

## APPENDIX No. 1

## No. 221.

*Hector Champagne, St. Gabriel, de Brandon, P.Q.*—Writer is one of 12 shareholders owning system which has been operating for 12 years at St. Gabriel de Brandon, Que. The circuit extends six miles, and has 25 subscribers, paying \$8 per year, with a charge of 10 cents for conversation to adjoining parishes. The company pays forty per cent of revenue to central office employees, the balance pays for repairs and 6 per cent interest on capital. The Canadian Pacific has telephone in same central office. Has offered to buy this system, but shareholders do not care to sell, as telephones are needed, and they fear higher rates.

## No. 222.

*From H. A. Turner, M.D., Millbrook, Ont.*—The writer built this line for private practice and it was used by community, without charge, up to May, 1903, when a contract was made with the 'Bell' Company for interchange of service which has been found satisfactory. Local charge on this line, 10 cents per conversation. All instruments and supplies purchased from Bell Company.

## No. 223.

*Dr. Fisher, Vittoria, Ont.*—The writer states he is under contract with the 'Bell' Company for three years for interchange of service. The general feeling is that the present service is too expensive and that government service at lower rates would be hailed with satisfaction. A number of farmers and others in locality would like rural service and connection with the nearest town. This system connects Vittoria with Fisher's Glen, Ont.,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles distance, and has four telephones.

## No. 224.

J. A. SPRAGUE,  
*Pres. and Manager.*

J. G. SPRAGUE,  
*Supt. and Constructor.*

## SPRAGUE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

DEMORESTVILLE, ONT., June 13, 1905.

Sir WM. MULOCK,

Postmaster General and Chairman Telephone Committee.

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with your request I herewith, so far as I can, furnish you with information asked for. We are doing business in a small way with our own private capital, and a start in the telephone business was made necessary on account of being unable to get telephone connection from the companies doing business here, ('Bell' and 'North American' companies. Practically one under the 'Bell' management). We are living about three miles from the post office, telegraph and telephone offices and we wanted telephone communication, but were unable to get it, so we decided to put up a private line to connect our residence with the post office, which we did, and applied to the American Company to go into their office, which they refused. We then put an instrument in the two doctors' offices, and in the grocers. We were not long in finding the benefit, and other firms wanting telephones, we started putting in different lines and connecting with the village of North Port. We soon found out that the 'Bell' Company were after us and our subscribers were notified by the 'Bell' Company's solicitor, of Toronto, threatening prosecution for infringement of patent on their bridging system. However we kept on doing business, and will continue to the extent of our finances, and we are now connected with the 'Bell' system, which we find a great advantage.