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The system operates 40 miles of long-distance lines. The charges for conversations over the long distance lines are 20c. per message, exclusive of delivery, and 15c. per message when connecting on other lines, in addition to the usual tariff of the connecting companies.

Yours truly,

SAMUEL GIDNEY,
Owner and Manager, Westport and Digby Telephone Line.

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E. D. SMITH, *Proprietor.*

WINONA, ONT., June 12, 1905.

Mr. A. ZIMMERMAN,
Acting Chairman of Telephone Committee,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Your favour to hand with regard to private telephone system. We started one here in the neighbourhood a great many years ago. I have not the date by me but should say at least fifteen years ago. The private system was being rapidly extended, but before it had become a strong competitor to the Bell Company, that company, through its agents, made us what we considered a fair proposal, to drop our system and go in with them. The terms were \$15 per 'phone per annum. If the user of the 'phone required a line longer than half a mile he was required to pay double or allow another party to go on the same line. This system is in operation to-day. The rates have been gradually raised, however, until now they are \$20 instead of \$15.

The patrons of the Bell Company have little to complain of except the service is not continued on after eight o'clock in the evening or before eight o'clock in the morning, but of course everybody felt they were being imposed upon when the Bell Company raised the rate above \$15, feeling that if they could afford to continue the business at \$15 each when only a few 'phones were in operation, they should better be able to do it now when almost every fruit-grower and farmer has a 'phone in his house.

Your truly,

E. D. SMITH.

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CLEVELAND, O., May 29, 1905.

ADAM ZIMMERMAN, M.P.,
Acting Chairman Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa, Canada.

MY DEAR ADAM,—I wrote you on Saturday a short letter relative to the telephone information which you asked for.