

The Bell Telephone Company and the Northern Electric

THE relationship between the Bell Telephone Company and the Northern Electric Company is direct and definite. It consists of:—

1. ownership—the telephone company controls the Northern Electric by owning 51 per cent of Northern Electric shares.
2. contract—the telephone company has a contract with the Northern Electric by which the latter sells equipment to the telephone company at favorable prices.

The telephone company thus has direct control of its source of supplies. Without control there would be constant risk of being forced to pay high prices for apparatus or of being unable to secure consistent standard of equipment.

If either of these conditions prevailed the result would be higher rates or poor service for telephone users.

Apart from this protection there are two definite results secured. These are: first, dividends; second, low prices.

1. dividends from Northern Electric

THE Northern Electric has developed from a small beginning to an outstanding Canadian success.

In 1928 its total business was more than \$25,000,000 which is four times its business in 1914.

48 per cent of this total was with the Bell Telephone Company. 11 per cent was with other telephone companies and 41 per cent was in general electrical business in Canada and abroad.

In all this total of success the Bell Telephone Company participates as majority shareholder. 51 per cent of all dividends paid by the Northern Electric have come back to the telephone company's revenues.

In the fifteen years since the Northern Electric was incorporated the telephone company has received from it in dividends over two-and-a-half million dollars.

These have contributed to operate the system in place of equal sums subscribers would otherwise be called on to pay.

The dividends paid by Northern Electric represent an average annual return of only 5.7 per cent on the capital stock, surplus earnings having been devoted consistently to extend plant and equipment.

2. low prices from Northern Electric

THE contract between these two companies stipulates that the prices which the Bell Telephone Company pay for equipment shall be as low as, or lower than, the lowest prices paid to Northern Electric by its other customers.

The other customers of Northern Electric include every telephone system of importance in Canada and business from them has been secured in open competition with British and American manufacturers.

It is thus the lowest price level of this competitive business which governs the prices paid by the Bell Telephone Company.

The Board of Railway Commissioners in 1926 made a detailed inquiry into these prices and their judgment was that "the agreement and supplementary agreement which govern their relations are distinctly advantageous to the Bell Telephone Company."

Proof of this is seen in comparing costs of building the telephone system and rates paid by subscribers with those of other systems.

The average cost of building other systems in Canada, England, Brazil and the United States has been \$227 per telephone. The cost in Ontario and Quebec has been \$189 per telephone, or 17 per cent less than the average.

And the rates which telephone users pay in Ontario and Quebec are the lowest in the world for comparable service.

A large factor in obtaining these low costs and low rates has been the arrangement and relationship between the Bell Telephone Company and the Northern Electric Company.



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In the Editor's Mail Box

Joe Burnett of Regina still takes an interest in his old Home Town

Glad to receive a little letter last week from Joe Burnett, who though now many years absent, still likes to keep in touch with Durham with the aid of the 'Review.' He says, "We would miss the 'Review' very much had you adopted the cut-off system when in arrears. It is twenty five years since leaving the old town and may say I get a real kick on reading the report of the Durham Municipal Nomination to note our old friend, Wm Laidlaw, right on the job as in the old days. I am pleased to see you are contemplating paving the streets and sometime in the future we old Durhams will be able to point to Durham as one of the most up-to-the-minute towns in Western Ontario. Regina is on the map, making some real strides during the past year and from present appearances will do the same in 1929. You might remember me to Ed. Limin, J. P. Grant, E. D. McClocklin and D. B. McFarlane."

Mrs Charles McKinnon, Bassano, Alta "We are having one grand winter, just a skiff of snow, but not cold enough to make ice for skating or curling. My Uncle John Hunter is with us. He arrived the day before New Years and has given us all the Durham news. He thinks Alberta weather is about right—is out every day in the car."

Among the Churches

The Women's Missionary Society of Knox United Church held their first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Thos. McGirr on Thursday, Jan. 10th. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and to the numerous people shut in with heavy colds, there were not as many present as usual. Mrs. Jas. Mather presided and called for some of the completed reports of the past year's work. Mrs. J. S. McIlraith, Sec'y; Mrs. Thos. Allan, Treasurer; Mrs. A. Jackson, Strangers' Sec'y and Mrs. T. Young, Associate Helpers' Sec'y, each gave very encouraging reports. The treasurer's books showed that the Society had raised ten dollars more than their objective and had nine dollars on hand.

The devotional period was taken by Mrs. T. McGirr, Mrs. T. Allan, Mrs. C. Ramage and Miss I. C. McGirr. The topic was taken from the annual report of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada. Only the various branches of the Home Mission work were discussed and were very interesting. Mrs. Arthur McDonald read an inspiring article on Stewardship. A letter telling of Christmas festivities of Kolakreeka Mission School was also read. Roll call was answered by verse of scripture. Miss Margaret Hunter was organist. A pleasant social hour was spent at the close of the meeting.

Knox Young Women's Auxiliary held the opening meeting of the year on Monday, Jan. 14, in the schoolroom of the church. The President, Mrs. Catton was in the chair. The meeting opened by singing the Doxology, after which the President led in prayer. The scripture lesson, Luke 10: 27-27 was read by Miss Marjory Ritchie. The devotional leaflet, 'Life as a Stewardship', was read by Miss Irlay McKechnie. An interesting paper on the 4th chapter in the Study Book, 'Drums in the Darkness'—'Bubbling Springs in Bie' had been prepared by Miss Barbara Ritchie and in her absence was read by Miss Daisy Mather.

The annual reports for the past year were received and adopted. It was decided that the Auxiliary hold a Snow shoe party on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22. Hymn 236, "The morning light is breaking" was sung and the meeting closed in the usual way by repeating the class text and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Hector Moody, Reeve of Dundalk, is a candidate for the Wardenship of Grey.

One kid asked his dad who Hamlet was and got slapped for not knowing his Bible

The Toronto Globe is to be commended for its stand it is taking on behalf of the Welsh miners, in opening a campaign fund for them for all who care to respond.

Mrs Rachael Lorenz of Elmwood, was given suspended sentence and costs of court in Walkerton, on being tried and pleading guilty for using the mails to send an obscene drawing to a neighbor lady in her village.

The teacher said to her class: "Words ending in 'ous' mean 'full of,' as joyous means full of joy and vigorous means full of vigor. Now give an example of such a word." Tommy raised his hand and said "Pious."

A survey of current publications places the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal in the lead for variety and quality of reading. Always recognized as a steady guide and counsellor to the farmer the survey proclaims it almost as equally popular in urban homes.

GREEN GROVE

Mr W Atchison is busy hauling logs to the Furniture Factory from Mr Blyth's bush in Normanby.

Miss Ethel Hargrave spent Thursday evening with her friend, Miss Flo McFarlane.

Miss Mary Bell has taken a school near Palmerston.

Mr Thos Atchison is helping Mr John Hamilton to cut wood.

Messrs Arthur and Andrew Lindsay are hauling logs to Holstein.

Mr and Mrs Clark Watson spent Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs Fred Staples of Edge Hill.

It has been very cold and stormy and we hope to see nice weather soon.

Mr Dorden Brown, Mulock, spent Monday evening with his aunt, Mrs Will Hargrave.

Genevieve Council held its first meeting on Monday, Jan. 14th. After wading through snow from three to four feet deep, the new members were well initiated by the timethey reached the Hall.

HYMENEAL

WOLFRAM — BARR

(The bride for two years taught school at U. S. S. No. 1, Egremont and Normanby and her friends were wish for her much happiness in her new role.—Ed.)

Christ Church, Milverton, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, Jan. 5th, at 1 o'clock, when Nora Saltry, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs J W Barr, became the bride of Melboure Oliver Wolfram, son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs J. F. Wolfram of Colborne, Ont. The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion with pink and white carnations and ferns, the guest pews being designated by bows of white satin ribbon.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Wolfram, M.A. B.D., of Wilfrid, Ont., brother of the groom, assisted by the rector, Rev. H R Dehl. Little Miss Laura Ballyntyne, Toronto, cousin of the bride, made a charming flower girl, daintily dressed, strewing roses in the path of the bride. To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Mabel Roe, the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, entered the church. She was gowned in white taffeta, period style with Chantilly lace, veil of hand-embroidered Brussels lace, arranged in cap style, with orange blossoms. White kid shoes and gloves completed the costume and she carried a large bouquet of American Beauty roses and bridal wreath. During the signing of the register, Miss Winnie Blyth, Varney, sang very sweetly 'Until' The party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, followed by a sumptuous wedding dinner. Mrs Barr and Mrs Wolfram received the wedding guests. The dining room was decorated in pink and white. The bride's table was effective with pink and white carnations, in silver holders, tall pink tapers and a three-tier wedding cake surmounted with lily of the valley. In the afternoon the bride and groom left for a short honeymoon, the bride travelling in a tailored dress of green crepe with hat to match and a silver muskrat coat. On their return they will reside at 2053 Metcalfe St, Montreal, Quebec.

MUST PAY TAXES FIRST

New By-law whereby ratepayer will be Disqualified if Taxes are not paid Might be a good law for Durham to Adopt

Parkhill ratepayers who fail to pay their taxes in full each year before Nov 14th, will be disqualified as voters at municipal elections at the first Monday in December, according to a by-law passed by the council recently. Such a by-law is now permissible under the terms of the municipal act, and Parkhill has been one of the first municipalities in the Dominion to enforce such legislation. The move may be a good one, but in many towns, the difficulty is to get suitable candidates to run, and even those who do pay their taxes to come out and vote for them.

SEVEN MARKS OF GREATNESS

- To be able to listen to a contrary opinion without becoming angry.
- To be able to carry money in your pocket without spending it.
- To be able to remember favors and forget insults.
- To have an unshaken faith in the power of good to triumph.
- To expect nothing more from this world than we are willing to work for.
- To be able to keep a good opinion of one's self under temptation.
- To do the humblest task as if it was of supreme importance.

HEART IN RIGHT PLACE

An old soldier was showing his friends some of the wounds he had received in the war. He showed them a mark over his heart and said: "This is where a bullet hit me." "Well," said his friends, "how is it you weren't killed?" "Well," said the old soldier, "I got such a fright that my heart was in my mouth at the time."

ABERDEEN

Those that had the idea that an open winter was in store for us, have changed their opinion the past couple of weeks.

Glad to hear the sick folks on the line are improving.

The Aberdeen Branch of Women's Institute postponed their January meeting on account of sickness and flu and will hold their regular meeting on Feb. 15, instead of the At-Home, which was to have been held at a later date.

Mr Robt Grierson is spending a couple weeks at the home of Mr E. Noble, Hutton Hill. Glad to report Edmund is improving after a serious attack of pneumonia.

Mr Thos Reay and family have moved from this line to Mr Albert Middleton's farm at the Rocky. We wish them success in their new home.

Mr Alvin Caswell is back on the line with his sawing outfit and cut a couple of piles of wood for Messrs John McDonald and John Grierson.

CRAWFORD

Mr and Mrs Jas Sumpton and son Allister, Port Elgin, visited the past two weeks with Mr and Mrs Andrew Hastie and other relatives in the community.

Mr Frank Twamley who has been critically ill for the past two weeks, is recovering nicely under the care of Dr Jamieson and Mrs H. Boyce, who is the nurse in attendance.

Mrs Archie Brown and sons have returned to Hanover after spending the Yuletide holiday at the Hastie home. Misses Nellie Stinson and Florence McCaslin also resumed their studies at the high school there.

We wish to congratulate Mr Dan Hastie on being elected as Deputy Reeve of Sullivan for 1929.

Miss Jessie McCaslin left for Toronto Monday morning to take a position there for the winter months.

Miss Blanche Boyce is the new Durham telephone operator, having commenced duties last week.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of Mr Andrew A Milne. We hope that medical skill will soon have him safe on the way to recovery.

Owing to the outbreak of influenza in the community, it was deemed wise not to open school until Jan. 7.

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MOFFAT—In Bruce Co. Hospital, in Walkerton, Jan. 4, to Mr and Mrs Horace Moffat, Pinkerton, a son. (John Garland)

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Northern Hockey Schedules

Following is the schedule for Northern League games in which Durham teams, both Senior and Junior, will participate:

Senior Durham at Walkerton, Feb. 4th Walkerton at Durham, Feb. 7

Junior Durham at Hanover, Jan. 15 Hanover at Durham, Jan. 17 Durham at Walkerton, Jan. 22 Walkerton at Hanover, Jan. 29 Hanover at Durham, Feb. 3 Durham at Walkerton, Feb. 8