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### In Parliament

Federal Franchise Bill to Be Brought Down Today

### **Supplementary Estimates**

Has Coming Election Something to Do With Them? Telephone Appropriation Causes a Lot of

#### TOTAL ENLISTMENTS IN CANADA TO DATE 431,455

Ottawa, Seut. 5-Enlistments in Canada for the last two weeks of August totalled 1,500, which was a decreace of 142, as compared with the preceding two weeks. The recruiting figures by military districts, as given

out by the militia department today, are as follows: London, 171; Toronto, 591; Ottawa and Kingston, 52; Montreal, 185; Quebec, 86; Maritime Provinces, 119; Manitoba, 146; British Columbia, 458; Saskatchewan, 12, and Alberta, 35. Total enlistments in the Canadian expeditionary force are now 481,455.

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There was protracted discussion on a vote of \$420,000 for a branch telegraph line in Cape Breton, the item leading to a general discussion of government telephones.

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Hon. Gr. P. Graham objected to an expenditure of \$272,000 throughout the dominion for telegraph and telephone systems. A large part of this money would, he said, he expended for new work. He believed \$60,000 would be sufficient to repair the lines already in operation. This should composite the many is a nost face, "Mr. Carvell declared, the minister as the principle was concerned it was a man's face," Mr. Carvell declared, the minister as a most face, "Mr. Kyte, of Richmond, strongly criticized the government in connection with the dismissal of a lineman in his county the dismissal of a lineman in

ment could not install telephones for people who lived at great distances from the main line, even private corporations refuse to do this.

Dr. Chisholm said that Mr. Davidson

had no right to assume that he was mis-taken in his statements as he knew nothing whatever about conditions in this district. He could give a dozen in-stances where Liberals had been dis-criminated against in the installation of

Dr. Reid told the committee that the charge for a telephone was \$4.50 a year for each half mile of distance from the for each half mile of distance from the main line. If the telephone was on the main line it was for public use and those who used it paid the regular toll.

Mr. Morphy commented that the discussion seemed to be more or less of a family quarrel among the member from Nova Scotia. He suggested that if the money were not required in Nova Scotia it should go to establishing telephone lines in Ontario. Eventually, however, the vote of \$8,979 for telegraph and telephone lines in Nova Scotia was carried.

Whole System Wrong. The committee then turned to a vote of \$3,000 for an extension line to Kouchibouguac, in New Brunswick. Mr. Carvell again protested. The whole system, he said, was wrong. There was no reason why the government should embark in public facilities, whether in New Brunswick or any other part of the country.

Mr. Robideaux, a Conservative member from New Brunswick, advised the department of public works to pay no attention "to this hollering." The government should see that the public got good service. Hon. Mr. Graham said the governmen was not using their best endeavors to preserve the finances of the government to carry on the war. If the people had

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confining its operations to the extension of those already in existence.

Mr. Carvell asked for some information, which Dr. Deid was unable to supply. He said he was asking questions and was going to continue to do so, because he wanted the public to know what an awful system was being foisted upon them.

The item was allowed to stand until more information was obtained and the house closed for recess.

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Mr. MacLean declared that Dorchester was one of the best and oldest settled counties in Canada.

Dr. Reid admitted that the telephone system might be a new policy. In past years telegraph lines had been established, but he believed that telephones were preferable because everybody could use them.

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Dr. Reid merely stated that the government was not building any new lines, confining its operations to the extension of those already in existence.

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An item of \$3,500 for telephone lines in the parishes of Ste. Rose, St. Louis, St. Cyprien and St. Luc, in the county of Dorchester, was considered after the recess. H. Boulay, of Rimouski, declared that if telephone lines were needed anywhere they were needed betwen Matane and Gaspe, a distance of two hundred miles in a district where the people were far from civilization. An Election Promise

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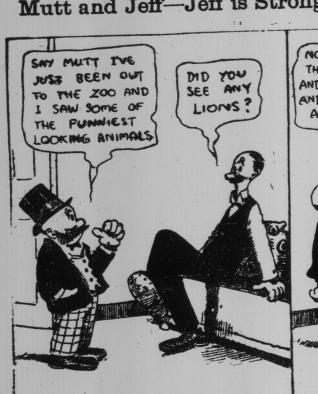
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