

Department of Public Works.

APPENDIX No. 5.

REPORT ON GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINES.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE OFFICE,
OTTAWA, 5th December, 1893.

SIR,—I beg leave to submit the following report upon the telegraph service for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1893. The accompanying tabular statements of lines, operating staff, &c., established in the several districts, are repetitions of those appended to the last annual report excepting that they contain amendments covering such changes as were made in the interval.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. H. KEELEY,
Acting Superintendent.

E. F. E. ROY, Esq.,
Secretary, Public Works.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE—1892-93.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The line from Port au Basque to Cape Ray has been operated as heretofore in conjunction with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company's system.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Shippegan and Point Miscou, N.B.—In the fall of 1892, a line comprising 30½ miles of wire and 3¾ miles submarine cable was completed and put in operation between the above-named places, including five intermediate stations in telephonic connection, by the St. Lawrence Lumber Company for a bonus of \$4,000, including material supplied at cost price, under an agreement stipulating for its maintenance in perpetuity. The revenue of this line accrues to the company.

The Meat Cove line (North Sydney to Meat Cove, C.B.) continued in operation in conjunction with the Western Union Telegraph as in previous years. The loop line to White Point, 7¼ miles off the main route, was completed by Mr. R. G. Zwicker, in September, but in consequence of there being no operator available at the time, an office was not established. Arrangements are, however, under way to have one opened there as early as practicable.

The telegraph cable connecting the Magdalen Islands with the main land at Meat Cove ceased working on the 13th May. (It was subsequently found to be badly crushed by ice in the Meat Cove shore end and parted by a vessel's anchor nine miles further out. The cable was repaired by the ss. "Newfield" and communication with the Magdalen Islands was thereby restored on the 6th September, 1893, the steamer not being sooner available for the work.)

On the Cheticamp line (Mabou to Cheticamp, C.B.) two new offices have been established: South-west Margaree, opened on the 13th March, and Grand Etang opened on the 23rd April. This line and the Cape Sable line (Barrington to Cape Sable) have continued in operation as heretofore in conjunction with the Western Union telegraph.