

APPENDIX No. 1

No. 263.

MACLEOD, ALBERTA, July 18, 1905.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK, K.C.M.G.,
Chairman Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa.

SIR,—We, the undersigned, appointed a committee by the council of the town of Macleod for the purpose of answering your letter of date June 2, 1905, referring to the telephone system of this locality, beg to reply to the same as follows:—

(1.) The Macleod telephone system is owned and operated by a local company, and has no long-distance connection.

(2.) There are about 62 subscribers, and the rates are \$30 per annum for business service, and \$18 for residences.

(3.) The service of the present system is found to be satisfactory to the extent of its present limits.

(4.) There is immediate and pressing need of long-distance connection with Calgary, Lethbridge, Pincher Creek and elsewhere, and we believe that a company that would be satisfied with a reasonable profit would have ample business to justify the outlay. We have been informed that the present company has considered the matter, but are deterred by the practical certainty of later being crushed out by the Bell Telephone Company.

We are, sir, yours faithfully,

C. J. REACH,
ARTHUR YOUNG.

No. 264.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NANAIMO.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,
NANAIMO, B.C., July 12, 1905.

The Honourable Postmaster General,
Chairman, Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa.

SIR,—Your communication of June 2 *re* telephone matters in this city, was laid before the municipal council, and was referred by that body to a committee for report. At the last meeting of the council a report was presented, from which I was directed to send the following:—

1. The system in this city is controlled by a private company, and the service is fairly good. There are about 175 subscribers.

2. The charges are, for 'phones in business houses, \$3.50 per month, and in residences \$2 per month.

The charge for use of the trunk line to Victoria and elsewhere on the Island, is from 25 to 50 cents, according to the distance, for two minute conversations.

The council considers that these rates are higher than they should be, and they strongly favour government ownership of all telephone lines, as then communication may be had with outlying sections, which under the present system might not be considered profitable, but which would be of great mutual advantage.

The council would also like to see some measure of municipal control, especially with regard to the placing of pole lines in the streets.

And they would also suggest that every private corporation using the streets for their business should provide the members of the council and municipal officers with 'phones free during their terms of office.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

S. GOUGH,
City Clerk.