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AMERICAN ELECTRIC TELEPHONE COMPANY.

CHICAGO, May 4, 1905.

WILLIAM MULOCK, Postmaster General,
Chairman Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa, Canada.

DEAR SIR,—Replying to your favour of the 28th ult., it will give us pleasure to give you all the information in our power in reference to the telephone situation, as we find it in this country, and especially in reference to the various types of apparatus used on farmers' party lines.

We will compile this information for you at the earliest possible date. In the meantime, for your information, will state that the Bell Company in this country is leasing its very best transmitter and receiver at 50 cents per year each to small companies which they term 'sub-licensee companies.' We make a transmitter of the same type and which by various tests we find superior to theirs. We sell the long distance transmitter outright for \$1.50 each, and the receiver with cord at \$1.25 each.

We are prepared to show that our apparatus is more modern. We can find that the Bell Company has made very little improvement in its talking sets. In fact, they are using the same type of apparatus which they first put in use many years ago, without any apparent improvement.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN ELECTRIC TELEPHONE COMPANY,

Per P. C. BURNS, *President.*

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THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA, LTD.

WINCHESTER AGENCY, May 5, 1905.

ANDREW BRODER, Esq., M.P.
House of Commons, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 20th ult., I have pleasure in complying with your request for information on telephone matters in Dundas county.

We touch practically every village and hamlet in the county. The following list comprises most of the points served in Dundas: Bouck's Hill, Chesterville, Cass Bridge, Dundela, Hallville, Inkerman, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Mountain Station, Morewood, Melvin Settlement, Maple Ridge, Ormond, Reid's Mills, South Mountain, Winchester, Winchester Springs.

At this village we give unlimited service within the following boundaries:—

Winchester Springs, 5 miles; Cass Bridge, 2½ miles; Maple Ridge, 2 miles; Melvin Settlement, 6 miles; Ormond, 4 miles; Vernon (in the County of Carleton) 8 miles. Subscribers at these points have free service between each other, and with the subscribers at Winchester.

Our rates are \$15 and \$20. The general public is served from any of the points named.

The work is now under way of extending this free service to Dalmeny post office, which is distant 11 miles, and is also in the County of Carleton. There are also other extensions of a similar nature now under consideration.

Yours truly,

WM. GARDNER,

Local Manager, Winchester.