



A TELEPHONE WAR
Do Lindsay Citizens Desire Double Phone Service?
CANADIAN MACHINE TELEPHONE CO. WISH TO WIRE THIS TOWN, So They Oppose the Granting of an Exclusive Franchise to the Bell Co. for Five Years.

"Hello Central" was the text taken by the Aldermen at last week's meeting of the Town Property Committee, and the serious thereof extended over a period of two and one-half hours.

"On the representatives of the Company being granted permission to address the Aldermen, Mr. McKay led off in opening he referred briefly to the technical points of the system, covered in a lengthy article in last night's Evening Post.

Mr. McKay—"That's a matter for mutual arrangement; in Peterboro we have to go underground in the business section. One thing I can promise you—we will not put up any poles on your main street."

Ald. O'Reilly—"How long would it take you to get your system in operation here?"
Mr. McKay—"About the same time as in Peterboro—12 months."

Ald. O'Reilly—"Do you know of any other town where the Bell Co. is not granted an exclusive franchise?"
Mr. McKay—"No, we do not seek an exclusive franchise—we are willing to stand or fall on the merits of the service we will put in."

Mr. McKay—"I see you are putting your wires underground in Peterboro. Would you do the same here?"
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cause they wanted business, and that did not appear to be the case with the Bell Co.
Mayor Sootheran—"Will you please read the Retail Merchants' Association questions for the information of members? You said that five questions had been asked."

Question No. 1—Has competition resulted in better telephone service in your city?
Answer—(a) Affirmative, 1245; Negative, 28; (b) Affirmative, 982; Negative, 134.

Question No. 2—Has competition increased the number of telephone subscribers?
Answer—Affirmative, 1251; Negative, 37.

Question No. 3—Has competition brought about greater civility and more courteous attention to the wants of subscribers?
Answer—Affirmative, 1222; Negative, 16.

Question No. 4—Have rates for telephone service been reduced by the advent of competition—(a) By the reduction of Bell rates formerly charged; (b) By the establishment of lower rates by the Independent Company formerly prevailed?
Answer—(a) Affirmative, 979; Negative, 120; (b) Affirmative, 1238; Negative, 16.

Question No. 5—In your judgment, would it be preferable to return to the conditions prevailing before the advent of the Independent Company?
Answer—"No, 1245, Yes 14.
Ald. O'Reilly—"Do you ask for an exclusive or a working franchise?"
Mr. McKay—"No, we do not seek an exclusive franchise—we are willing to stand or fall on the merits of the service we will put in."

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What guarantee can you give us that you will come here?
Mr. McKay—"I will put up a guarantee of \$200 that we will fulfil our contract with the town within the year, and forfeit it if we do not."

Ald. O'Reilly—"What would your Lindsay system cost?"
Mr. McKay—"It is difficult to say; our hand—perhaps \$25,000 or \$30,000."

Ald. O'Reilly—"Then the revenue derived from taxes on your plant would offset our loss if we do not close with the Bell Co. offer?"
Mr. McKay—"I am not sure, but I think so."

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WEEKLY POST LETTER BOX

was DUNDONALD FULL?
Sir,—We seem to be getting a surfeit of Dundonald just now, and as it is equal, our friends the enemy, but instead of being Canadians and sticking up for Canadian rights, are seeking to make it a party matter. It seems to me, Mr. Editor, that as long as we look on these sort of things from a party standpoint, so long will we be looked down on, and be treated as this man Dundonald sought to treat us, for a man of his calibre soon finds out that if he goes contrary to one party, no matter how much in the wrong he may be, he can always count on having his back at his back.

Looking at that Montreal speech in any shape you like one cannot but come to one of two conclusions—either the man set out with the deliberate intention of insulting the power that he, and through them our country, or he has participated openly in the following down and oppression of his mouth wider he knew he was doing. I am very much inclined to the latter opinion. I think it is Shakespeare or Paul, or someone who evidently knew where he spoke, who said, speaking of the tongue, "Behold show great a master's little fire kindleth," and again, "Greater is he that brideth his tongue than he that taketh a city."

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Mr. McKay—"I see by the newspaper report of the meeting that you had declared he could not be trusted. How is it that you have not done so?"

Ald. O'Reilly—"I have not done so, but I think you should consider the interests of the man who does not use a phrase."

Ald. O'Reilly—"The moment you bring in opposition you increase the town's revenue by the taxes on the new plant, and in other ways."

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