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The committee urge the wisdom of underground wiring, especially on business streets of cities, for the sake of appearances as well as for greater ease of fighting fires.

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**No. 240.**

*Secretary-Treasurer Rural Municipality of Springfield, Man.*—One private line to neighbouring village here, charge on same being 10 cents per message. Two years ago had Bell connection with Winnipeg, 16 miles distant, but the message rate and rental were prohibitive to rate payers and the service was discontinued. Connection with Winnipeg and rural districts much needed.

**No. 241.**

*Township Clerk of Municipality of Starrington, Ont.*—No system here. Greatly feel the need of telephone service, which would be far better than rural mail delivery. Would no doubt give bonus and hopes the government will take action in the matter.

**No. 242.**

*Clerk of Houghton, Ontario.*—No service here. Think government should assist in the matter.

**No. 243.**

*County Council of Soulanges, Que.*—Council satisfied with service in general, but suggests that local pay stations be not established in hotels and that installations at local offices in the county be free. At present they are charged \$25 per annum, and do not realize that amount.

**No. 244.**

*Clerk of Municipal Council, Township of Huron, Ontario.*—Bell pay-station only here. Long-distance rates too high. If service was cheaper rural population would use it more, at present do not appreciate its usefulness.

**No. 245.**

*Secretary-Treasurer, City of Prince Albert, Sask.*—Bell has 93 subscribers at rates: residence, \$20 up to one mile, \$4 each additional one-quarter mile. Business, \$30 up to half mile, beyond, \$4 each additional quarter mile. No long-distance or rural service. Service was most unsatisfactory, but since the metallic lines installed is better.

**No. 246.**

*Town Clerk, Welland, Ontario.*—Bell has 101 subscribers, \$15. No night service. Several complaints of charges being too high to suit public. Placing of unsightly poles, digging up of streets, cutting down beautiful shade trees, also complained of.

**No. 247.**

*Town Clerk of Hantsport, N.S.*—Nova Scotia Telephone Company giving good service, charges reasonable, six subscribers.