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in investigating the whole question thoroughly, with a view to improving the conditions.

Submitting their view upon this matter for your consideration, I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. YOUNG,
Secretary.

P.S.—A copy of this letter is also being sent to the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

No. 36.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28, 1905.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK, K.C.M.G.,
Postmaster General.
Ottawa, Canada.

DEAR SIR,—Replying to yours of the 28th ultimo, I beg to state that in general, there are three or four good systems of telephones and switchboards built in this country, to wit :

Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Co., Chicago, Illinois.
American Electric Telephone Co., Chicago, Illinois.
Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Co., Rochester, N.Y.

These are three of the most prominent ones.

In regard to the service: it is generally conceded that the independent companies give the best local service and have more telephones in the United States than the Bell companies have. The Bell companies being all under one management, probably give better long-distance service, especially between far distant points. We have no municipal or government plants here.

We know very little of the rural telephone business, except that it is not generally profitable to the operating company; the best earnings are made in the larger centres of population.

In regard to the questions on the back of your communication: I shall endeavour to answer them to the best of my ability, taking them consecutively.

Yours truly,

C. E. WILSON.

No. 37.

THE BOARD OF TRADE OF THE CITY OF GUELPH,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE, GUELPH, CANADA, April 26, 1905.

The Hon. Sir WILLIAM MULOCK,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to enclose you a certified copy of a resolution relating to the Bell Telephone Co., passed by the Guelph Board of Trade at its last meeting and directed to be forwarded to you.

And I have the honour to be, sir,
Yours very truly,

JAMES WATT,
Secretary G. B. of T.