

APPENDIX No. 1

A. In Indiana the source is the annual reports which are filed with the state by the telephone companies.

Q. Have you got access to these reports?—A. Those were made up by the Hon. S. P. Sheerin, of Indianapolis, and announced as the official statement of the Indiana telephone stations, and I have accepted his figures as correct, which I understand have never been disputed.

Mr. W. S. ALLAN—The Bell figures are wrong?—A. Less than 40,000 in Indiana? How many are there?

By Mr. Macfarlane:

Q. You say that is a state report as far as the independent companies are concerned? Is that correct?—A. Yes, sir; the Bell also makes a report there.

Q. And can you swear as a matter of fact that the number of telephones you have just given are taken from the official state report to which you had access or of which you have seen a copy?—A. No, sir; I have not seen an official report. Those figures have been published in the electrical journals over Mr. Sheerin's signature, and I thought them correct. My memory may be wrong as to the Bell Company's, but I think it is right. How many do you claim there not for record, but for information? I will accept the number suggested, 50,000 for Indiana Bell.

Q. Have you got a copy of the electrical journal or any official statement that you show?—A. I will send to the Committee a statement issued by the Indianapolis company containing that information, and if the accuracy of these figures is questioned I will procure officially a statement from the proper state officials as to the number of telephones there. I hope the figures are correct, but if they are in error, I will be very glad to correct them, because I do not want to make any mis-statement.

Q. I just wanted to be sure?—A. The figures in regard to Michigan are official figures. I took from the record at Lansing, 66,342. Those are the figures of the Bell company and the number of telephones on January 1, 1905, and the figures for the other states are figures which are supposed to be correct by the people who have collected them, and which I have believed to be correct. I will hereafter use any figures which the Bell Company will furnish as to the number of telephones they have in any one of these states. We have always been glad to accept them, if you know them and are willing to tell me. It is difficult to obtain the figures as to Bell telephones in service.

Q. I know nothing about it.

Witness was then discharged.

And the Committee then adjourned.