

R. Murphy, Route Agent, Central Division, Canadian Ex. Co., has had his authority extended to cover route 72, Madawaska to Kearney, inclusive, hitherto under E. Allen, Route Agent, Northern Division.

Resolutions have been passed by the boards of trade of Halifax, Canso, Pictou, N.S., and Summerside, P.E.I., in favor of the Dominion Ex. Co. being granted equal facilities over the Intercolonial Ry. with the Canadian Ex. Co.

The Alaska Ex. Co. has opened offices at Bettles, Circle, Eagle, Fairbanks, Fort Cudahy, Fort Egbert, Fort Gibbon, Forty Mile, Kayak, Kenai, Rampart, Seldovia, Seward, St. Michael, Tanana, Treadwell and Weare, Alaska; and has closed its office at Sunrise, Alaska.

G. H. Waterhouse has been appointed Assistant Route Agent, Canadian Ex. Co., of the following routes in the Central Division: nos. 3, 4, 10, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, Madawaska to Kearney, 73, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 109. Headquarters temporarily at Montreal.

The Toronto Globe of May 3, 1854, had the following: "We are glad that a Canadian Express Company has been organized at Kingston on a most efficient footing. The President is William Ford, Esq., an old and respected resident of Kingston, and a most energetic business-man. The Board of Directors has on it the names of many of our leading merchants in different sections of the country. Offices are to be immediately opened in all parts of British America, and if the company is carried on with the energy fairly to be anticipated from it, its success cannot be doubtful."

Telegraph and Cable Matters.

C. Fox, an old-time telegrapher in Detroit and Chicago, and latterly working at Kingston, Ont., died there May 4.

The C.P.R. telegraph department has opened a direct wire connecting the Winnipeg Corn Exchange and the Montreal Board of Trade.

A number of residents of Kelowna, B.C., have proposed to guarantee \$900 of business a year if the C.P.R. telegraph department will extend a line to that point.

The Department of Marine has awarded a contract to the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. for the erection and equipment of six stations on the St. Lawrence River and Gulf.

The Ontario Legislature passed an act affecting the assessment of companies at its last session. The clause referring to telegraph companies as finally passed fixed the assessment at 50% of the gross receipts in cities, towns and villages, and at \$40 per mile of single wire in townships.

The Newfoundland Legislature at its recent session passed an act relative to the postal and telegraph services of the colony, providing for the taking over, on terms to be mutually agreed upon, of the Anglo-American Telegraph Co.'s lines on the island, and unifying them with the existing Government lines.

The U.S. War Department has accepted tenders for 600 miles of cable to be laid in Alaskan waters to complete the Valdez-Sitka line. The cable is to be manufactured in the U.S., and will be carried overland to Seattle, where it will be loaded on the cable str. Burnside. The section of the Seattle-Sitka cable will be completed early this season.

At a general meeting of shareholders of the Eastern Telegraph Co. in London, Eng., it was reported that a proportion of the traffic between Australia and Great Britain had been diverted by the Government to the all-British

Trans-Pacific line, but the actual loss of revenue was less than had been anticipated. The increased working expenses due to the increased staffs to meet competition amounted to £11,000.

The British Pacific Telegraph Co., which is being organized at Victoria, B.C., to take over the Dominion Government telegraph lines on Vancouver Island, will have among its officers T. W. Patterson as Secretary, and C. H. Gibbins as Manager. T. W. Patterson was formerly interested in the Victoria and Sydney Ry., which was sold in 1902 to the Victoria Terminal Ry. and Ferry Co.; and C. H. Gibbins was formerly editor of the Vancouver World.

The exclusive privileges of the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. in Newfoundland expired April 15. Referring to the matter the St. John's News said: "The Anglo has been fortunate in having had as its Manager here for nearly the whole period of its existence in the colony a gentleman so highly respected as A. M. Mackay, who has administered its affairs with such conspicuous success, and who has in private as well as business life earned general esteem."

An arrangement has been completed between the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. and the British post office by which the latter will receive and transmit messages to and from the Marconi stations in the same way as messages are handled for the cable companies. Signor Marconi states that as soon as the contract is completed the company will commence the transmission of messages between Canada and Great Britain via the stations at Glace Bay, N.S., and Poldhu, Cornwall, Eng. Signor Marconi arrived at Glace Bay from England May 17, to complete the final installation of instruments at that point.

The North American Telephone Co. (Ltd.), which is applying at the current session of the Dominion Parliament for an act to increase its capital stock and authorizing it to extend its lines to Manitoba and the Northwest, has its head office at Kingston, Ont., and operates lines from Kingston to Ottawa, with branches to Carp, Brockville, Westport and other points; from Renfrew to Eganville; from Perth to Middleville, Snow Road, Falkbrook and Oliver's Ferry; from Kingston to Flinton, and from Belleville to a number of points in Prince Edward, Northumberland, Peterboro' and Hastings counties. The officials and directors are: President and Treasurer, W. Bampfield, Kingston, Ont.; Vice-President, Watson Jack, Montreal; Secretary, S. A. Grant, Kingston; other directors: C. Archer, J. Beattie, Montreal; R. T. Riley, R. J. Whitla, Winnipeg; A. Hitchcock, Moose Jaw, Assa.

General Telephone Matters.

The Nova Scotia Telephone Co. is building a two-story brick addition to its offices in Salter St., Halifax.

There are at present 415 telephones connected with the Bell Telephone Co.'s exchange at St. Thomas, Ont.

Progress is being made with the construction of the local telephone line between Aylmer and Mapleton, Ont.

The Eastern Telephone Co. proposes stringing a second main telephone line between Sydney and Glace Bay, N.S.

The Bell Telephone Co. is asking additional facilities for the extension of its lines in Lindsay, Ont. There are now about 200 telephones connected with the exchange.

The Bell Telephone Co. is promoting extensions of its system in the rural districts round Belleville, Ont.; the latest point to which an extension is proposed is Ameliaburg.

The Eastern Telephone Co. (Ltd.), Sydney, N.S., has decided to increase its capital by the issue of a further \$30,000 of shares. Half of the issue will be taken up by the Nova Scotia Telephone Co.

The Brantford, Ont., city council has refused the offer of the Bell Telephone Co. for a franchise for two years, and has appointed a special committee to investigate the telephone question generally.

The American Machine and Telephone Co. has made a proposition to the Brantford, Ont., city council for a competitive telephone system, and promises, if given a franchise, to begin operations within three months after the contract is approved.

The Ottawa city council has, after considerable investigation, and a lot of negotiation with various interests, decided to give the Bell Telephone Co. an exclusive franchise for a period of two years. The contract has been accepted by the Bell Telephone Co.

The Bell Telephone Co. and the Owen Sound, Ont., town council have had a difference respecting the extension of the telephone system in the town, and the company has appealed to the courts to have the council restrained from interfering with the work.

The Central Telephone Co. (Ltd.) has been granted a supplemental charter under the New Brunswick Companies' Act, increasing its capital from \$10,000 to \$209,000, and its powers have been increased so that it may extend its lines to all parts of the province.

The North Bay, Ont., town council proposes to seize the switchboard at the Bell Telephone Co.'s local exchange on account of non-payment of \$75, taxes for 1903. The company's assessment for 1903 was \$2,500 and for the current year it was raised to \$2,750.

The East Grey Telephone Co. has been incorporated under the Ontario Companies' Act, with a capital of \$7,000 to construct a telephone system in Grey county. The provisional directors are: C. Knott, J. R. Fawcett, J. W. Ford, of Euphrasia township; W. Turner, W. J. Shortill, of Markdale, Ont.

Residents of Hintonburg, Ont., have asked the Bell Telephone Co., through J. E. MacPherson, its Ottawa representative, that the same charges for telephones be made as in other suburbs of Ottawa. At present the subscribers pay at Hintonburg \$40 to \$60 a year, according to the distance from the city boundary line.

At the annual meeting of the St. Martins Telephone Co. at St. John, N.B., it was reported that a satisfactory business had been done during the past year. The officers for the current year are: President, C. M. Bostwick; Vice-President, C. D. Trueman; Secretary, A. W. McMackin; other directors, W. H. Skillen, W. M. Jarvis, A. A. Stockton.

The negotiations which were in progress between the C.P.R., the Bell Telephone Co. and the Union of Canadian Municipalities respecting the connection of the municipal telephone system of Port Arthur, and Fort William, Ont., with the C.P.R. stations at these places, have fallen through, and the matter will have again to come before the Railway Commission.

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