

4-5 EDWARD VII., A. 1905

'Ornamental iron poles..	500	0	0
'Labour, fitting up switchboards and subscribers' instruments..	1,000	0	0
'Switches, bells and miscellaneous instruments..	100	0	0
'Testing instruments..	100	0	0
'Junction lines to Rottingdean, Shoreham, Steyning and Hurstpierpoint..	2,200	0	0
'Adapting exchange premises to telephonic requirements.	500	0	0
'Salaries of manager and inspectors during construction.	705	0	0
'Rent of office during construction..	200	0	0
'Printing, stationery and miscellaneous..	150	0	0
'Travelling expenses..	200	0	0
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	£41,052	0	0
'Add cost of extension to Burgess Hill, not included in above..	340	0	0
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	£41,392	0	0
'Engineer's fees, 5 per centum on £41,392..	2,069	12	0
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'Total..	£43,461	12	0
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The committee have been in correspondence with the Hove Town Council with reference to the terms on which the Brighton Council shall be privileged to construct telephones in the Borough of Hove, but as yet have had no definite reply.

Provision has been made in the case of the roads in which tramways are to be constructed in the Borough of Brighton for laying underground ducts for telephone wires, and the Hove Council have been requested to make a similar provision in Church Road, Hove, at the cost of the corporation, in connection with the wood paving now about to be laid.

The committee have also obtained a grant from the pavilion committee of rooms at the pavilion (Palace Place) for offices and central switchroom, on terms to be hereafter arranged.

The committee now beg to recommend that Mr. Bennett's report and estimate be approved, and that he be appointed engineer to the corporation to carry out the work specified therein, on the terms agreed to by him, subject to satisfactory agreements being previously entered into with the several local authorities having the control of roads, under, over, or along which it is necessary that telephonic circuits shall be constructed, and subject to the sanction of the local government board being obtained to the loans required to defray the cost of the works.

The committee recommend that application be made to the several local authorities within the Brighton telephone area for permission for the corporation to construct telephones in their respective districts, either underground or overhead, as they may be advised by their engineer.

The committee also recommend that application be made to the local government board for their sanction to the council borrowing the sum of £45,000 required for the purposes of the work (including interest during the construction of the works), such loan to be repayable within 25 years, but the council to have the right to defer the payment of sinking fund charges for a period of three years from the date of borrowing.

On behalf of the committee,

JOHN C. BUCKWELL,

Chairman.

10th April, 1901.