

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES UPON THE INVITATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

ABBREVIATIONS.—*S.*, single circuit; *M.*, metallic circuit; *I. G.*, iron wire, grounded circuit; *I. M.*, iron wire, metallic circuit; *C. G.*, copper wire, grounded circuit; *C. M.*, copper wire, metallic circuit; *I. C. C. R.*, iron wire, copper common return; *C. E.*, central energy system; *Mag.*, magneto system; *Auto.*, automatic system; *L. D.*, long-distance; *Pref.*, preferred; *Com.*, common; *Ex.*, exchange; *Min.*, minutes.

Particulars.	Texarkana Telephone Co., Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas and Miller County, Ark.	Kansas City Home Telephone Co., Kansas City, Mo.	Hardin Telephone Exchange, A. B. Hughes, Prop., Hardin, Mo.	Independence Home Telephone Co., Independence, Mo.	The Home Telephone Co., Joplin, Mo.
Stock issued.....	150,000 00	\$1,997,500 00	Private ownership.....	\$40,000 00	\$175,000 00
Bonds ".....	150,000 00	\$2,184,000 00	.....	Nil.....	\$175,000 00
Years in operation.....	2½	1½	3	1½	3
Population of territory.....	25,000	300,000	.....	15,000	10,000
Number of R. telephones.....	768	5,500	250	200	1,500
" B. ".....	441	7,000	25	400	1,500
" F. ".....	30	100	300	38	250
Non-party lines.....	800	10,500	90	300	\$2,700
Cost per telephone.....	.....	.....	.....	\$55 00	\$145 00
Class of wire and circuit.....	I. M.....	C. M.....	I. G.....	I. M.....	C. M.....
Proportion under ground.....	8 per cent.....	.....	Nil.....	Nil.....	Nil.....
Type of system.....	C. E.....	C. E.....	Mag.....	C. E.....	Mag & C. E.....
Annual rates, business.....	\$36 00	\$54 00	\$24 00	\$30 00	\$24 00 and \$30 00.
Party line ".....	.....	.....	.....	\$24 00	.....