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all the village doctors have installed their own 'phones, having probably 100 miles of line, which the citizens can use on paying 25c. per call.

These lines are, however, very poorly installed and the service is therefore poor.

This council is of the opinion that it would be an immense advantage to Canada, and certainly to this particular neighbourhood, if the telephone system was taken over by the government and run in connection with the Post Office Department.

The council desires me to send you their thanks for the reports of the evidence taken before your committee.

Yours truly,
WM. H. HARRIS,
Clerk.

No. 110.

(Translation.)

ARTHABASKAVILLE, P.Q., June 10, 1905.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK,
Chairman Special Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR WILLIAM MULOCK,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant. The telephone companies doing business in the county of Arthabaska are: (1) the Bell Telephone Company, (2) the Godbout Telephone, (3) the Fournier Telephone, (4) the Bélanger Telephone, (5) the Provencher Telephone.

The Bell Company gives night and day, also week day and Sunday service on its circuit. We pay \$15 for a 'phone in Arthabaska with privilege of telephony in the towns of Arthabaska and Victoriaville without extra charge, but for telephony to adjoining places we pay 15 cents for a three-minute message. We pay 50 cents for a message to Montreal and one-half this rate if calls are made after six o'clock in the evening.

The four other companies, mentioned above, have their circuit exchanges among them, and by paying \$15 per year for a Godbout 'phone we obtain connection with the other companies, and we have no extra charge to pay for service to all places on their system.

But we are unable to speak to Montreal and Quebec. They are simply local lines and owing to the current being turned on at night for light it is somewhat difficult to receive a message and be heard.

I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

L. LAVERGNE,
Secretary-Treasurer, County Council, Arthabaska.

No. 111,

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
ST. THOMAS, June 12, 1905.

The Hon. Sir WM. MULOCK,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Your communication of the 2nd instant, requesting information *re* telephone services, was laid before the Elgin County Council at their last session. I am instructed to inform you that the council is in favour of government ownership and operation of main telephone lines, and also local services where private operation is not satisfactory.

Yours truly,
K. W. MCKAY,
County Clerk.