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No. 104.

LANGTON, ONT., June 9, 1905.

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

SIR,—In reply to your inquiry regarding telephones, I am sorry to have to inform you that there is not a single telephone in our township, the nearest one being at Courtland (lately installed) seven miles from here. In a conversation with the members of our municipal council at our last meeting, I stated that I had received a number of reports of the inquiries of the Select Committee on Telephone systems and stated that it was contemplated by the Dominion Parliament to place the 'phones in the post offices and have them under the control (to a certain extent) of the municipalities and the council were unanimous in the opinion that the scheme would be very advantageous. We are very much in need of a telephone service here and would welcome any scheme that would give us, at a reasonable expense, telephonic communication with other places. We also need an express office here.

Your humble servant,

C. B. ELLISON, P.M.,
Clerk and Treasurer.

No. 105.

SHIRE HALL, BELLEVILLE, ONT., June 12, 1905.

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

DEAR SIR,—Your circular letter, dated June 2, 1905, in respect to telephone systems in operation in Canada, came to me on the 8th instant, and I placed it before the Hastings county council then in session.

We have no system of telephones in this county, except the Bell system; but a company is now being formed to erect a local system within this county, and the county is favourable to it. After considering your said letter the county council last week by resolution recommended:—

'That such legislation should be enacted as would oblige controllers of the main telephone lines throughout the Dominion to give reasonable facilities to local companies to connect with and have the use of the same.'

Your obedient servant,

WM. R. AYLESWORTH,
County Clerk.

No. 106.

MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHCLAIR,
ELPHINSTONE, MAN., June 7, 1905.

The Honourable
The Chairman,
Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to receive your letter of 3rd instant. The telephonic conditions of our district are as meagre as they can well be. There is no telephone of any kind within this municipality, nor in those of our neighbours, and we begin to feel the lack of these facilities. With two lines of rail running east and west through our midst (the N.W. branch of C.P.R. and a newly constructed portion of the C.N.R.