

REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

OF

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada

For the Year ending 31st December,

1904

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

8,988 subscribers have been added during the year, the total number of sets of instruments now earning rental being 66,160.

The Company now owns and operates 475 Exchanges and 789 Agencies.

1,242 miles of wire have been added to the Long Distance System in 1904. The Long Distance Lines now owned and operated by the Company comprise 32,211 miles of wire on 7,866 miles of poles.

20,000 shares of new stock were offered to the Shareholders at 25% premium, with the option of paying for them in full or in quarterly instalments. 16,845 shares were paid up in full. The amount of \$1,916,960 has been received during the year on account of Stock, and \$479,240 for premium thereon. The latter amount in accordance with our usual custom has been carried to the Contingent Account.

From the balance of Revenue Account, \$154,323.96, \$35,565.26 have been carried to Insurance Reserve Account; \$23,958.25 to Accident Insurance Reserve Account, and \$50,000 to Contingent Account: leaving balance of Revenue to be carried to 1905, \$44,800.45.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT MACKAY,
Vice-President.

C. F. SISE,
President.

MONTREAL, February 23rd, 1905.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, 31st DECEMBER, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Exchanges (less Unearned Rentals).....	\$1,980,185.51
Long Distance Lines.....	761,991.15
Private Lines.....	14,735.48
Miscellaneous.....	176,741.57
	\$2,933,653.71

EXPENSES.

Operating.....	\$2,073,492.35
Legal.....	19,963.52
Insurance.....	25,409.14
Bond Interest.....	100,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	12,883.27
	\$2,231,748.28
Net Revenue for 1904.....	701,905.43
Less Dividends (Inc. Jan. 15th, 1905).....	588,117.60
	\$ 113,787.83
Balance Revenue from 1903.....	40,536.13
	\$ 154,323.96
Carried to Insurance Reserve.....	\$ 35,565.26
Carried to Accident Reserve.....	23,958.25
Carried to Contingent Account.....	50,000.00
	109,523.51
Carried forward to 1905.....	\$ 44,800.45

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.

Stock Account.....		\$7,916,960.00
Bond Account.....		2,000,000.00
Contingent Fund, 1903.....	\$1,316,170.24	
Add Premium on Stock.....	479,240.00	
Add from Revenue Account.....	50,000.00	
		1,845,410.24
Revenue Account.....		44,800.45
Unearned Rental Reserve.....		397,087.86
Insurance Reserve.....		200,000.00
Accident Reserve.....		100,000.00
Bond Interest Reserve.....		25,000.00
Sundry Creditors.....		320,253.80
		\$12,849,512.35
Plant and Patent Account, 31 st December, 1903.....	\$8,098,314.23	
“ “ “ added in 1904.....	1,175,441.67	
		\$9,273,755.90
Plant and Patent Account, 31 st December, 1904.....	\$9,273,755.90	
Stores on hand.....	389,789.71	
Real Estate.....	1,284,930.89	
Stock in other Companies.....	927,056.50	
Due from Agencies.....	149,265.37	
Debtors.....	249,011.46	
Cash.....	575,702.52	
		\$12,849,512.35

Audited and verified,

P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

CHARLES P. SCLATER,
Secretary-Treasurer.