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pality, in which said businesses are carried on, and for this purpose direct that petitions be presented to the Dominion and provincial parliaments.²

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK.—I am sure the committee will appreciate the offer of the Union of Canadian municipalities to assist the committee by giving any information which it possesses on this subject.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN.—How about the different patents for telephones in Canada? Would it be advisable to have a report as to the position they are in?

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK.—I hardly think that would be necessary, because the government of Canada could undertake to make any patented article without violating the law. All that would be necessary would be to compensate the individual owner of the patent.

Committee adjourned until Wednesday next.