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**No. 41.**

JORDAN, ONT., May 3, 1905.

To the Honourable  
 Sir WILLIAM MULOCK,  
 Chairman of Select Committee on Telephone Systems,  
 Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the Municipal Council of the Township of Louth, in the County of Lincoln, to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed on the 1st inst. I herewith enclose such copy.

Yours truly,  
 M. A. BALL,  
*Clerk, Tp. of Louth.*

## Resolution No. 2.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, JORDAN, May 1, 1905.

Moved by Camby Wismer,  
 Seconded by Stewart Randall.

That whereas this council views with approval the increasing public sentiment in favour of the acquisition and operation of all the telephone lines in the Dominion of Canada by the Government thereof ;

Be it therefore resolved, that this council convey to the Honourable Sir William Mulock, Chairman of Select Committee on Telephone Systems, their sincere approval of such acquisition and operation of said telephone lines.

E. W. FRY,  
*Reeve.*

**No. 42.**

HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
 OTTAWA, May 2, 1905.

Hon. Sir WILLIAM MULOCK,  
 Postmaster General, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR WILLIAM,—Your esteemed favour of the 20th instant *re* Special Committee on Telephone Question reached me during my absence from the city. An early reply was therefore impossible.

You ask me to inform the Committee as to the telephone facilities at present enjoyed by the people of my constituency, and what improvements, if any, may be considered desirable. In reply, I desire to state that I think the telephone facilities of the city of Winnipeg meet fairly well the requirements of the people. As to the future of the telephone business in Canada, I am strongly of the opinion that the whole system should be nationalized. Government control of the long-distance telephones is a step in the right direction, but I do not think it goes far enough. It should, I think, embrace the whole telephone business of Canada. Government control of long-distance telephones and private control in cities and towns will lead to confusion, unless common laws are passed making uniform the methods of management in all cities and towns. The telephone business is essentially a monopoly, even to a greater extent than post office business, and I take the ground that a business that is a natural monopoly should be controlled by the Government. If, for instance, encouragement was given to establish another telephone system in the city of Winnipeg, the expense and confusion would be infinitely greater than anything the people now suffer under monopoly.

I therefore think the time is as ripe to-day as it will be any time in the future for the complete nationalization of the entire telephone business of Canada.

Yours truly,  
 D. W. BOLE.