

available. There is now direct communication by the Canadian Pacific Railway system between Halifax, N.S., and Victoria, B.C.

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352. The telephone system of Canada is almost entirely in the hands of the Bell Telephone Company of Montreal, which has 363 offices, 21,299 sets of instruments in use, 5,015 miles of poles and 21,380 miles of wire. The number of messages sent was about 45,413,170. The above figures do not include Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island or British Columbia, all of which are worked by separate companies, particulars of which are not at hand. The longest distance in which audible speaking has been accomplished by the telephone is between New York and Chicago, over one thousand miles, and the next longest distance, between Paris and Marseilles, $562\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Telephone communication has been recently established between London and Paris.
