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Eleventh. It is further agreed that each party hereto shall save the other harmless from any damage or injury caused or occasioned by its negligence or default, or the negligence or default of its agents or employees, as to all matters covered by the terms of this contract.

Twelfth. It is further agreed and understood that first party shall adopt such rules and regulations governing the transmission of messages over its lines and the transfer of the same to and from other lines as shall be by first party deemed just and reasonable, and the agents and employees of second party shall observe and enforce such rules and regulations at all times.

Thirteenth. It is agreed and understood that each party will do all things necessary to give full force and effect to the spirit of this agreement, without further compensation or conditions than those herein specifically set forth.

Fourteenth. This contract shall be and remain in force, for and during the period of ninety-nine years from date hereof, and thereafter until one year's written notice shall have been given by either party to the other of its intention to terminate the same.

Witness our hands and seals in duplicate this.....day of.....190 .

THE UNITED STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY,

By. *Prest.*

Attest *Secy.*

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No. 161.

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LONDON, S.W., June 5, 1905.

The Secretary to the
Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa, Canada.

SIR,—A correspondent in Ottawa informs me that it has been stated before the Select Committee on Telephone Systems, by one or more witnesses in the 'Bell' interests, that I was dismissed from the position of general manager and chief engineer to the Glasgow Corporation Telephone department, owing to extravagant waste of money, and that subsequently the system had to be reconstructed. I think it due to myself to bring to the notice of the Select Committee that these statements are false in every particular. When the Glasgow Corporation Telephone System was commenced, in 1900, it was proposed in the first instance that I should be appointed as chief engineer and electrician, but subsequently, owing to the difficulty in finding an independent telephone manager of prolonged experience, I consented, at the request of the telephone committee, to act as general manager for a period of three years. At the expiry of this period I also, at the request of the telephone committee, consented to occupy that position for another term of twelve months, and again on the expiry of the second period for a third term of six months. I may explain that during the whole of this period I, with the consent of the corporation, was acting as engineer to all the other corporations owning telephone systems. This involved my absence from Glasgow very frequently, and as Glasgow was not a good centre from which to travel, most of the other corporations owning telephone systems being in the south, I did not see my