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### Independent Telephones in Canada Demands Are in Sight for 500,000

Coreful Review of Canadian Situation is Presented to Convention With Caution and Enterprise, Monopoly Can be Finally Beaten Says Expert.

vesterday by Mr. F. Dagger at the

It will be just one year to-morrow since the Canadian Independent Tele-

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Dealing first with the cost of plants, it would be interesting to learn why the system at Windsor, with 698 telephones, should cost \$35.00 per phone more than that of Toronto's 12,832 telephones; \$30.00 more than Winnipeg with 4121 telephones; or \$55.00 more than London. Ont., with 1930 telephones. Or again, why the plant at Calgary, with 460 telephones, could be built for \$59.40 per telephone, when St. Johns, Que., with 300 telephones, cost \$94.58; and that in Cornwall, Ont., with 274 tele-

phones, \$116.72. Comparisons of Cost. Taking the cost of maintenance and operation, per telephone for 1904, it is difficult to understand why in Windsor 698 telephones cost \$37.00 per phone, per annum, St. Johns, with 300 telephones. \$33.71, and Lethbridge with 113 telephones, \$36.83; when Toronto's 12.-832 telephones cost only \$29.22, Winnipeg's 4121 telephones, \$30.22, and London's 1930 telephones, \$20.31 each per annum. Or to make closer comparisons, why in St. Johns 300 telephones should cost \$33.71 each, when Cornwall's 274 telephones cost only \$20.56 each; or why in Lethbridge 113 telephones should cost \$36.83 each, when Winona's 85 telephones cost only \$13.69 each per annum. You will also notice that the rates at Windsor vary from \$20 to \$35 per annum, while the cost of operation and maintenance is \$37 per phone. The rates at Lethbridge are from \$20 to \$35 per annum, and the cost of operation \$36.83 per telephone. The rates at St. Johns are from \$15 to \$20, and the est of operation and maintenance

Unless these statements were intended as a mere bluff to the committee— and as they form part of sworn testi-mony it would not be fair to assume this—it cannot be said that they reflect much credit upon the company's methods of business. Moreover, they furnish an interesting study to both stocklders and telephone users alike. I might explain also that the places re erred to were selected by the company committee called for similar information regarding points of its own selection it was not forthcoming; this, however was not the only instance in which company was permitted to treat the committee's requests with con-

According to the report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, the operating expenses amount to \$32.22 per phone, including the long distance lines. Now, referring to the statement for the nine exchanges I have named, which covers nearly one-third of the company's system and certainly those points where the operating expenses are above the average, we find the average per telephone, including the long distance lines within the local limits of each exchange, amounts to \$24.80. This leaves a balance of \$7.42 per telephone. or a total of \$592,907, remaining for the maintenance of the long distance lines consisting of 32,211 miles of single wire. or

\$18.46 per single wire mile per annum. I think it will be conceded that \$24. so per telephone per annum as a maintenance and operating expense in a company owning 390 exchanges of less than 100 lines each and only seven cities with over one thousand telephones each, is an amount which cannot be considered a legitimate charge. In fact in Minneapolis and St. Paul the

annual cost per phone per annum for 10,000 telephones is \$14-10. including operation, maintenance, taxes, insurance, stationery and every possible expense.

Nor can it be reasonably supposed that each mile of single wire on the field, but its \$5 years' record is such that each mile of single wire on the road mum to maintain. If I had time I had the lime that you need have no doubt about proposed that each mile of single wire on the rest of large independent companies the United States which would stand in striking contrast to these. In search for an explanation of them, ever, I came across two circulars d by the Boston bankers of the sale of that search for an explanation of them, ever, I came across two circulars d by the Boston bankers of the search for an explanation of them, where I had the list of the "Bell" rolephone Co. in con u with the sale of that corporabonds. In one of these I find the list of the "Bell" sub-licement of the Bell Telephone Co. in congaining the constraint of the sale of that corporabonds. In one of these I find the list of the "Bell" sub-licement in the other and its statement. ance, stationery and every possible expense.

Nor can it be reasonably supposed that each mile of single wire on the long distance system costs \$18.00 per annum to maintain. If I had time I could show you figures from the reports of large independent companies in the United States which would stand out in striking contrast to these. In my search for an explanation of them, however, I came across two circulars issued by the Boston bankers of the American Bell Telephone Co. in connection with the sale of that corporation's bonds. In one of these I find among the list of the "Bell" sub-licensees the name of the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada; while in the other appears this statement:

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"In operating the sub-companies, ar

Incited and without long distance sets months notice. See our position now. In habitants a particle appeared in the position of the content o sportant to the citizens, now long a you suppose the present nates will until the source against competition, not a read to provide the city cound decides to admit competition at early against competition, not a early against competition, not a early against competition, not a early against competition at early against competition of a competition of the cry of "wolf, wolf." When that the said that competition at early against competition and competition at early against competition at early in the competition at early in the competition at early in the competition at early against competition at early in the competition at early in the competition at early in the competition at early against competition at early in the competition at early against competition and conditions would be finally decided by any other means than the against competition and conditions would be against a specific the competition and conditions would be against a specific to the competition and conditions would be aga

portant question.

Owners of local telephone systems should pause before they consent to perpetuate a monopoly by opening up their lines to "Bell." Be patient, and in a little while, if you are true to your principles, the independent movement will provide the facilities you are now lacking, even as it did in Indiana, Illuster Layra Michigans, Chica and others. You would not be doing what you are if it was not necessary. The telephone can do more than anything else to make farm life more desirable."

Mr. Campbell, which Mr. Wilson seconded.

Mr. Campbell said the government needed encouragement, too.

"We are not without our enemies, through their layra within the second others."

There is a present demand in Canada for approximately half a million telephones, and I need hardly remind you of the rapidity with which the population is being augmented by new arrival and Educate which we all love."

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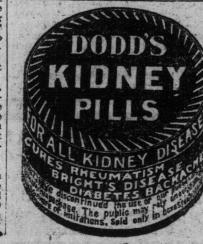
lacking, even as it did in Indiana. Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Chio and other states of the Union.

"We are not without our enemies, from sources which you can well imagine. We have a backing which we did not at first anticipate. We have

C. P. R. and Bell Telephone Company are the biggest financial concerns in Canada, and the independent telephones were bucking against them. He cited the efforts to get interviews with the committee at Ottawa and referred highly to the efforts of W. F. Maclean, M. P. ("probably our best fighter at Ottawa.") The government must be shown that the independent supporters were a bigger voting body than the Bell Company shareholders. (Applause.)

Telephone and Railways.

The resolution on the Railway Act, prepared by the executive, was presented by Secretary Wilson and carried. Resolved, that the officers and executive committee of this association be



### 73 INDEPENDENT PHONE SYSTEMS

With \$800,000 Invested and Over 12,000 Subscribers-How the Monopoly is Being Fought in Canada.

pany of Canada shows that on Dec.

Wilson. Markham. Ont.; executive Wilson. Markham. Ont.; executive Committee, T. F. Demers, M.D., Levis, Que; W. Doan, M.D., Harrietsville, Ont.; C. J. Thornton, Kirby, Ont.; Dr. Ochs, Hespeler, Ont.; Richard Vigars, Port Arthur, Ont.; E. Hart, M.D., Brantford, Ont.; Levi Moyer, Beamsville, Ont.; F. Dagger, Toronto; C. Skinner, Sherbrooke.

Among the interested gentlemen present, including manufacturers' represent, including manufacturers' represent.

The man, tho, is no fool."

Woll. Tompkins asid:

"Don't cry. little girl. It'il soon be kitsed her and said:

"Don't cry."

Before the magistrate gave sentence Tempkins said his wife had perjured herself in court at his suggestion.

"I think the wife is a poor, innocent feol. who has allowed this man to make her a tool of his," said Col. Denison.

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"The police question their prisoner by authority of the law with a view to getting facts, while the forens bully badgers the helpless witness bulls badgers the helpless witness bulls badgers the helpless witness bulls between the court and the private bulls between the court and the private bulls between the court and the privat

A lot of store was set upon the remarks of J. H. Hoge, Cleveland, the president of the independents of the United States. He said that Canada

Canadian Engineer, St. George moine, Beauceville, Que.; F. A. Dales, Stovall and Bethesda Telephone Co., Stovall, Ont.; G. W. Jones, Clarke-Hope Phone Line, Port Hope; J. G. E. B. Overshiner, Swedish-American Telephone Co., Chicago; F. W. Par-dee, Chicago; J. A. Wentworth, Chi-cago; H. A. Nutall, Century Tele-phone Construction Co., Toronto; Frank T. Hodgins, Toronto; F. J. Donnerque, Kellogg Co., Chicago; H. C. Randall, Geo. W. Brown, Chicago Telephone Supply Co., Elkhart Ind.; J. C. Kelsey, Kellogg Co., Chicago; R. Hendrickson, North El. Co., Cleve-

> facturing Co., Montreal; J. A. Fletcher, Pringle Co., Toronto and Montreal; Evan Shelby, Sterling Electric Co., Layfatte, Ind.; W. E. Cambbell, Swedish-American Manufacturing Co. Chicago; J. S. Gibson, Rochester, N.

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The report of Secretary Wilson, presented to the convention was as follows:

Statistical report of independent telephone company in Canada:

Number of absolutely independent of private systems 73
Number of shareholders 3248
Number of subscribers, Aug. 15, 1905 6427
Number of subscribers, Aug. 15, 1906 12,073
Increase in one year 5,645
Capital invested 8850,000
The above does not include the Central Telephone Companies of New Brunswick.

The annual report of the Bell Company of Canada shows that on Dec.

Where Progress is Made. Where Progress is Made.

To the Bellechase Co. of Quebec, of which Mr. Demers is the manager, belongs the credit of having made the greatest increase during the year. To the Province of Ontario belongs the credit of having made the most rapid advance of any province, the increase in that province for the year being nearly 3700. The reports have been received from four municipal systems only.

"The man, tho, is no fool."

Giblitski Still Free.

Kingston, Sept. 5.—No trace has been ecured this morning of Jacob Giblitski, the Hebrew who escaped from custody last night by jumping thrustody last night by jumping thrustoff with the second content in the last will tell in favor

With nearly all medicines put up for sale through druggists, one has to take the maker's say-so alone as to their curative value. Of course, such testimony is not that of a disinterested party and accordingly is not to be given the same credit as if written from disinterested; motives. Dr. Pierce's medicines, however, form a single and therefore striking exception to this rule. Their claims to the confidence of invalids does not rest solely upon their makers' say-so of public knowledge, being printed on each separate bottle wrapper. Thus invalids sufferers are taken into Dr. Pierce's full confidence. Scores of leading medical men have written enough to fill volumes in praise of the curative value of the several ingredients entering into these well-known medicines.

Amongst these writers we find such medical lights as Prof. Finley Ellingwood. M. D., of Bennet Medical College, Chicago. Prof. Hale, of the same city; Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. Grover Coe, of New York; Dr. Bartholow, of Jefferson Medical College, of Pa, and scores of others equally eminent.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures the worst cases of female weakness, prolapsus, anteversion and retroversion and corrects irregularities, cures painful periods, dries up disagreeable, and weakening drains, sometimes known as pelvic catarrh and a muititude of other diseases peculiar to women. Bear in mind, it is not a patent nor even a secret medicine, but the "Favorite Prescription" of a regularly educated physician of large experience in the cure of weman's peculiar aliments, who frankly and confidence by telling them just what his "Prescription" of a regularly educated physician of large experience in the cure of weman's peculiar aliments, who frankly and confidence and sold through druggists; can it be said that the maker is not afraid to deal thus frankly, openiy and honorably, by letting every patient using the same know exactly what she is taking.

Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Police Chiefs Will Bring Matter to Attention of the Government.

bill if it is again introduced next ses-

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Staff Inspector Archibald read a paper on "The Suppression of Vice." recommending that the association at once enter into a solemn agreement once enter into a solemn agreement to use every legitimate means at its disposal in order to raise the standard of the police organizations of Canada, by the selection of men of superior calibre, from whom the future officers and chiefs may be chos-

ering the ground. That was the only change, and now the officers are:
President, Alph. Hoover, Green River, Ont.; vice-president, F. D. MacKay, Toronto; secretary-treasurer, A. F. Wilson, Markham, Ont.; executive committee, T. F. Demers, M.D., Levis, Que; W. Doan, M.D., Harrietsville, Ont.; C. J. Thornton, Kirby, Ont.; Dr.

of otherwise, that will tell in lavor of his client, all by an arbitrary assumption of authority which can only be fittingly characterized as outrageous impertinence, while the judge, too,

sumed rights of the representative of the trades union to which he formerly belonged."

Use of Blood Hounds. Chief Devitt of Trail, B.C., sent a paper dealing with the use of blood-hounds in the tracking of criminals of hounds in the tracking of criminals a British Columbia, and the way in which officials are handicapped by the law in necessary cases of this kind.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Montreal in July, 1907.
Officers were re-elected. The executive committee was revised a little with the following result: Lieut.-Col. Sherwood, Chief Trudell, Chief Mc-Rae, Chief Harrison, and Chief Randall.

often looks helplessly on, evidently unwilling to interfere with the as-

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS. "Raffles, the Amateur Cracksman," the interesting play which will serve to introduce S. Miller Kent to Toronto theatregoers at the Grand next week, is not merely a study in criminology. Nor are the four acts after the disappear ance of Lady Melrose's \$100,000 diamond necklace taken up entirely with the battle of craft and cunning between the gentleman-burglar and Capt. Bedfords the detective. Along with the exciting psychological exposition of a man's responsibility (or lack of it) for wrong-doing, is a love story of unusual responsibility. mance and tenderness.

"Red Feather," the comic opera written by Reginald De Koven and Charles Klein, will be seen here next week with the original \$72,000 Ziegfeld Opera Co.'s production in its entirety. Manager Joseph M. Gaites promises a company of 75 people, headed by Miss Cheridah Simpson, and an augmented orchestra. The advance sale opens this morning:

For the week of Sept. 10 at Snea a Theatre the six Musical Cuttys will head the bill. Others who will be seen are Young and Devoie, Nora Bayes, the Village Choir, O'Brien-Havel, assisted by Effie Lawrence. Hawthorne and Burg and the kinetograph complete the bill For the week of Sept. 10 at Shea's