INFORMATION TABLED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS OF THE OPPOSITION!

POSTAL TELEGRAPH CABLE EXPENDITURE; CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS, 1910 TO 1913.

MR. ABBOTT—To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay upon the table of the House a statement showing (1) did the Postal Telegraph transfer any cable or local business (that is, paid telegraphic messages) to the Anglo American Telegraph Co., at St. John's, or at any other point of the system, during the years 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913; (2) if so, give the total amount paid the Anglo for such work for years named; (3) what reason was there for transferring such business; (4) did the Commercial Cable Co. handle any paid business for the Postal Telegraph during 1911, 1912 and 1913; if so, (a) were such messages transmitted free of charge by the Commercial; (b) what amount, if any, was paid the Commercial Cable Company for such work; (5) how many local cables have been laid by the Government during 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, where were they laid and by whom; (6) what was the total cost of such cable including purchase price and expenses of laying, and to whom paid; (7) by what means were they laid; (8) what amount was paid for local vessels in laying them, and how many dollars per day did the local vessel cost; (9) what sum, if any, was paid the Commercial Cable Company by the Government for cable laying, and what was the Commercial Cable Company's ship engaged for cable laying; (10) how many weeks was Superintendent Stott engaged at cable laying during the years 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, (a) what was the total sum over and above his salary paid him for such work, (b) what amount was paid him for expenses (c) how much did his expenses cost per day; (11) was any other member of the Postal Department engaged at such work during the same years; (12) if so, who were they and what amount was paid each for such work; (13) how many lines are being operated by the Postal Telegraph Department, and what is the length of each line.

Reply to Mr. Abbott

1 and 2. Amounts paid Anglo American Telegraph Co., Lt., for business transferred to them:

1910	$ 116.20
1911	86.24
1912	584.45
1913	495.70

3. Transfers were made because Government lines were down

4. a. and b. Commercial Cable Company handled local business while Canso Cable was interrupted in 1911 and 1912. No charge was made for such business.

5. Local Cables laid in 1910: Bonne Bay, Hawke's Harbor, Parson's Pond, Wood's Island and Exploits; 1911: Flat Islands, Placentia Bay and Ramea. Above laid by Superintendent Stott. 1912, Gaultois laid by Inspector Mitchell. 1913, seven cables were laid in Placentia Bay and two in Notre Dame Bay, all by Superintendent Stott.

9. The Commercial Cable ship did not lay any cable for Government in years named.

Government Lines

The lines being operated by Department are as follows:

St. John's to Bell Island	14
Holyrood to Conception	11
Brigus Junction to New Harbor	13
St. Bride's to Cape St. Mary's	7
Carbonear to Freshwater	3
Old Perlican to Grate's Cove	5
Brigus Loop	1
Come By Chance to Garnish	189
Miller's Passage Loop	8
Clarenville to Southport	30
George's Brook to Monroe	9
Musgravetown Loop	2
Trinity to British Harbor	14
Gambo to Musgrave Harbor	87
Gambo to Twillingate	92
Beaverton to Seldom	48
Norris' Arm to Campbellton	29
Point Leamington to Exploits	30
Springdale to Three Arms	19
Baie Verte to Coachmen's Cove	10
Deer Lake to Conche	353
Curling to Woods Island	14
Stephenville Crossing to Limeville	21
Crabbes to Robinson's Head	7
Port aux Basques to Channel	1
Baine Harbor to Flat Islands	8
Placentia to Argentia	4
Cat Harbor Loop	1
St. Joseph's to Salmonier North	12
St. Kyran's to Paradise	9
Merasheen Island	25
Long Island, P.B.	9
Fox Cove to Little Bay East	8
St. John's to Cuckold's Cove	2
Holyrood to Cape Race	93
Whitbourne to Branch	67
Harbor Grace to Upper Island Cove	7
Old Perlican to Bay de Verde	7
Fox Harbor Loop	5
Clarke's Beach to Port de Grave	6
Terrenceville to Belleoram	171
Long Hr. to Stone's Cove	6
Clarenville to Britannia	20
Clarenville to Elliston	82
Trinity to King's Cove	18
Gambo to Salvage	34
Wesleyville to Greenspond	15
Herring Neck to Moreton's Hr.	16
Fogo to Tilting	15
Bishop's Falls to LaScie	137
Roberts Arm to Little Bay Island	12
Burlington to Westport	46
Millertown Junction to Millertown	20
Curling to Lark Harbor	27
Humbermouth to Summerside	9
St. George's to Sandy Point	12
Little River to Codroy	10
Port aux Basques to Cape Ray	12
Burin to Great Burin	4
Dunville Loop	1
Gaultois Branch	3
Baine Harbor to Davidson	44
St. Kyran's to Merasheen	5
Red Island	1
Barhaven Line	5
St. John's to Port aux Basques	546

Cables Laid

Exploits by Supt. Stott, total cost	$4,195.80
Schr. Grace at $25 per day	275.00
S.S. Exploits at $25 per day	125.00
Wood's Island and Bonne Bay cost	2,443.13
Schr. J. A. Garfield at $20	270.00
S.S. Ubique	30.00
Boland's motor boat at $10	100.00
Parson's Pond and Hawke Hr. laid by R. Cunningham for Supt. Stott. Schr., motor boat and construction crew; cost	753.70
Flat Islands, Placentia Bay, laid by Supt. Stott; cost	1,723.33
Schr. Rose May at $10	110.00
Two skiffs cost	12.00
Great Burin, laid by A. Penny By boats at $15.00, cost	451.40
Ramea, including relayings and repairs, cost	13,027.19
Schr. Duchess of Cornwall, 1 month charter	600.00
Schr. Duchess of Cornwall, Demurrage	280.00
S.S. Fiona	
Motor boat Paul Fernard at $25	225.00
Motor schooner at $45	855.00
Rennos botor boat at $4	75.00
R. Moulton	$2,035.00
Capt. Keeping's schr. at $10	90.00
Canadian Government Tyrian at $150	1,800.00
Gaultois, laid by J. W. Mitchell, cost	1,491.00
Schr. Maggie	150.00
Placentia Bay, laid by Supt. Stott, cost	11,092.85
S.S. Baleine at $100	25,037.40
Notre Dame Bay, laid by Supt Stott	3,918.30
S.S. Baleine at $100	1,500.00

COST OF CABLES

Exploits

Exploits amounts paid E. Sceviour Geo. Sceviour, Josiah Dart, Philip Gillett, Wm. Seymour, Herbert Manuel, James Jones, Stephen Butt, John Purchase, Wm. Luff, Geo. Lilly, Jonathan Manuel and John Bennett, 13 men at $3.00	65.00
Josiah Manuel	15.00
	$80.00

Alfred Purchase, Wm. Luff, Chas Budgell, Solomon Snelgrove, Richard Lacey, Wm. Budgell, John Sceviour, John Bennett, Jas. Jones, Thos. Manuel, Jonathan Manuel, H. Manuel, Wm. Seymour, J. Dart, E. Sceviour at $3.00 — 48.00

P. Gillett, Stephen Butt, Jno. Purchase at $3.40	10.20
Wm. John Luff and George Sceviour at $16.50	33.00
Wm. Pearce	2.00
Wm. Skeames	20.00
Labor per John Doyle	16.20
Bowring Bros. Ltd.	19.30
Geo. J. Veitch	61.65
D. Stott	97.01
Frank Roberts	105.00
Frank Roberts, hire schr. Grace	275.00
N. F. Pine and Pulp Co., hire S.S. Exploits	125.00
Scholefield, Goodman & Son	3,303.44
	$4,195.80

Wood's Island and Bonne Bay

A Read	77.00
Bowring Bros. Ltd.	39.30
A. P. Wheeler	20.00
John Barry, schr. J. A. Garfield	270.00
Owners S.S. Ubique	30.00
M. E. Boland	103.00
C. A. Stewart & Co.	18.00
Scholefield, Goodman & Son	1,722.13
A. B. Harding	15.00
P. Hagerty	14.00
Bowring Bros., Ltd.	11.00
W. Skeans	50.00
J. Doyle	9.10
D. Stott	64.60
	$2,443.13

Parson's Pond and Hawke Bay

Prim Maher schr. hire	6.00
Richard Cains motor boat	3.00
Wm. Roberts	16.00
Reid Nfld, Co.	11.50
Scholefield, Goodman & Son	689.20
P. Hagerty	28.00
	$753.70

Flat Islands, Placentia Bay

James Dibbin schr. Rose May	110.00
Gabriel Hollett	12.00
L. J. Chollett	6.00
Scholefield, Goodman & Son	1,378.00
Skanes & Larkin	32.20
H. Thomas	5.50
Reid Nfld. Co.	2.38
John Doyle	18.90
Bowring Bros. Ltd.	8.00
W. A. Munn	14.50
L. J. Chollett	83.75
C. F. Bishop & Co.	2.10
D. Stott	50.00
	$1,723.33

Gaultois.

Capt. Jas. Day, schr. Maggie	$ 150.00
Florizel	111.20
Patrick Walsh	50.00
Bowring Brothers	149.15
James Abbott	5.00
Thomas Garland	58.31
John Doyle	74.60
Anglo American Telegraph Co	604.00
James Ingram	1.00
A. Francis	1.36
M. Francis and others	158.40
Thomas Francis and others	72.00
Henry Thomas	3.60
Reid Newfoundland Co.	2.38
J. Mitchell	50.00
	$1,491.00

Placentia Bay.

P. Hagerty	$ 42.00
T. J. Kennedy	124.20
Horwood Lumber Co.	82.00
John Doyle	25.00
Best and Travers	114.00
James Beck	12.50
Scholefield Goodman & Son	7,917.20
C. F. Lester	200.00
Owners S.S. Baleine	2,037.40
D. Stott	100.00
Furness Withy Co. Ltd.	8.80
G. J. Veitch	75.00
Reid Newfoundland Co.	324.79
	$11,092.85

Notre Dame Bay.

William Dormandy	$ 30.00
John Doyle	17.00
Scholefield Goodman & Son	1,979.30
Furness Withy Co. Ltd.	175.00
C. F. Lester	42.00
Owners S.S. Baleine	1,500.00
Capt. George Mercer	175.00
	$3,918.30

Great Burin

Ambrose Penny	29.90
Richard Penny	15.75
Samuel Mayo	12.50
David Symes	3.00
Alfred Marshall	3.00
Geo. A. Bartlett	11.50
L. Cheeseman	17.50
James Vigus	6.00
O'Brien Bros., boat hire	15.00
Scholefield Goodman & Son	318.00
James Aspell	4.00
James Mayo	1.50
James Mayo, Jr.	1.50
Thos. Farwell	1.50
Enoch Murley	1.50
Samuel Brushett	1.50
Wm. Wagg	1.50
Bowring Bros. Ltd.	2.00
H. Thomas	3.00
J. Lundrigan	1.25
	$ 451.40

Ramea Construction and Repairs.

NF. Produce Co. Ltd.	$ 101.00
R. Moulton—	
Charter Duchess of Cornwall	600.00
Motor boat Paul Fernard, 9 days	225.00
Demurrage Duchess of Cornwall	280.00
Hire of schooners, 19 days at $45	855.00
Hire of J. Renno's motor boat, at $4	75.00
Rope, labor, provisions	718.87
Capt. J. Keeping's schooner hire, 10 days	90.00
Canadian Government S.S. Tyrian, 12 days at $150	1,800.00
1.38 new cable and draft	831.28
I. Trenchard	42.05
J. Coffee	52.25
P. Christopher	63.65
H. Wiseman	38.25
A. Penny	14.25
R. Penny	40.10
P. Collins	24.00
J. Sinnott	11.25
J. Whelan	35.25
William Walsh	10.20
A. Wilcox	34.20
James Thomas	10.20
H. Pike	34.05
John Hartigan	40.85
George Coffin	53.75
Martin Kelly	11.25
William Penny	26.60
A. Snow	26.60
Healey	26.60
James Murphy	24.00
Chas. Pender	24.00
James Hayes	24.00
F. Dick	44.00
F. Martin	55.00
E. English	120.00
John Penny and Sons	418.14
Anglo Amer. Tele. Co. Ltd	4,991.12
E. C. Small	.84
James Abbott	105.00
John Doyle	86.70
N.F. Express Co.	4.00
Thomas Moulton	195.88
H. Clements	22.69
M. Sinnott	2.50
A. Anderson	20.40
James Ayre	16.87
Robert Ayre	5.55
John Anderson	12.45
A. Swift	2.70
John Clarke	14.25
S. Gore	1.95
Jas. Carroll	13.57
George Street	20.00
J. Vatcher	2.00
Bowring Bros. Ltd.	15.75
Thomas Clarke	3.60
Chas. Collier per R. Moulton	21.51
D. Stott	230.00
George Veitch	95.00
Reid Newfoundland Co.	62.19
Direct Cable Company	200.00
	$13,027.19

Paid Supt. Stott.

10.—Superintendent Stott was engaged 26 weeks and 5 days in connection with Cable laying, years 1910 to 1913 inclusive.

(a) The amount over and above his salary paid him for Cable was $100.00;

(b) Amount paid him for expenses, $441.61;

(c) Average $2.36 per day.

11.—Mr. Veitch was engaged at Cable work during above years; and.

12.—He was paid $75.00 and $156.65 expenses. Mr. Mitchell was also engaged, his expenses were $50.00.

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Those Meetings will open at 7.30 p.m. and a MOVING PICTURE display, with other amusements, will occupy the time to 8.30 p.m. Only Union Members can attend, and there will be no charge or collection.

On those evenings at 8.30, President Coaker will take the Chair.

The subject to be discussed at those Meetings will be "The Seal Fishery from the Sealers' point of view," "A Standard Cull of Cod Fish," "Cold Storage in view of Providing a continuous Bait Supply for Fishermen," "Logging Conditions from the Loggers' Standpoint," and "What the Fishery Department Should Be."

Every Member wishing to speak will have an opportunity and votes upon all of those subjects will be taken.

On THURSDAY, the 12th, the Annual Sealers' Meeting will be held in one of the largest Halls available, when Addresses will be delivered by several prominent speakers. Admittance at this Meeting will be by TICKET, and all Sealers will be welcomed—whether Union or Non-Union.

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