

ministration during the first seven and a half years of Government ownership has ceased to exist. Some of its members were indicted for infringement of the criminal law; but the disagreement of the jury avoided a positive verdict. The present Government has been in existence only a short time; nevertheless, certain of its acts have been significant and ominous, and brief mention of these acts has been included in the narrative upon the basis of such printed authentic information as has recently come to my notice.

My inquiry included the telephone systems in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan where, as in Manitoba, Government ownership of telephones was adopted about a decade ago; but the systems in these Provinces are really too small to warrant extended consideration and I have taken no steps toward publishing my notes on them. However, it may be said that, on the whole, the history — and results — of public ownership both in Alberta and in Saskatchewan have been analogous to those in Manitoba, although of course on a smaller scale.

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