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and making the system thoroughly mutual. As to rates: They are charging \$15 per annum for farmers' 'phones with free use of circuits and a small switching charge in addition for long distances outside of the circuits, which average 35 to 50 miles.

From inquiry among the people who are now stockholders and lessees of telephones on the lines of the Union Telephone Company, we would report that the greatest satisfaction exists with the new system, and it is being adopted and called for in new districts more rapidly than the company at present can build, though everything we are assured will be done to expedite the work of connecting the different parishes in the county, and linking all the different districts together.

In regard to government ownership of telephone lines, we have to say that, that is a matter that in our limited scope of time for consideration, we do not care to hazard an opinion further than to say we do not think that our county with the development of telephone work going on at present, could be better served by government ownership.

Respectfully submitted.

HEDLEY F. GROSVENOR,
M. BYRON McNALLY,

Committee.

Certified.

F. ST. JOHN BLISS,
Secretary-Treasurer,
York County, N.B.

No. 260.

YARMOUTH, N.S., July 28, 1905.

Sir Wm. MULOCK,

Chairman of Select Committee on Telephone Systems,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the town council of the town of Yarmouth to submit the following regarding telephonic conditions in our town:—

The principal telephone operating in this section is a joint stock company, with 237 subscribers.

The rate charged to business people is \$22 per annum; if Blake sets are used, the charge is \$5 additional, giving complete long-distance service. Residences are \$17 per annum.

The service is as efficient as can be expected from a grounded system which is out of date.

Owing to the present rate charged, and the small number of subscribers, it is plain to be seen that the revenue would not be adequate to warrant the instalment of an up-to-date metallic system.

Regarding the long-distance service, the same might apply, as the grounded system is still in use. Sections of the long-distance lines are owned by small companies, and are probably not what they should be. These different companies are not in a position to expend what would be required to furnish an up-to-date service.

The present town system has connections with all towns and villages of any size.

The fee for outside messages, 20 cents for five minutes conversation.

The quality of outside service depends to a certain extent on atmospheric conditions, lines being grounded.

In conclusion, I might say the system may be as good as we can reasonably expect from the present conditions, but is very much inferior to towns of our size, say for instance in the United States.

I am, dear sir, yours truly,

HIRAM GOUDEY,
Town Clerk.