

APPENDIX No. 1

No. 206.

Halifax County, Nova Scotia.—Council is in favour of government ownership of long-distance lines. Service of rural systems connecting with the Nova Scotia Company is satisfactory.

No. 207.

North Plantagenet, Ont.—'Bell' service not satisfactory—rates high. Too long waits for connection. Rates \$25, limited to this village at present. One subscriber in village, two at the station. Rural facilities much needed. Writer suggests that if Plantagenet had free service with all stations in same township, it would benefit rural districts.

No. 208.

Beaverton, Ont.—'Bell' service fairly satisfactory. Business and residence, \$20; farmers, under existing contracts, \$15; under new contracts, \$20. Fifty-eight telephones, including eighteen farmers. No night service. Contracts being only taken for one year, which leads council to believe that it is intended to increase rates. Formerly a local company operated here, but sold to the 'Bell.'

No. 209.

Duoro, Ont.—'Bell' service gives general satisfaction, but writer considers charge of 15c. to Peterborough, 6 miles, excessive. The farmers furnished the 'Bell' Company with poles free, for this line.

No. 210.

Sullivan Township, Ont.—Privately owned line operating between Chelsea and Desboro. Charges 25c. per message. Is a convenience when working, but is often out of order. Favour government control of telephone systems.

No. 211.

County of Halton, Ont.—'Bell' Company has 38 subscribers. Service satisfactory but limited for want of greater facilities in rural districts.

No. 212.

Dysart, Ont.; Ryde, Ont.; Ratter and Dunnet, Ont.; Hanley, Ont.—No service.

SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL LETTERS RECEIVED.

No. 213.

H. H. Millie, Government Telegraph Agent, Kelowna, B.C.—Twelve telephones here, owned by private individuals. Cost of maintaining same 80c. per telephone per year. Government owns long-distance line which operates here and gives perfect satisfaction.

No. 214.

J. B. Melcher, Melcher's Distillery Company, Berthierville, Que.—Stating that the 'Bell' Company is neglecting its business at Berthierville and charging too high rates, considering the number of telephones. Complains of delay in providing writer with service, and trusts there will be change before long.