

REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

OF

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada

For the Year ending 31st December,

1901

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The Directors beg to submit their twenty-second Annual Report.

4,498 subscribers have been added during the year, the total number of sets of instruments now earning rental being 42,858.

The Company now owns and operates 343 Exchanges and 514 Agencies.

2,843 miles of wire have been added to the Long Distance System in 1901; of these 1,303 miles are in the Ontario Department, and 1,540 in the Eastern Department.

The Long Distance Lines now owned and operated by the Company comprise 24,193 miles of wire on 6,634 miles of poles.

\$550,000 of 5% Bonds were sold during the year, the net premium on which, \$53,361, has been carried to Contingent Account; the total Bond issue now being \$1,750,000. From the balance of Revenue Account, \$91,821.65, \$50,000 has been written off Plant and Patent Account; \$10,000 has been carried to Insurance Reserve Account, and \$10,000 to Accident Reserve Account; leaving balance of Revenue to be carried to 1902 \$213,821.65.

Applications for the construction of Long Distance Lines are constantly being received, such lines—particularly in sparsely settled districts—being of great value to the public; but our expansion in that direction has been checked because of lack of capital for construction purposes. The Shareholders at a special meeting held December 5th, 1900, authorized application to Parliament for power to increase the capital from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and this matter is receiving attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT MACKAY,
Vice-President.

CHAS. F. SISE,
President.

MONTREAL, February 27th, 1902.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, 31st DECEMBER, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Exchanges	\$1,281,660.11
Long Distance Lines	435,183.74
Private Lines	11,147.53
Miscellaneous	123,543.84
	\$1,851,535.22

EXPENSES.

Operating	\$1,324,424.53
Legal	11,481.42
Insurance	17,727.42
Bond Interest	73,923.62
Miscellaneous	6,242.45
	1,433,799.44
Net Revenue for 1901	417,735.78
Less Dividends (including Jan. 15th, 1902)	400,000.00
	17,735.78
Balance Revenue from 1900	74,085.87
	91,821.65
Written off Plant and Patent Account	\$ 50,000.00
Carried to Insurance Reserve Account	10,000.00
Carried to Accident Reserve Account	10,000.00
	70,000.00
Carried forward to 1902	\$ 21,821.65

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1901.

Stock Account	\$5,000,000.00
Bond Account	1,750,000.00
Contingent Account, 1900	\$ 900,000.00
Add Premium on Bonds sold	53,361.00
	\$ 953,361.00
Revenue Account	21,821.65
Unearned Rental Reserve	219,404.21
Insurance Reserve	113,038.09
Accident Reserve	34,058.43
Bond Interest Reserve	21,875.00
Sundry Creditors	186,593.81
	\$8,300,152.19
Plant and Patent Account, 31st December, 1900	\$6,053,015.27
“ “ “ added in 1901	\$457,677.73
Less brought from Revenue Account	50,000.00
	407,677.73
Plant and Patent Account, 31st Dec. 1901	6,460,693.00
Stores on hand	245,556.86
Real Estate	808,777.92
Stock in other Companies	670,106.50
Due from Agencies	79,474.71
Debtors and Cash	35,543.20
	\$8,300,152.19

Audited and verified,

P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

CHARLES P. SCLATER,
Secretary-Treasurer.