

## APPENDIX No. 1

**No. 190.**

*Brooke Township Council, Ont.*—Clerk of council writes: 'Bell' Company has 25 miles of lines in township, but no connection with a single farm house. Rates too high. When company were building from Wattford to Alviston they asked the writer \$80 for connection, and very little reduction for service. Line passed 200 feet from house. Have private line connecting doctor, cheese factory and a farm house and writer's house. This is not much used except for doctor and veterinary surgeon. Farmers need rural free delivery of mail more than rural telephone service.

**No. 191.**

*Ailsa Craig, Ont.*—Council recommends in the strongest possible manner government ownership of the long-distance lines. Also object to companies having control of public highways. 'Bell' monopoly give fair local service at reasonable rates, but inflict antiquated telephones and single lines. Charges for metallic lines with long-distance telephones unreasonable. Company refused to establish office at Clandeboy, to which line runs, because inhabitants would not donate \$50, 'this being only one instance of unfair manner in which monopolies conduct their business.'

**No. 192.**

*Killarney, Man.*—Telephone system not installed long enough to decide as to quality of service. Long-distance rates too high. Local rates business \$24, residence \$13.

**No. 193.**

*Riverside, Man.*—Council forwards resolution objecting to monopoly in telephones, and desiring that municipality should have a voice as to the placing of 'phones, &c.

**No. 194.**

*Weston, Ont.*—Council recommends government ownership of long-distance lines. 'Bell' service good, but does not go far enough without you pay well for it. Fifteen telephones at old rates of \$15 per year. New ones being charged \$20 per year. Charge of 15 cents for three minutes' conversation with Toronto, five miles distant, too high, hence there are few residence telephones.

**No. 195.**

*Peterborough, Ont.*—'Bell' system has 660 subscribers at rates of \$25 for business and \$20 for second connection for same subscribers, \$5 extra for long-distance equipment. Residence party line rates, \$20, \$18 and \$15, with 2, 3 or 4 subscribers on same line. The Canadian Machine Telephone Company's exchange will be operating in a few days. Rates: business \$20, residence \$15, or \$30 for the two combined. Since franchise has been given to the Machine Company, the 'Bell' Company has been active in extending lines to rural districts and reducing local residence rates. Council strongly recommends government ownership of long-distance lines, and that municipalities be given control of streets.

**No. 196.**

*Chatham, Ont.*—'Bell' system has 490 subscribers. Rates: business, \$25; residence, \$20, \$5 extra for long-distance equipment. \$5 extra also charged on one-year contracts. Service given by local staff is of best quality. Company operate two rural lines and is installing a third, at local rates, if not less than six telephones on same line. City council considers long-distance rates too high, and that 'Blake' equipment should be replaced by modern appliances, without increasing charges, if not at lower rates.