

REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

OF

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada

For the Year ending 31st December,

1896

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The Directors beg to submit their seventeenth Annual Report.

653 Subscribers have been added during the year, the total number of sets of instruments now earning rental being 29,462.

The Company now owns and operates 341 Exchanges and 275 Agencies.

176 miles of poles and 1,013 miles of wire have been added to the Long Distance system in 1896; of these 11 pole miles and 236 wire miles are in the Ontario Department, and 165 pole miles and 777 wire miles are in the Eastern Department.

The Long Distance Lines, now owned and operated by the Company, comprise 15,864 miles of wire on 6,060 miles of poles.

The new building in Montreal is nearly completed, and will be ready for occupancy in May.

The new building in Winnipeg was completed and occupied about Nov. 1st, and fully answers our expectations.

Under authority of the Shareholders, \$273,500 Bonds have been sold during the year, and the premium thereon, averaging $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., viz., \$19,491.25, has been carried to the Contingent Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT MACKAY,
Vice-President.

CHAS. F. SISE,
President.

MONTREAL, February 25th, 1897.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, 31st DECEMBER, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Exchanges	\$860,525.79	
Less Unearned Rental Reserve	4,957.12	
	_____	\$ 855,568.67
Long Distance Lines		195,721.93
Private Lines		12,603.57
Miscellaneous		69,840.98
		\$1,133,735.15

EXPENSES.

Operating	\$773,420.07	
Legal	8,657.63	
Insurance	12,945.16	
Bond Interest	32,714.32	
Miscellaneous	1,043.99	
	_____	\$ 828,781.17
Net Revenue for 1896		\$ 304,953.98
Less Dividends (including Jan. 15th, 1897)		253,440.00
		\$ 51,513.98
Balance Revenue from 1895		25,047.37
		\$ 76,561.35
Carried to Contingent Fund	\$20,508.75	
Carried forward to 1897	56,052.60	
	_____	\$ 76,561.35

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1896.

Stock Account.....	\$3,168,000.00
Bond Account.....	873,500.00
Contingent Fund.....	\$ 910,000.00
Add transferred from Revenue Account.....	20,508.75
Add Bond Premium Account.....	19,491.25
	\$ 950,000.00
Revenue Account.....	56,052.60
Unearned Rental Reserve	140,799.99
Insurance Reserve.....	51,729.28
Accident Reserve.....	8,188.51
Bond Interest Reserve.....	10,731.25
Sundry Creditors.....	80,729.64
	\$5,339,731.27
Plant and Patents, 31st December, 1895.....	\$4,029,270.99
Purchase of Patents, 1896.....	4,291.75
Construction, 1896.....	169,005.05
	\$4,202,567.79
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Stores on Hand.....	165,407.76
Real Estate.....	538,259.02
Stock in other Companies.....	162,455.00
Sundry Debtors.....	52,921.40
Due from Agencies.....	74,082.22
Cash.....	144,038.08
	\$5,339,731.27

Audited and Certified,
P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

CHAS. P. SCLATER,
Secretary-Treasurer.