

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

1908.

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

7,816 subscribers have been added during the year, the total number of sets of instruments now earning rental being 103,084,

The Company now owns and operates 480 Exchanges and 1,224 Agencies.

3,908 miles of wire have been added to the Long Distance System in 1908. The Long Distance Lines now owned and operated by the Company comprise 46,879 miles of wire on 8,193 miles of poles.

The governments of the Provinces of Manitoba and Alberta having announced their intention to inaugurate systems of government owned telephones, applied to the Company to know if it would sell its Plant. After due consideration, and a visit by the President to Winnipeg, the Board decided that it would be advisable for the Company to sell its Plant in those Provinces rather than to compete with the governments; and a sale was concluded. The accounts are not yet finally closed, and it is impossible to state at present what the result to the Company will be, but the growth of the business outside of those Provinces has been such that the loss of income will be comparatively small.

As a result of these sales the plant of the Company was decreased by 17,140 instruments earning rental; 92 Exchanges; 101 Agencies; and by 6,778 miles of wire on 1,594 miles of poles of our Long Distance System.

From the balance of Revenue Account, amounting to \$490,499.06, \$90,654.28 have been charged off Building Account; \$115,517.32 carried to Insurance Reserve Account; \$53,670.06 to Accident Reserve Account, and \$150,000.00 to the Contingent Account, leaving a balance of Revenue Account to be carried to 1909 of \$80,657.40.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT MACKAY,

Vice-President.

MONTREAL, February 25th, 1909.

C. F. SISE,

President.

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REVENUE ACCOUNT, 31st DECEMBER, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Exchange Service (less Unearned Rentals).....	\$3,116,794 04
Long Distance Service	1,164,974 73
Private Lines.....	14,033 67
Miscellaneous	284,803 61
	\$4,580,606 05

EXPENSES.

Operating.....	\$2,902,028 66
Legal.....	16,994 33
Insurance.....	40,376 13
Bond Interest.....	182,450 00
Miscellaneous.....	14,482 55
	\$3,156,331 67
Net Revenue, 1908	\$1,424,274 38
Less Dividends (Inc. January 15th, 1909).....	1,000,000 00
	\$ 424,274 38
Balance Revenue from 1907.....	66,224 68
Balance Revenue Account 1908.....	\$490,499 06
DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE BALANCE :	
Charged off Buildings.....	\$ 90,654 28
Carried to Insurance Reserve.....	115,517 32
Carried to Accident Reserve.....	53,670 06
Carried to Contingent Account.....	150,000 00
	409,841 66
Carried forward to 1909.....	80,657 40
	\$490,499 06

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1908.

Stock Account.....	\$12,500,000 00
Bond Account.....	3,649,000 00
Reserve—Contingent Fund	2,150,000 00
" For Maintenance	982,148 22
" For Unearned Rentals.....	617,937 79
" For Fire Insurance.....	400,000 00
" For Accident Insurance.....	200,000 00
" For Bond Interest.....	45,612 50
Revenue Account.....	80,657 40
Sundry Creditors	96,745 21
Suspense Account.....	740,835 74
	\$21,462,936 86
Plant and Patent Account, 31st December, 1907	\$16,385,680 57
Deduct difference between Plant sold and added 1908.....	1,730,334 52
	14,655,346 05
Plant and Patent Account 31st December, 1908.....	512,691 56
Stores on Hand.....	1,673,230 69
Real Estate.....	2,965,956 50
Stocks and Bonds.....	190,958 51
Due from Agencies.....	376,345 94
Debtors.....	1,088,407 61
Cash.....	\$21,462,936 86
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Audited and verified,
P. S. ROSS & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

W. GEO. SLACK,
Treasurer.

