

had bad slides last winter. The Fraser Valley lines were out and at one time in order to get communication from Vancouver back into Calgary and Edmonton we had to use those leased lines. Vancouver got through to Calgary by coming through on the leased lines to Toronto and back to Calgary.

Mr. CAMPBELL: What would happen if those leases were cancelled suddenly?

Mr. MACAULAY: From Vancouver we have four different routes. We have the C.N.R. route from Vancouver to Edmonton, the C.P.R. main line, the Kettle Valley line and the Trans-Canada Line. There are four different routes, but all of them went out in a series of rockslides, whereas the leased lines from Seattle were not subject to the same interference.

Mr. CAMPBELL: If these agreements were cancelled where would we be?

Mr. MACAULAY: We only have two circuits out of fifteen routed that way and our own fifteen circuits west of Calgary are being augmented by three or four this spring and another three in the fall.

Mr. JAENICKE: What do you have to pay for those leases?

Mr. MACAULAY: The American lines are approximately one third of the lowest rate which I have ever negotiated.

Mr. JAENICKE: Do you pay so much a call or how do you pay?

Mr. MACAULAY: I have them leased by the month.

Mr. HATFIELD: What improvement have you in mind for the maritime provinces?

Mr. MACAULAY: We do not operate.

Mr. HATFIELD: I am speaking of the long distance lines to the maritime provinces, and getting through to Quebec. That is what I want to know about.

Mr. MACAULAY: I am speaking now for the Trans-Canada telephone system which is an association of these different companies. We added a couple of lines last fall but since the end of the war the traffic which reached a very high peak has declined. That is an exceptional condition but it looks as if it might turn up a little again. We have not had the same congestion though, in Halifax.

Mr. HATFIELD: You do not seem to have any service from Montreal to New Brunswick.

Mr. HARTT: I beg your pardon, that is wrong. I have been at St. Andrew's for the last two summers and I put through two or three long distance telephone calls every week and the service is as good as that to New York.

Mr. HATFIELD: I put telephone calls through practically every day.

The CHAIRMAN: If there is nothing else to discuss—

Mr. JAENICKE: We have some information to get—some lists that the officials were going to furnish to Mr. Pouliot.

The CHAIRMAN: They are not of much consequence and I do not consider the whole bill should be held up for that. It is information which is more of a personal nature in connection with Rivière du Loup.

Mr. POULIOT: It is not only with respect to Rivière du Loup but to the whole subsidiary company and I hope the improvement will be on the whole line.

Mr. HATFIELD: I would like to ask the witness what plans the company has for improvement of the long distance service through Quebec to New Brunswick? I would like to know if they have any plans to improve the service.

Mr. MACAULAY: We have plans but the traffic has not been growing east of Saint John. There has been some growth to Saint John and there has been considerably more growth in the northern end to Edmundston, Campbellton and Gaspé. We put additional lines into the north end of New Brunswick in the last six months, through the Bell Company's territory. We have plans for adding additional circuits this year and next year.