

# The Bell Telephone Company of Canada

1892.

The Directors beg to submit their thirteenth Annual Report.

1,626 Subscribers have been added during the year, the total number of sets of instruments now earning rental being 24,167, (317 having been transferred from the free List at Peterborough.)

22 Exchanges and 56 Agencies having been constructed and added to the system, the Company now owns and operates 251 Exchanges and 241 Agencies.

401 Miles of Poles, and 1,238 miles of Wire have been added to the Trunk Line or Long Distance system in 1892; of these 116 pole miles and 663 wire miles are in the Ontario Department, and 285 pole miles and 575 wire miles are in the Eastern Department.

The Long Distance Lines now owned and operated by the Company, comprise 10,455 miles of wire on 4,836 miles of poles.

The Underground Construction has been continued during the year; about 3½ miles of subway and 28¾ miles of Duct having been laid. Of this 107,022 feet of duct in 14,277 feet of Conduit was in Toronto; 31,055 feet of Duct in 2,309 feet of Conduit was in Hamilton; and 14,395 feet of Duct in 1,337 feet of Conduit was in London. The total subway construction to date, comprises 126¾ miles of Duct in 9¼ miles of Conduit.

The Gross Revenue for the year was.....	\$ 875,526.44
The Expenses were.....	655,139.81
The Net Revenue was .....	220,386.63
The Paid up Capital is.....	2,200,000.00

The apparent decrease in Net Revenue was caused by a severe sleet storm in Ottawa in March, and a storm which occurred in Manitoba in April. These two storms cost the Company about \$25,000.

Your Directors were obliged to provide for certain charges during the year, which could not be debited to Capital Account. Among these were the decreased valuation in stocks in other Companies, viz: The Federal Telephone Company, the Ontario Telephone Company, and the Parkhill Telephone Company, amounting to \$66,591.60; and also a large item of reconstruction rendered necessary by the introduction of Electric Light and Electric Railways, whereby we were compelled to metallic circuit our lines and prepare for the change to Underground Systems. The Construction Account for the year has amounted to \$368,123.49, but as a large portion of this was for plant to take the place of other plant already charged to Construction Account, your Directors have deemed it advisable to write off \$100,000 on account of Exchange construction, and \$11,351.50 on account of Long Distance line construction, which amounts have been charged to Contingent Account.

For Funds with which to meet these demands, and to provide for the new construction of 1892, your Directors, acting under authority of the Shareholders, decided to sell 2,000 shares of stock. This stock was sold at a premium of \$123,729.73, which amount having been carried to Contingent Account, that account was then debited with the extraordinary charges referred to above, and the Directors trust that this course may meet with your approval.

The Buildings in Toronto and Ottawa have been completed, and will be occupied as soon as the switchboards are ready.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. SISE,

*President.*

GEO. W. MOSS,

*Vice-President.*

Montreal, February 23rd, 1893.