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WINFIELD BREWSTER,
Conveyancer Insurance Loans.

'Phone 50.

HESPELER, CANADA, July 4, 1905.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK, K.C.M.G.,
Postmaster General, Chairman of Committee,
Ottawa, Canada.

SIR,—Acknowledging receipt of your favour of the 2nd of June, I beg to inform you as follows:—The Bell Telephone Company have about 57 subscribers in the town of Hespeler. They are installing long-distance telephones at a charge of \$20 per annum, and give us also a rate of \$15 on party lines. They have promised shortly to give us night service, but at present we have no such services.

The council of the town of Hespeler appear to be under the impression that the Bell Telephone Company does not deal fairly with its subscribers. I inclose you herewith a copy of resolution on the matter of government control of the telephones which our council are of the opinion to be advisable. It was at Hespeler that the central office of the Farmers' line was located concerning which you will remember Dr. Ochs gave evidence before your committee at Ottawa, in this case the Bell Telephone Company appears to have gobbled up the Farmers' line.

Any information which you may require I shall be very much pleased to give you if it in my power so to do. I inclose herewith a copy of resolution, and I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

W. BREWSTER,
Per E.D.M.

No. 233a.

WINFIELD BREWSTER,
Municipal Council of the Town of Hespeler,

HESPELER, CANADA, July 4, 1905.

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Resolved, That in the opinion of this council the government of Canada should take over the Bell Telephone system or if that be not deemed advisable at least the trunk lines.—Carried.

GEORGE D. FORBES,
Mayor.

No. 234.

COUNTY OF WATERLOO,

BERLIN, June 30, 1905.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK, K.C.M.G.,
Chairman, Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa.

HON. SIR,—The municipal council of the county of Waterloo appointed a committee to aid in obtaining cheaper and more general telephone service, especially for the rural districts, which we considered had been neglected by the Bell Telephone Company. At one time there was a private telephone service which was eventually acquired by the Bell Telephone Company, the particulars of which you have already. The committee of the county council held two public meetings and much interest