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STE. LOUISE, P.Q., June 10, 1905.

Honourable Sir WILLIAM MULOCK,  
Chairman Select Committee on Telephone Systems,  
Ottawa.

HONOURABLE AND DEAR SIR,—In reply to your circular letter of inquiry addressed to me concerning telephone systems in our locality, I beg to say that the county of L'Islet is served by four companies, namely: The Bell, the Kamouraska, the Bellechasse and the St. Pamphile. The first of these has its terminus at L'Islet East where it joins with the Kamouraska, whose line extends from L'Islet to Kamouraska. The main line runs along the bank of the River St. Lawrence.

The Bellechasse Company's line extends from Campbellton through the counties of Lotbinière, Beauce and Megantic; its main line runs at an average distance of three miles from the river in L'Islet county.

The St. Pamphile Company owns a line which extends from St. Aubert as far as the American frontier, a distance of 36 miles.

All these companies' lines furnish an excellent service. The rates charged by the Kamouraska Company are \$20 for business 'phones and \$13 for residence 'phones. This includes a full telephone service without extra charge on the line which extends from L'Islet to Rivière du Loup, a distance of 87 miles. Subscribers, however, must pay extra for long-distance calls where messages are conveyed to another circuit. For instance, a three-minute conversation from Ste. Louise to Quebec will require an extra charge of 50c., 25 of which is paid to the Bell and 25 to the Kamouraska. These rates are considered too high.

From \$10 to \$25 per 'phone, according to the extent of services rendered, is charged to subscribers by the Bellechasse Company, with free connection with the Kamouraska circuit. For long-distance messages from Fraserville to Quebec—a five-minute conversation—25c. is charged.

The St. Pamphile Company charges 15c. on all its circuit for a three-minute conversation to those who are not subscribers. The rate per year to subscribers is \$5 on all its circuit.

This is about all the information which I can furnish respecting telephone service in our county. Hoping it will be of some use,

I have honour to be, Mr. Chairman, yours very truly,

JOS. ED. CARON.

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PORT PERRY, Ont., June 7, 1905.

Sir WILLIAM MULOCK, Esq., K.C.M.G.,  
Chairman of Select Committee on Telephone Systems,  
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the Port Perry Municipal Council in answer to your letter dated June 2nd, in reference to the telephone service in this neighbourhood, to say:

That the Bell Telephone system operates here and have about forty 'phones and two rural 'phones. They charge \$20 for business 'phones and \$15 for house 'phones for local connections. Their system, as far as it goes, works fairly well, but they do not connect us sufficiently with the surrounding neighbourhood, in consequence of which