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TUESDAY, May 30th, 1905.

The Committee met at 3 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT.—Messieurs Bergeron, Boyce, Demers (St. John), Grant, Lewis, Maclean (York), Miller, Monk, Roche (Marquette) and Zimmerman (10).

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Zimmerman, on motion of Mr. Lewis, took the chair.

The Chairman stated that by common agreement the meeting which had been called for yesterday had been postponed to the same hour to-day.

The Chairman extended to the Bell Telephone Company, the thanks of the Committee for the courtesy and hospitality shown by the Company to the members who went to Montreal on Saturday last, and also expressed their appreciation of the great value of the practical information obtained through the inspection of the Company's exchanges in that city.

Mr. Ethier, Corporation Counsel for the city of Montreal, addressed the Committee; he also after being sworn, produced the following papers, which were filed.

Exhibit No. 172.—Petition signed by 294 ratepayers of the city of Montreal, praying the Council to apply to the Governor in Council to fix the rates which may be charged by the Bell Telephone Company in Montreal.

Exhibit No. 173.—Protest signed by 110 ratepayers of Montreal, against the use of the "slot machine" in connection with telephones in public places.

Exhibit No. 174.—Extract from Minutes of City Council of Montreal, Monday, 29th May, 1905.

Exhibit No. 174a.—Extract from Minutes of the Special Committee on Legislation, Montreal, Tuesday, 23rd May, 1905. Nine letters were ordered to be printed in Appendix A, as Nos. 88 to 96 inclusive.

The Committee adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Attest. WALTER TODD,
Clerk of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, May 31, 1905.

The Committee met at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT.—Messieurs Zimmerman (in the chair), Bergeron, Boyce, Demers (St. John), Grant, Lewis, Miller and Roche (Marquette)—8.

Mr. F. A. PICKERNELL, of Newton, Mass., was sworn and examined in part.

Mr. HERBERT LAWS WEBB was cross-examined and discharged from further attendance.

The following papers were produced by Mr. Webb and filed:—

Exhibit No. 175—Form of agreement for Exchange line, Post Office, London Telephone system.

" 176—Statement of gross receipts and expenditures, Telegraph service, Post Office Telegraphs, from 1870 to 1903.

The examination of Mr. Pickernell was resumed.

The committee rose at one o'clock.