

APPENDIX No. 1

which I think would be of interest to you, and which you can get by inclosing him 35 cents in stamps.

According to last reports we have in Ohio 196,617 independent telephones, 104,379 Bell; independent exchanges 617, Bell 157; independent toll stations 1,452, Bell 753; independent stockholders 1,729. I have not at hand the same kind of statistics on any of the other states, but the percentages in all the states of the central west are equally good, in many cases better, than those of Ohio.

The equipment used by the independent telephone companies is manufactured by the independent manufacturers of the United States.

The independent companies now have quite extensive toll line systems here in the States, and it is possible for me to talk from Cleveland to Rochester and Syracuse, New York, on the east; Charleston, West Virginia, and Louisville, Kentucky, on the south; Grand Rapids and Saginaw, Michigan, and other points in that vicinity on the north-west; and as far west as St. Louis, Missouri.

The National-Interstate Telephone Association will have its next convention in Chicago on June 20 and 21, at which time we expect to have the majority of the States well organized and affiliated with this association.

If there is any other way in which we can assist you in getting an independent telephone system in Canada to connect with the independent interests of the States, we will be very glad indeed to have you call on us.

I am, sir, yours very truly,

JAS. B. HOGE.

No. 22a.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON TELEPHONES,

HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, April 10, 1905.

SIR,—I beg to thank you for your favour of the 5th inst., and the information contained therein. The Select Committee is desirous of communicating with as many of the independent telephone companies in the United States as it is possible to obtain the addresses of, and I am informed by Mr. A. L. Têtu, of Louisville, Ky., that possibly you would be good enough to favour me with a list giving the names and addresses of the majority of these companies. If you are in a position to do this the Committee will much appreciate your kindness. In the event of your not having this information, might I ask you to favour me by saying where you think it may be obtained.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

W. MULOCK,

Postmaster General and Chairman of Committee.

JAMES B. HOGE,

The National-Interstate Telephone Association,
Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 23.

CORPORATION OF TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH.

OFFICES, 127 SIMCOE STREET—HENRY BEST, MAYOR.

CLERK'S OFFICE, PETERBOROUGH, ONT., April 11, 1905.

HON. SIR WM. MULOCK,
Postmaster General,
Ottawa, Ont.

HON. SIR,—Your favour of April 6th received. I enclose, as you requested, a certified copy of the agreement between the Canadian Machine Telephone Company