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tend the Private Telephone Company that at present operates between Craven and Lumsden to different settlements and to Regina. The sum of \$1,500 was guaranteed in Tregarva alone, and although the Bell Telephone Company propose to run lines to the district indicated, yet the fear is that the charges will be high.

I will merely add that the feeling in favour of government ownership and operation is very strong and has quite obliterated the desire for municipal ownership, which would be inconsistent with long distance telephones beyond city limits or town limits, and would be certain to lead to complications.

I am, dear Mr. Scott,

Yours truly,

WM. TRANT,
Secretary.

No. 86.

RESOLUTION OF THE OWEN SOUND BOARD OF TRADE.

That, Whereas owing to the rapid growth of the Dominion of Canada the use of telephones is becoming more and more an absolute necessity in commercial business and every day life;

And That, Whereas, it has been elicited from witnesses examined by the Select Committee of the House of Commons relating to telephone systems that local co-operative telephone systems have been sufficiently tried to establish their feasibility, and the fact that the advantages of telephone service may be greatly extended at rates and on conditions much more favourable to subscribers than those at present exacted;

And That, Whereas, the United States, England and other European nations have been giving careful consideration to the question of government ownership of telephones, and it is expected that such a policy will be generally adopted by these countries;

And That, Whereas, the Board of Trade for the town of Owen Sound is heartily in accord with the principle of government telephone ownership;

Now therefore, be it resolved that in the opinion of this board the time is opportune for the Dominion Government to assume the ownership and control of all telephone systems and lines in the Dominion of Canada, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our representative, W. P. Telford, Esq., M.P.

BEN. ALLEN,

President.

DAVID F. RITCHIE,

Secretary.

OWEN SOUND, ONT., May 19, 1905.

No. 87.

NORTHERN INDIANA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION,

OFFICE: HOME TELEPHONE BUILDING,

FORT WAYNE, IND., May 24, 1905.

Sir WM. MULOCK, K.C.M.G.,
Ottawa, Canada.

DEAR SIR,—Answering your inquiry under date of May 22, relative to telephone systems, &c., beg to say that the number of independent telephones in the state of Indiana is 175,000, the number of the Bell approximately 30 000; the Independent Company began operation in this state ten years ago, the Bell Company twenty-five years ago.