

REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

OF

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada

For the Year ending 31st December,

1903

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

8,691 subscribers have been added during the year, the total number of sets of instruments now earning rental being 57,172.

The Company now owns and operates 421 Exchanges and 672 Agencies.

4,121 miles of wire have been added to the Long Distance System in 1903; of these 1,738 are in the Ontario Department, 1,260 in the Eastern Department, and 1,123 in the North Western Department. The Long Distance Lines now owned and operated by the Company comprise 30,969 miles of wire on 7,685 miles of poles.

The 10,000 shares of new Stock offered to the Shareholders in 1902 at 25% premium have now been paid up, making the Capital \$6,000,000. The premium on this Stock received during the year amounted to \$151,160, and has been carried to the Contingent Account.

From the balance of Revenue Account, \$138,077.71, \$24,562.68 has been carried to Insurance Reserve Account: \$22,978.90 to Accident Insurance Reserve Account, and \$50,000 to Contingent Account; leaving balance of Revenue to be carried to 1904, \$40,536.13.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT MACKAY,
Vice-President.

CHAS. F. SISE,
President.

MONTREAL, February 25th, 1904.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, 31st DECEMBER, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Exchanges (less Unearned Rentals).....	\$1,701,015.62
Long Distance Lines.....	644,670.63
Private Lines.....	12,557.22
Miscellaneous.....	164,031.64
	\$2,522,275.11

EXPENSES.

Operating.....	\$1,787,429.01
Legal.....	21,441.50
Insurance.....	20,487.79
Bond Interest.....	100,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	10,765.02
	\$1,940,123.32
Net Revenue for 1903.....	582,151.79
Less Dividends (Inc. January 15th, 1904).....	467,510.35
	\$ 114,641.44
Balance Revenue from 1902.....	23,436.27
	\$ 138,077.71
Carried to Insurance Reserve Account.....	\$ 24,562.68
Carried to Accident Reserve Account.....	22,978.90
Carried to Contingent Fund.....	50,000.00
	97,541.58
Carried forward to 1904.....	\$ 40,536.13

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1903.

Stock Account.....	\$6,000,000.00
Bond Account.....	2,000,000.00
Contingent Account, 1902.....	\$1,115,010.24
Add Premium on Stock sold.....	151,160.00
Add from Revenue Account.....	50,000.00
	1,316,170.24
Revenue Account.....	40,536.13
Unearned Rental Reserve.....	341,751.26
Insurance Reserve.....	175,000.00
Accident Reserve.....	75,000.00
Bond Interest Reserve.....	25,000.00
Sundry Creditors.....	890,725.18
	\$10,864,182.81
Plant and Patent Account, 31st December, 1902.....	\$6,952,700.02
" " " added in 1903.....	1,145,614.21
	\$8,098,314.23
Plant and Patent Account, 31st December, 1903.....	\$8,098,314.23
Stores on hand.....	398,345.95
Real Estate.....	1,045,179.16
Stock in other Companies.....	858,006.50
Due from Agencies.....	93,940.48
Debtors and Cash.....	370,396.49
	10,864,182.81

Audited and verified,

P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

CHARLES P. SCLATER,
Secretary-Treasurer.