

No. 182.

Sandwich, Ont.—Subscribers not at all satisfied with 'Bell' service. Very little rural inter-communication because company has not encouraged farmers to take telephones. 40 subscribers.

No. 183.

Elizabethtown, Ont.—No service. Nearest telephone at Addison, six miles distant. Telephones much needed. Offered to furnish North American Telephone Company with poles to Glen Buell, 2½ miles distance where main line passes through, but with no results.

No. 184.

Lennoxville, P.Q.—'Bell' and 'People's Company' operate here. 'Bell' has 40 telephones with free service to Sherbrooke. 'People's' have not so many. Service very good, but long-distance rates too high. Council considers free service should extend to nearby towns and that all telephone companies should be allowed connection with railways on equal terms.

No. 185.

Secretary-Treasurer, Maskinongé, Que.—Two companies here. 'Bell,' which gives long-distance and 'Maskinongé' having local service connecting to parishes and county. 'Bell' long-distance satisfactory. No local subscribers at the present time. Maskinongé Company's service not always satisfactory. These two systems are of great convenience to the public.

No. 186.

Municipality of Pembina, Man.—'Bell' long-distance only service. Rate to Winnipeg 102 miles 60 cents. Company has been canvassing for local subscribers at \$24 per year. Council considers these rates too high by half. Improvement of service also needed. Patrons frequently have long waits.

No. 187.

Yorkton, Assa.—System operated by local company for seven years. Highly satisfactory, but proprietors cannot supply would-be subscribers for lack of capital. Council appoints one director on board of company. Have 130 miles of rural lines, with 60 telephones; also 100 local subscribers. Rates: \$12 residence, \$25 business. Holders of \$25 stock have reduced rates. Ordinary service 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Doctors, fire and police departments have continuous service. Subscribers have free service over rural lines. Non-subscribers pay 25 cents and \$1 for night service per conversation.

No. 188.

St. Scholastique, P.Q.—Public very well satisfied with 'Bell' service. 41 subscribers, rates from \$15 to \$25.

No. 189.

Township of Rama, Ont.—Line being built by 'Bell' Company from Orillia to Longford, on extreme west of township. Council considers a line with pay stations, through centre of township connecting other municipalities and towns would be great benefit, and would facilitate the selling of farm produce and the securing of medical aid, &c. Council also favours establishment of national telephone system.