

The Northwest Telephone Co. is the title under which E. Brown, T. H. Metcalfe, of Portage la Prairie, Man.; J. Tees, H. E. Sharpe, G. Bowles, G. A. Metcalfe, of Winnipeg, Man., are applying for incorporation at the current session of the Dominion Parliament. The object of the company is to construct, maintain, and operate telephone and telegraph lines in Ontario, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories; to acquire local lines, and for other purposes. The proposed capital is \$100,000. The application is being opposed in the Private Bills Committee, and it was suggested that the bill should be held over so as not to embarrass the Manitoba Legislature in its investigation into the telephone question.

The growth of the Bell Telephone Co.'s system has been faster in Winnipeg than in any other city in Canada, and notwithstanding the last changes, which involved the addition of a new storey to the company's building, the installation of a central energy switchboard with a capacity of 3,500 lines, and the practical rebuilding of the entire system, with the replacing of the magneto

sets then in use with those of common battery type, still further additions have been found necessary. The building has been practically doubled in size, and there is now being installed a new switchboard with an ultimate capacity of 10,000 lines, which entirely replaces the old one. When the new switchboard is installed the lines will be transferred to it, and the present switchboard will be entirely dismantled and removed.

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