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RURAL COMPANIES PLEASE NOTE

The Bell Telephone Company has declared that it will not entertain any proposition for inter-change of service which leaves the connecting company free to build competing lines. This means that when a company accepts a "Bell" connection it becomes an agent of the Bell Telephone Company and is no longer independent so far as its freedom of action is concerned. Even if your subscribers receive a temporary benefit, what about the people in your surrounding towns where the possibility of competition has been eliminated by the executing of an agreement in which you give the "Bell" an absolute monopoly? The evil, however, does not stop there, for when the "Bell" has succeeded in tying the hands of all the small companies, and has parcelled out the whole country to suit its own convenience, what do you think will happen? The country will once more be in the powerful grasp of monopoly and conditions will again be what they were before the opening of the Dominion Telephone Inquiry of 1905, only very much worse, for the whole territory will be covered with small companies all subservient to the monopoly. To-day you have a voice in the making of agreements with the "Bell". Then the terms will be dictated to you and you will have no alternative but to submit. It is the old story of the "spider and the fly".

BEWARE

The American Telephone & Telegraph Company, which, according to the published statements of its financial agents, controls the "Bell" system in Canada, has acquired control of the telegraph business in the United States.

Watch developments in this Dominion, and beware of making the "Bell" monopoly in Canada more powerful than it is to-day.

Establish your own telephone service, control it yourselves, and retain the profits which your rentals provide.

Why purchase apparatus from concerns in the control of the "Bell" monopoly, when you can obtain the best and most modern equipment from independent manufacturers who have fought your battles and made rural telephone service a possibility.

Select Committee on Telephone Systems, Minute of Evidence.

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By Mr. Chrysler :—

Question.—So that the Bell Telephone Company, except the Directors' Shares, hold all the issued shares of the Northern Electric and Manufacturing Company?

Answer.—(By C. F. Sise) They do.

Question.—Who are the Directors of the Northern Electric and Manufacturing Company?

Answer.—They are practically the Directors of the Bell Telephone Company.

The Canadian Independent Telephone Association exists for the purpose of removing the evils of monopoly in telephones, and assisting the people to secure an unrestricted service by the establishment of systems under local ownership and control.

If you are interested in the organization of a local, municipal, or rural telephone system, and require advice or assistance, write to

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