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| Residence | \$18 00 | Not stated | \$18.00 and \$24.00 | \$15 00 | \$15 00 |
| Party line, residence..... | \$15 00 | \$26 00 | | \$15 00 | |
| Rural | \$15 00 | \$18 00 | \$18 00 | \$15 00 | \$15 00 |
| Dividends per annum..... | 4 per cent. .... | ..... | 6 per cent. pref., 4 per cent. com. | 6 per cent. | 10 per cent. |
| Interest on bonds..... | 5 per cent. | 5 per cent and 6 per cent. | 5 per cent. | 6 " | 6 " |
| Depreciation per annum..... | ..... | 10 per cent. .... | ..... | 10 " | 10 " |
| Surplus | \$3,000 00 | ..... | \$13,500 00 | \$9,000 00 | \$37,000 00 |
| No. of "Bell" telephones— | | | | | |
| Before competition..... | 700 | 300 | 210 | 60 | 3 toll stations |
| At this date..... | 1,700 | 1,000 | 1,500 | None..... | 4 " |
| Wages paid— | | | | | |
| Foreman | \$75.00 per month. | \$100.00 per month | \$3.00 per day..... | \$85.00 per month..... | \$60 per month. |
| Inspector and troublemen..... | \$60.00 per month | \$40.00 to \$45.00 per month | \$2.50 " | \$50.00 " | \$40 " |
| Wiremen ..... | ..... | \$40.00 per month..... | \$2.50 " ..... | ..... | \$36 " |
| Operators..... | \$18.00 to \$25.00 per mth. | \$15.00 to \$35.00 per month | 8½c. to 10c per hour | \$25 per month | \$5 00 |
| Cost of supplies— | | | | | |
| Central equipment..... | ..... | \$12,000.00 for 1,000 lines. | \$16,500 for 1,500 lines... | \$32 per switch..... | |
| Wall telephones | \$8 50 | ..... | \$9.50 to \$10.00..... | \$10.00..... | |
| Poles..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Long distance pole mileage..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 |
| " wire " | 200 | 40 | ..... | ..... | 75 |
| Cost per mile, including poles..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$49 00 |
| " wire..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Long distance rates..... | ½c. per mile. | ¾c. per mile. .... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Remarks | See note E, page 801..... | See note F, page 801..... | ..... | ..... | See note G, page 801. |