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TO TELEPHONE USERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC,-

Government ownership and administration of the telephone Government ownersing and administration of the telephone has been urged as a remedy for certain imaginary grievances against the telephone service in Canada, which have been the stock-in-trade of certain professional agitators for some time. European countries where the telephone is operated as a

Government monopoly have been pointed to as examples which should be followed by the Dominion Government. We have already reviewed at length the results in Great Britain of triple administration by Government, Municipalities and Company. We shall now review the conditions which pre-vail in several countries of Europe under exclusive Govern-

In France the Government owns and operates both local exchanges and long distance lines. The method adopted by the Government to obtain funds for Telephone development will be considered peculiar by most people in this country and would not meet with the approval of many Canadian municipalities

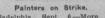
The funds required by the Government to buy out the Company which originally exploited the business were bor-rowed from the Savings Bank Department. These moneys do not appear in the State's balance sheet for the telephone service and no interest or sinking fund is provided for, nor is deduction made for rent of offices and other expenses inevitable to very commercial enterprise. In addition to this the subscriber has to buy his own Telephone of a pattern approved by the Government and has to pay for a portion of the line and the cost of installation.

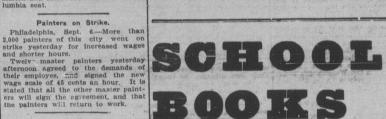
For extending the service into various provincial towns the method of financing was still more unique. The muni-cipality advanced to the State the sums required for all the new installations and also for working and maintaining them, the loan to be repaid to the Municipality without interest by instalments taken from the receipts. The State did not bind itself with regard to the dates at which this per liar re-payment should take place. In this manner the general taxpayer has to bear the cost of the telephone service whether he is a subscriber or not.

The rates charged to subscribers for exchange service are: Paris, \$80.00 per annum; Lyons, \$60.00, and in the smaller towns, \$40.00 and \$30.00. There is no difference in the charges between office and residence service.

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