

APPENDIX No. 1

The Edmonton District Telephone Company rates before sale to city were: Business \$36, residence \$25 per annum. The wages paid are: Foremen \$75 per month; troublemen, none; inspectors, none; wiremen 25 cents per hour, operators \$20 to \$40 per month.

The cost of construction material is as follows: Central offices equipment \$2,000, capacity 525 lines, subscribers wall telephones \$14, subscribers desk telephones \$14 to \$15, iron wire No. 12 5 cents per pound, poles, \$3 to \$5, cross-arms, 35 cents each (spruce), insulators and pins, 6 cents each.

The system operates 85 miles of long-distance lines, the mileage of poles being 60. These lines are iron wire, grounded circuits, the cost per mile of single wire being \$8.

The charges per conversation over the long-distance lines are rated according to distance from 5 cents to 40 cents for 3-minute connection, with charge of 5 cents per minute beyond this limit.

No. 237.

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PICTON, ONTARIO.

SOLICITOR FOR THE
COUNTY PRINCE EDWARD.

The Honourable WILLIAM MULOCK,
Postmaster General and Chairman Telephone Committee,
Ottawa, Ont.

HONOURABLE SIR,—I have the honour to inclose a recommendation from the county council of Prince Edward *re* telephone system as asked in your circular of a former date.

I have the honour to remain, your obedient servant,

E. M. YOUNG,
County Clerk.

PICTON, June 30, 1905.

No. 237a.

To the Honourable WM. MULOCK,
Ottawa.

We, the committee appointed by the county council of Prince Edward to memorialize the government *re* telephone service, beg leave to say after inquiry and careful consideration that the general sentiment of the county council, and the people, particularly of those who have paid attention to the question is unanimous in favour of the government having control of the trunk or long-distance telephone lines. There is a very widespread conviction based upon solid facts, that the Bell Company's rates are far higher than they should be, and we consider that the progress of the use of the telephone as a home convenience among the mass of our people, is immensely retarded by the present monopoly, and with the isolated condition of our rural population, every possible effort should be made by parliament to better facilities for cheap telephone communication.

We further believe, owing to the very large amount of business required in giving our rural population telephone communication, that we must have companies operating all over this country, and those companies should be in a position to give a cheap