

that they had installed long distance equipment. Soon other Cobden customers followed their example, and by 1906, there were eight using long distance telephones:

Bank of Ottawa .....	J.C. Burgess, mgr.....	Main
Bulger, M.....	(B.T.Co. Pub. Stn.).....	Bulger's Corn
Connelly, W.J.....	Residence.....	Crawford
Delahey Bros.....	General Merchants .....	Main
McEachen, Rev. R.J.....	.....	Osceola
Peever, R.J.....	Residence.....	Rural
Tuffy, E.....	General Merchant .....	Main
Young, T.C., V.S.....	Office.....	John & Bromie

Julia J. Hannah, Mr. Allen's daughter, was now in charge of the local office, still located in their home.

By this time, M. Bulger had opened a public station in Bulger's Corners connecting with the Cobden switchboard, and a year later E. O'Reilly established a second one in Osceola.

Towards 1912, Mrs. W.D. Tuffy began her twenty-five years' career as Cobden's local manager, about the same time that the telephone office moved to the Bank of Ottawa building on Main street.

A fatal fire of February 13, 1913, completely burned out the building, including the local exchange, which was forced to set up again across the street in a building owned by Mrs. Tuffy. The office is located in the same place today.

In these early days, Mrs. Tuffy found the office hours long - the exchange was open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. six days a week and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. If a friend or neighbour