

APPENDIX No. 1

No. 72.

## THE THOUSAND ISLANDS RAILWAY COMPANY.

GEO. TAYLOR, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

GANANOQUE, ONT., May 15, 1905.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to your letter of April 26, regarding my opinion as to the telephone service in Gananoque, we have continued service here with the exception of one or two hours on Sunday, our telephones are kept in excellent repair, by men who call once each week, and if we have any trouble all we have to do is to advise the local manager and he at once has a man sent to fix the line. I have read with great interest the reports you have been sending me, and personally, my opinion is that the municipality could not give one-quarter the service we are now enjoying from the Bell Telephone Company. Their rates here are one year for business or residence, \$25 per year, or three years' lease, \$20 per year, for business or residence.

Yours truly,

E. R. CHAPMAN.

No. 73.

THE ANTIGONISH AND SHERBROOKE TELEPHONE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, SHERBROOKE, N.S., May 13, 1905.

SIR WILLIAM MULOCK K.C.M.G.,  
Postmaster General and Chairman Select Committee on Telephones,  
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour of replying to yours of the 1st instant, requesting answers to a long list of questions inclosed. Our directors had this matter before them last week, and the full particulars, as far as we could give them, were sent to Mr. McIsaac, M.P., for Antigonish, by the Rev. M. M. Doyle. I also wrote our representative, Mr. Sinclair. Both of those gentlemen are well acquainted with our system, and the territory through which it operates. We did not commence operations until late in May of 1904, and many of your questions we could not answer, but we find that our farmers and fishermen in isolated sections are very anxious to have the line come as near to them as possible. I inclose a statement I sent out with our last call, which may be of some service. The Nova Scotia Telephone Company wish and have restricted us to certain territory, and we are practically bound to them by having to purchase our telephones, switchboards, &c., from them, in order to get connections with their systems for long-distance work. If we have not already furnished all information necessary we will endeavour to answer any further questions you may ask.

I have the honour to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,

JAMES R. MACDONALD,

*Secretary.*

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## STATEMENT.

The company has now in operation 170 miles of telephone lines, with 83 telephones, including two instruments ordered and daily expected, and there is a constant demand, both for the extension of their lines, and for the instalment of more instruments in the territory already covered. The yearly rentals of the above 83 telephones aggregate \$1,500, and the long-distance tolls earned will at a low estimate (based on the