

Telegraphs.

The progress of telegraphy in the Dominion has been very rapid in proportion to the population.

The following are statistics showing the position of the Montreal Telegraph Company, at Oct. 17th last;—

	In Dominion.	In U. States.	Totals.
Miles of Poles..	10,691 ..	1,310 ..	12,001
Miles of Wire..	18,337 ..	1,930 ..	20,267
Miles of Cable..	12½ ..	½ ..	12½
No. of Offices..	1,118 ..	170 ..	1,288
“ sets Instruments ..	1,398 ..	214 ..	1,612

Messages for }
year ending } 1,614,752 .. 120,000 .. 1,734,752
30 Nov '73 }

No of Cable }
Msgs. same } 18,530 .. ——— .. 18,530
period }

No of Words of Reports supplied to Newspapers, between 8 and 9 millions.

The following figures relate to the Dominion Company:—

Number of Offices.....	300
Miles in operation.....	6000
Number of Employés.....	400
Sets of Instruments in use.....	500

British Columbia Telegraph.

This line, we learn from the last report of the Minister of Public Works, is in operation; From Victoria to Saanich, Vancouver's Island, 15 miles. From Saanich to Swinomish, Washington Territory, U.S., including 5 submerged cables 60 miles. From Swinomish to Matsqui, New Westminster, Hope, Yale, Lytton, Quesnelle and Barkerville 537 miles. There is also a branch line from New Westminster to Burrard's Inlet 10 miles. This line was assumed by the Dominion Government at the time of the admission of B. Columbia into the confederation. Many repairs and restorations have been made. The submerged cables

require partial restoration, and the line from Matsqui to Swinomish is not in a satisfactory state. 21 offices are in operation. The superintendent claims that every effort has been made to make the service efficient and economical, but the working is attended with great difficulties, from the character of the country. Scantiness of the population, distances between the offices and every high price of labour. It is frequently damaged by snow falls, by hurricanes, and by fires. The expenditure at present is greatly in excess of the revenue. The expenditure for the fiscal year was \$51,990. No return is given of the receipts.

Dominion Telegraph Company.

HEAD OFFICE,—Corner of Front, Wellington and Church Streets, Toronto, Ontario.

CAPITAL AUTHORIZED, \$1,000,000.—CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, \$500,000.

President:—The Hon. John McMurrich; *Vice-President*:—John I. Mackenzie, Esq., *Treasurer*:—James Michie, Esq.,; *Managing Director*:—The Hon. Wm. Cayley; *Directors*:—Lewis Moffatt, Esq., of Moffatt Bros., Toronto, The Hon. T. N. Gibbs, Oshawa, A. R. McMaster, Esq., of A. R. McMaster, & Bros., Toronto, S. Neelon, Esq., St Catharines, A. Copp, Esq., of Copp Bros., Hamilton. *General Manager*:—I. D. Purkis. *Secretary*:—J. C. Small; Supt. Western Division, Hugh Neilson, Toronto; Supt. Eastern Division, C. R. Hosmer, Montreal.

Bankers:—BANK OF COMMERCE; *Solicitors*:—Cameron and McMichael.

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Miles of line in operation.....	6000
Number of employées.....	400
Sets of Instruments in use.....	500

Tariff between places in Canada, not more than 12 miles apart 15 cents for 10 words and 1 cent for each additional word.

Tariff to All other places on this list 25 cents for 10 words, and 1 cent for each additional word.

List of their own Offices in connection with all the principal Cities and Towns in the United States, 1st Dec., 1874.

Acton, O.	Allanburg, O.	Arthur Station, O.	Aylmer, Q.
Adams, N. Y.	Angus, O.	Aurora, O.	Aultsville, O.
Alma, O.	Arnprior, O.	Ailsa Craig, O.	Back River, Q.
Almonte, O.	Arthur, O.	*Alexandria Bay, N.Y.	Barrie, O.