



## Canadian Independent Telephone Association

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### Telephone Association News

A recent visit to the office of the Canadian Independent Telephone Association shows that its value is being much better appreciated now that there is a secretary who can give his whole time to it. Letters of enquiry are more numerous, and expressions of appreciation more frequent. The secretary, Mr. Dagger, is quite jubilant at the legislation which was secured at the session which was just ended.

Full arrangements are being completed to have some of the "exclusive" contracts submitted to the Railway Board.

But the new Provincial Act will remedy any future contracts which restrict trade.

Mayor Mayberry, M. L. A., says that the Telephone situation has become very interesting to every member, and that the interest of telephony will be looked after.

### Telephone Legislation in Ontario

Ontario is following the example of the three North Western Provinces to a certain extent already, and there is little doubt that Government Ownership of Long Distance lines is not very far in the future.

At the recent session of the Legislature the "Ontario Telephone Act" was introduced by Mr. Charters, and has become law, in spite of the fight put up against it.

The provisions of the Act are as follows:

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board is given "jurisdiction to enquire into, hear and determine any application by or on behalf of any party interested," either (1) in regard to complaints for failure to do, or for the doing of, any thing contrary to the Statutes on the subject; or (2) request for any order or direction which it has the power to give.

The Board has power to compel any company or person to do what is required by law, and to forbid anything contrary to law,

The Board can make orders and regulations under the various Acts, and inflict penalties up to \$100.

All telephone tolls are subject to the approval of the Board; and the tariffs shall be filed with the Board.

The Board may order that tariffs of tolls shall be made public.

Contracts between companies are subject to the approval of the Board.

The Board must compel any company to agree with any other company for connection, and can issue an order enforcing this.

All such contracts must be approved by the Board before they have any force or effect.

No company is permitted to make any contract "which has, or is designed to have the effect of increasing the costs. . . . or of restricting competition," until this has received the assent of the Board.

Every person can compel telephone service, subject to conditions directed by the Board.

The provisions of the Act relative to the Board are to apply.

Another Act has also been passed amending the

Local Municipal Telephone Act, the main provisions being as follows:

"Maintenance" is made to include cost of switching and superintendence of the system.

"Cost of construction" is to include that of improving or strengthening the original system.

The Council of the initiating Municipality may make terms for new subscribers; it may issue debentures for extensions, and levy annual rates for their re-payment, such debentures being issued on the credit of the Municipality, but no by-law need be submitted to the electors; it may make arrangements for advances of money, and pass a by-law for their re-payment.

Power is given to equalize the cost as between the original and subsequent subscribers.

### Telephone Progress in Saskatchewan

The Government Telephone Department of Saskatchewan is making great progress now that the season has opened. In last month's issue was an advertisement for tenders for five hundred miles of long distance construction, and Mr. Porter, Deputy Minister of the Department, informs us that, in addition, they expect to construct at least ten local exchanges, and as well do some "extensive reconstruction and improvement in such exchanges as came into our hands by purchase. Our only fear", he says, "of being unable to overtake the work which we have laid out for the season, arises from the prospect of a possible dearth in the supply of labour, as preparations are being made for pushing activities along every line of occupation." In regard of rural companies, their organization practically ceased when harvest operations were begun last fall, and was not resumed until last month, since which time about a dozen new ones have been started.

### Sued for \$1,500,000

The Automatic Electric Company of Chicago, Illinois, have been sued in the United States Circuit Court for \$1,500,000 damages by the Lorimer-Lundquist Company, an American corporation, owning the Lorimer Automatic Telephone patents for the United States. The Canadian patent for the Lorimer Automatic Telephone System are owned by Canadian Independent Telephone Company, Ltd., of Toronto, Ontario, and suit for injunction restraining the Automatic Electric Company from doing business in Canada is pending in the Exchequer Court of this country. The outcome of these suits will be awaited with great interest, as upon the decision will depend the control of automatic telephony.

### The Great North Country

Those Indians who made the first canoe of birch bark long ago, were our greatest benefactors. The children of these Indians know the canoe, and they know how to use it, and if you go to Temagami, Ontario, this summer, they will paddle your canoe in their own superb way. Students who camp in summer along the Temagami lakes are able to do two years' work in one. Finest of fishing and hunting. Easy of access by the Grand Trunk Railway System. Information and beautiful descriptive publication sent free on application to J. Quinlan, D. P. A., G. T. Ry., Montreal.