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Y.—*Galesburg Union Telephone Co., Ill.*—We have connections with 325 rural telephones not owned by this company, which pays 50c. per month for connection with Galesburg. Depreciation is charged to maintenance. We connect with a number of companies. Each company retains originating charge and receives all incoming messages without charge.

Z.—*Eastern Illinois Independent Telephone Co., Ill.*—The system operates no long-distance lines, but interchanges with those of other companies on a 25 per cent commission basis.

A. 1.—*Leaf River and Egan Mutual Telephone Co., Ill.*—We are organized on the mutual plan. Each subscriber a shareholder pays \$30. We demand three subscribers to the mile for rural lines. Each subscriber pays 50c. dues per month; 40c. goes to the central office and 10c. is held as a reserve fund. We collect at the end of each quarter. This reserve nets us \$21.30 per quarter, and our tolls amount to \$30 per quarter. This gives us \$51.30 per quarter for maintenance expenses outside of the cost of switching. We are connected with the Ogle County Independent Company, and by paying 25c. more per month we have free communication with all points in Ogle county, and by paying 15c. we can talk to all of the neighbouring county.

B. 1.—*Huntingdon and Clearfield Telephone Co., Pa.*—Rural lines are built and owned by farmers themselves. We connect with other companies and pay an originating charge of 25 per cent, and air line wire mileage proportion via point of connection. Have nine different exchanges in the territory above described, divided into three districts.

C. 1.—*Keystone Telephone Co., Philadelphia, Pa.*—We do not set aside any amount for depreciation. It is not customary in telephone business. We know of no company doing it; all repairs are charged to maintenance. There is no interchange of business between our company and the Bell Company, but there is an interchange between our company and all other independent systems in this part of the country.

KEYSTONE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Schedule of message rates, July 1, 1902.

No. of calls.	Business direct line.		Business 2-party line.		Residence direct line.		Residence 2-party line.	
	Rate.	Excess calls.	Rate.	Excess calls.	Rate.	Excess calls.	Rate.	Excess calls.
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
400							33	5
600			48	5			42	5
800	69	5	57	5	60	5	51	5
1,000	78	5	66	5	69	5	60	5
1,200	87	5	75	5	78	5	69	5
1,400	96	5	84	5	87	5		
1,600	105	5	93	5	93	4		
1,800	114	4	102	5	99	4		
2,000	120	4			105	4		
2,200	126	4						
2,400	132	4						
2,600	138	4						
2,800	144	4						
3,000	150	4						