

APPENDIX No. 1

No. 229.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KASLO,
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE,
KASLO, B.C., July 8, 1905.

The Chairman,
Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge your communication dated 2nd ultimo, and to inform you that the council of this city having duly considered said communication, have instructed me to reply as follows:—

This is only a small city of about 1,200 inhabitants, the telephone system is owned by the Bell Telephone Company and leased to a private individual.

There are two miles of poles and about six miles of line.

The charges are \$2.50 per month to business houses and \$1.50 per month to private houses, there being altogether about twenty subscribers.

There is a private line (owned by the person leasing the local line) to Lardo, 25 miles north of Kaslo, the rate for messages being 25 cents each.

The facilities for inter-communication are practically nil, there being no telephone communication with any of the towns and cities on lake and river, or with Sandon, Slocan City, Silverton, Nakusp, &c.

Trusting the above is the information you require,

I am, sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. W. ALLEN,
Clerk of the Municipal Council.

No. 230.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILTON,
CLERK'S OFFICE, MARKSVILLE, P.O., ONT., July 10, 1905.

To the Honourable
Sir WILLIAM MULOCK.

SIR,—In reply to yours *re* information as to telephone system in operation in this township and adjoining townships, I beg to say that I have carefully read over the statements contained in Mr. Young's examination before the Select Committee, and I have read over the statements of Mr. Young to the Reeve of this township, who was one of the management committee at the time this division known as the Hilton and Jocelyn Farmers' Telephone line was constructed. Mr. Young's statements corroborate the Reeve's in nearly every particular, with exception to a slight difference in the cost of construction.

This division, consisting of 15 miles, cost for constructing \$390. There are 43 subscribers, each subscriber was assessed \$9; this sum entitled him to purchase and install a 'phone in his house or place of business, the actual cost of building the line was about \$26 per mile, including material and construction.

Last year we assessed every subscriber owning a 'phone \$1 per annum for repairs to line and \$1 for switches, subscribers not owning 'phones were assessed 50 cents per annum for repairs and 50 cents for switches. All 'phones to be kept in repair at the cost of the owner.

The 'phones in use in this division are the same as described by Mr. Young. The line works well, with perhaps one exception, we have too many 'phones for one wire.