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Note by the Acting Chairman.

The above statement shows the percentage of increase based on the total number of telephones operated by each system to be as follows:—

In Great Britain.

	<i>Per cent.</i>
National Telephone Company.	12'11
Post Office London System.	35
Post Office Provincial Systems.	21'25
Municipal Systems (including Guernsey).	24'68

In London.

National Telephone Company.	12'37
Post Office.	35

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GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY,

STOCKHOLM, May 29, 1905.

SIR WILLIAM MULOCK,

Chairman of Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa, Canada.

DEAR SIR,—Director Cedergren being at present abroad has not been able to answer your letter of the 1st instant, and I therefore beg to give you inclosed informations and I hope that it will be of some interest for you.

I am, dear sir,

Yours truly,

CARL HALLEN.

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The system operates in Stockholm and vicinity up to 70 kilometres (about 45 miles); the population of Stockholm at the beginning of 1905 was 318,398; there are two telephone systems of which one belongs to the Swedish State, and the other to the Stockholm Allmänna (Stockholm General Telephone Co.) and the Stockholm Bell Telefonaktiebolag (Stockholm Bell Telephone Company.) The information given is regarding the systems of the two companies only. The number of subscribers on January 1st, 1905 was 37,445, of which 31,685 were inside and 5,760 outside the city limits. Within Stockholm there are seven exchanges, the largest having a capacity of 20,000 lines. Outside the city there are 151 exchanges. Number of direct lines with one telephone in the city, 28,030, and number of extension lines, 3,541. Subscribers do not purchase instruments, the companies own the whole plant. Subscribers do not pay the cost of their lines, but some pay an entrance fee. (Fees and annual rates are published in subjoined reports.) Annual rate covers use of telephone within the city and a radius of 70 kilometres (about 45 miles). Exchanges are open day and night and Sundays. Country exchanges as shown in reports. Charge to non-subscribers for local conversations is 10 ore (2½ cents). All subscribers can converse over whole of 70 kilometre radius without any toll charge. All lines are metallic circuit. The aerial lines in Stockholm are bronze 1 m.m.; outside Stockholm iron 3 m.m. or copper 2 m.m.

Sixty-four per cent of lines are underground.

The long distance lines outside 70 kilometres radius from Stockholm belong exclusively to the State. No inter-traffic is arranged between our system net and the system of the State (Rikstelefon).