

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES UPON THE INVITATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

ABBREVIATIONS.—*S.*, single circuit; *M.*, metallic circuit; *I. G.*, iron wire, grounded circuit; *I. M.*, iron wire, metallic circuit; *C. G.*, copper wire, grounded circuit; *C. M.*, copper wire, metallic circuit; *I. C. C. R.*, iron wire, copper common return; *C. E.*, central energy system; *Mag.*, magneto system; *Auto.*, automatic system; *L. D.*, long-distance; *Pref.*, preferred; *Com.*, common; *Ex.*, exchange; *Min.*, minutes.

Particulars.	Pleasant Plain Telephone Co., Pleasant Plain, Iowa.	Blakesburg Telephone & Telegraph Co., Blakesburg, Iowa.	Mutual Telephone Co., Des Moines, Iowa.	Port Byron Telephone Co., Tps. of Mentz, Montezuma, Conquest and Throop, N. Y.	The Farmington Valley Telephone Co., Towns of Canton and New Hartford, New Britain, Conn.
Stock issued.....	\$6,000 00	\$2,000 00	\$255,000 00	Not stated.....	\$27,000 00
Bonds issued.....	Nil	Nil	\$65,000 00	\$7,500 00	Nil.
Years in operation.....	4	3	8	.....	6
Population of territory	4,000	1,600	80,000	.....	4,000
Number of R. telephones.....	.....	25	2,000	140	150
" B. " .....	.....	25	1,700	20	50
" F. " 	160	200	100	100	200
Non-party lines	30	50	3,100	.....	.....
Cost per telephone.....	\$35 00	.....	\$100 00	\$60 00	.....
Class of wire and circuit	I. G.	I. G. & I. M.....	C. M. & I. M.....	I. M.	I. M.
Proportion under ground.....	Nil	Nil	‡	Nil	Nil.
Type of system	Mag.	Mag.....	C. E.	Mag.....	Mag.
Annual rates, business.....	\$12 00	\$12 00	\$36 00	\$15 00	\$18 00
Party line .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....