

REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

OF

The Bell Telephone Company
of Canada

For the Year ending 31st December,

1891

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The Directors beg to submit their twelfth Annual Report.

2,874 Subscribers have been added during the year, the total number of sets of instruments earning rental now being 22,224.

51 Exchanges and Agencies having been constructed and added to the system, the Company now owns and operates 229 Exchanges and 185 Agencies.

363 miles of poles, and 988 miles of wire have been added to the Trunk Line system in 1891; of these 258 pole miles and 679 wire miles are in the Ontario Department, and 105 pole miles and 309 wire miles are in the Eastern Department.

The Trunk Lines now owned and operated by the Company comprise 9,213 miles of wire on 4,432 miles of poles.

We have continued the construction of Subways in Toronto and Montreal. 51 miles of Duct in about 3 miles of Conduit have been laid during the year. Of this work 99,552 feet of Duct in 5,264 feet of Conduit were laid in Montreal; and 171,820 feet of Duct in 10,530 feet of Conduit in Toronto. This work will be continued during the coming season.

We have also placed 26,407 feet of Cable in Conduits in Toronto, and 8,085 feet in Hamilton, which are in operation.

The Gross Revenue for the year was	\$ 767,455.76
The Expenses were	544,610.01
The Net Revenue was	222,845.75
The paid up Capital is now	1,926,900.00
Bonds to the amount of \$78,400 have been sold, the total issue now being	\$ 500,000.00

Since our last Annual Report the Factory Buildings on Aqueduct Street, Montreal, have been completed and are now in successful operation, employing about 200 men. The Hamilton Building has been completed, and is now occupied by the Hamilton Exchange, and the Offices, Storerooms and Repair Shop of the Ontario Department. The Building on Temperance St., Toronto, is now nearly completed, and will be ready to receive the new Switchboards during the summer. Owing to the increase of Toronto suburban business, it was deemed advisable to purchase a piece of land in the East end of Toronto on which we intend to erect a small Exchange, to avoid the long leads of wires and cables to the Temperance St. Building. The Ottawa business having outgrown our present premises, your Directors have purchased land on Queen St., on which a Building will be erected during the current year.

The introduction of electricity for Street Railways, Motors &c., as well as Electric Lighting, has made it necessary to provide for a great deal of reconstruction, of which in the larger Cities, a large percentage must be underground. This work is being carried on as rapidly as its nature will permit.

Notice has been given of our intention to apply to Parliament for power to increase the Capital of the Company, and a resolution will be offered to-day authorizing such increase.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. SISE,

President.

GEO. W. MOSS,

Vice-President.

Montreal, February 25th, 1892.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, 31st DECEMBER, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Exchanges	\$592,444.07	
Less Unearned Rental reserve	8,476.50	
	<u>8,476.50</u>	\$583,967.57
Trunk Lines		121,180.92
Private Lines		10,748.59
Miscellaneous		51,558.68
		<u>\$767,455.76</u>

EXPENSES.

Operating	\$486,556.01	
Legal	8,473.11	
Insurance	13,784.43	
Bond Interest	28,937.48	
Miscellaneous	6,858.98	
	<u>6,858.98</u>	\$544,610.01
Net Revenue for 1891		\$222,845.75
Less Dividends (Including No. 31 paid January 15th, 1892) ..		134,075.70
		<u>\$ 88,770.05</u>
Balance Revenue from 1890		26,552.16
		<u>\$115,322.21</u>
Carried to Contingent Fund	\$100,000.00	
Carried forward to 1892 ..	15,322.21	
	<u>15,322.21</u>	<u>\$115,322.21</u>

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1891.

Stock Account.....	\$1,926,900.00
Bond Account.....	500,000.00
Contingent Fund 1890.....	\$ 875,000.00
Deduct Depreciation, "Stock in other Companies".....	175,000.00
	\$ 700,000.00
Add Transfer from Revenue Account 1891.....	100,000.00
	\$ 800,000.00
Revenue Account.....	15,322.21
Unearned Rental Reserve.....	97,191.70
Insurance Reserve.....	20,016.16
Bond Interest Reserve.....	7,500.00
Accident Insurance Reserve.....	2,500.00
Sundry Creditors.....	108,958.82
	\$3,478,388.89
Plant and Patents, December 31st, 1890.....	\$2,540,731.63
Purchase of Patents 1891.....	1,447.00
Construction 1891.....	331,560.71
	\$2,873,739.34
Stores on Hand.....	148,542.56
Real Estate.....	205,727.17
Stock in other Companies.....	151,070.82
Sundry Debtors.....	19,897.64
Due from Agencies.....	62,474.56
Cash.....	16,936.80
	\$3,478,388.89

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 31st DECEMBER, 1891.

ASSETS.

Plant and Patents.....	\$2,873,739.34
Stores on Hand.....	148,542.56
Real Estate.....	205,727.17
Stock in other Companies.....	151,070.82
Debtors and Cash.....	99,309.00
	\$3,478,388.89

LIABILITIES.

Stock and Bonds.....	\$2,426,900.00
Sundry Creditors.....	108,858.82
Unearned Rentals.....	97,191.70
Bond Interest.....	7,500.00
	\$2,640,550.52
Surplus.....	\$ 837,838.37

APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS.

Contingent Fund, 1890.....	\$875,000.00
Deducted 1891.....	75,000.00
	\$ 800,000.00
Insurance Reserve.....	20,016.16
Accident Insurance Reserve.....	2,500.00
Balance Revenue Account carried forward.....	15,322.21
	\$ 837,838.37

Audited and Certified,

P. S. ROSS & SONS,

15th February, 1892.

Chartered Accountants.

CHAS. P. SCLATER,

Secretary-Treasurer.