

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS.

CANADA.

There were three Electric Telegraph Companies in Canada in 1865—the Montreal, the Provincial, and the Vermont & Boston. Concerning these, the following official statistics were published:—

Year 1865.	Montreal Tel'ph Co'y.	Provincial Tel'ph Co'y.	Vermont & Boston T Co	Total.
Length of Line—miles.	4,326	609	43	4,978
“ “ Wire “	5,457	652	43	6,152
Number of Stations open to the public.....	331	37.	1	369
“ Instruments.....	370	40	1	411
“ Public Messages sent*.....	444,878	25,000	9,453	479,331

*In addition to these are Press Messages and Check Messages on Company's own business. Some 12 or 14 journals are furnished with despatches twice and three times a day.

During the current year, 1866, the Vermont & Boston Company have withdrawn, their line passing into the hands of the Montreal Telegraph Company, and the Provincial and Montreal Companies have considerably extended their wires. The capital of the Montreal Telegraph Company is \$500,000, all paid up; usual dividend, 10 per cent.

The Montreal Telegraph Company own the following cables under the St. Lawrence. One at Cap Rouge (Quebec), $\frac{3}{4}$ mile; one at Bout de l'Isle, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile; one at Prescott, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile; two at Blackrock (Luffalo), $\frac{1}{2}$ mile each; one at Sarnia, 1-3rd mile; besides nearly a dozen at various canal crossings. It connects with its New Brunswick line via Campbelltown, and with the States at numerous points along the frontier.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

There are four Telegraph Companies owning lines in New Brunswick.

The New Brunswick Electric Telegraph Company's wires connect the United States and Nova Scotia with branches from Salisbury to Harvey, and from Moncton to Shediac. Capital, \$128,000; dividend, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. half-yearly.

The line of the Fredericton and St. John Telegraph Company connects St. John with Woodstock, N.B. Capital, \$48,000; dividend, 4 per cent. half yearly.

Both the above are leased and worked by the "American Telegraph Company."

The Montreal Telegraph Company own the line from Sackville, N.B., via Shediac and Chatham, to Campbelltown, with a submarine cable at Dalhousie, half a mile in length.

The New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company have a line between Sackville and Tormentine, N.B., connecting with the cable across Northumberland Straits to Prince Edward Island.

The following table shows the length, &c., of the wires of these several Companies:—

	New Br'nswk Tel. Co'y.	F. & St. John Tel. Co'y.	Montreal Tel. Co'y.	N. Y., N'fld & L. Tel. Co'y.	Total.
Length of Line—Miles....	370	130	220	40	760
“ “ Wire— “	500	130	220	(a)40	890
Number of Stations.....	18	3	8	(a)2	31
“ “ Instruments ...	25	3	(a)8	(a)2	38

(a) Supposed; returns not giving these particulars.

There are no means in New Brunswick of ascertaining the number of messages sent during the year by the Companies leasing the various lines.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The lines of the Nova Scotia Telegraph Company are leased and managed by the American Telegraph Company for 5 per cent. per annum on their capital. Mr. Jesse Hoyt is the President, and Mr. W. H. Wiswell, of Halifax, the Secretary and chief executive officer of this Company. The following are the statistics of the Nova Scotia lines:—

Number of miles of line*.....	1,198
“ “ wire.....	1,465
“ offices open.....	54
“ instruments.....	66
“ public messages per an., about.....	60,000

* See further Newfoundland.

These lines include a mile and a half of heavy submarine cable at Cape Canso, half a mile at Pugwash, and one mile at Arichat.

The Nova Scotia lines connect with those of New Brunswick, (also for Canada, the States, and Prince Edward Island) at Sackville, N. B.; with those of Newfoundland at Port Hood, Cape Breton.

It is claimed that the Tariff of charges is cheaper in Nova Scotia than in any part of the world. The charge for short distances (in one case about 100 miles) is only 12½ cents.