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(By the Guide Special Correspondent)

Press Gallery, Ottawa, July 18.

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governments as to the cable service. In support of the general principle of government ownership, Mr. Maclean referred to the success of the Ontario government's hydro-electric commission, saying that the very first result of its operations was to cut the price of electricity in two.

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been put into the great Canadian West and then there would have been a reduction in rates that would have substantially benefitted the people of the West. Now, as to the post office, the telegraph and the cable services. True, we have tried government owned telegraphs in this country, but only in uninhabited parts on the Atlantic coast, on the Pacific coast, and up to the Yukon where public ownership had no opportunity to serve the people. The time has come when the post office department must take over the telegraphs, else they must extend the existing government owned wires into a transcontinental service so as to compete with the railway monopoly of telegraphs. Then, in conjunction with that, cable tolls should be reduced, and the effect way to reduce cable tolls is for Canada

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