

No. 310a.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES—*Concluded.*

NOTES

TO FOREGOING STATEMENT.

A.—*Albany and Vale's Mill Telephone Co., Ohio.*—Toll charges, 10c. for each switch station through which conversation passes.

B.—*Barlow and Watertown Telephone Co., Ohio.*—Net earnings put into betterments and extensions.

C.—*Fort Recovery Telephone Co., Ohio.*—Toll charges: 15c. for first county, 5c. for each county beyond. Local rates of \$12 per annum considered too low, should be \$18.

D.—*Cuyahoga Telephone Co. Ohio.*—See Letter No. 147 of Appendix A, for detailed information regarding rates, &c.

E.—*Hamilton Home Telephone Co., Ohio.*—Our system represents an actual outlay of about \$250,000, given for franchises, rights, bonus and property acquired. We are gaining a subscription list at the rate of two telephones per day. Our capacity is 3,000. When we reach it, we will be able to operate our plant and give satisfactory service at about 50 per cent of the receipts from rentals, which I estimate as follows:—

Receipts from rentals	\$60,000	
Toll business	5,000	
		\$65,000
Operating expenses	\$30,000	
Fixed charges	24,000	
		54,000
Surplus		\$11,000

F.—*Sandusky Telephone Co., Ohio.*—Measured service rates, from 80c. to \$2.50 per month. No dividends paid for two years. The company, however, has earned 8 per cent per annum, which has been turned back into the plant for extensions. The long-distance service is furnished this company by contract with the U.S. Company of Cleveland, Ohio, on a basis of 25 per cent commission for originating business. This company connects with all states.

G.—*Chardon Telephone Co., Ohio.*—Toll charges, 10c. for 12 miles and under, plus 5c. for each additional 8 miles.

H.—*Kenton Telephone Co., Ohio.*—Surplus used in new construction. We connect with a number of short toll lines of neighbouring local companies, and with the lines of the United States Telephone Co., the latter being extensive in the State of Ohio; also via that company's line we reach the long-distance companies in neighbouring states. This gives about all the toll service we require.

I.—*Mercer County Mutual Telephone Co., Ohio.*—Co-operative company. Each subscriber furnishes his own poles (ten) and puts in half mile of line. We now have six switchboards and the total cost (cash outlay) per subscriber, has been about \$18, the running expenses averaging about \$1.50 per subscriber.

Subscribers who have put in mileage and are using 'phones of another company on our lines are subject to the annual assessment.