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SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES

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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

for the

Year ending December 31, 1950.

1950

Regina, Saskatchewan,
March 2, 1951.

To His Honour,
The Honourable John Michael Uhrich,
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan.

Sir:

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of Saskatchewan Government Telephones for the year ending December 31, 1950, including the financial statement therefor, duly certified by the Provincial Auditor of Utilities and in the form approved by the Treasury Board, all in accordance with The Crown Corporations Act, 1947.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. Darling

Minister of Telephones,
and
Chairman,
Saskatchewan Government Telephones.

SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES

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GENERAL

The most outstanding feature of the year 1950 was the fact that a worthwhile reduction was made in the number of people waiting for telephone service. The System's waiting list was reduced by approximately 2,000 and stood at 4,809 on December 31, 1950. In addition, 1,731 subscribers, who want an improved service, were being served temporarily on two-party lines. This reduction in the waiting list was only achieved by increasing the rate of installation as new orders continued to come in at a very high rate. During 1950, local stations in service were increased by 7,587 as compared with 6,138 for 1949. As 1949 had previously been the year of greatest achievement, the old record has been broken by a wide margin. On December 31, 1950, the number of local stations in service was 78,047.

There was also growth amongst the rural telephone companies. Complete information is not available, at this time, as rural lines are not owned by Saskatchewan Government Telephones. However, the rural stations connected to the System's exchanges increased by 1,126 during 1950 and totalled 44,967 at the end of the year. There are certain rural and independent companies that do not connect to System exchanges and they would serve approximately 12,000 subscribers. Thus there would be a total of about 57,000 subscribers in the province served by rural and independent companies.

In addition to enlarging the system, some service improvements were achieved. For example, both Assiniboia and Moosomin were changed from manual to dial operation during 1950.

During 1949 new records were set for volume of work completed in almost every phase of activity. In 1950 most of those records were broken again. Long distance calls originating in Saskatchewan numbered 5,690,104 in 1950 which was an increase of practically 10% over the previous year. The increase in 1949 over 1948 was only 6.05%; this is interesting in view of the heavy crop damage due to frost in 1950. In spite of the increased traffic, it was found possible to give a better quality of service during the year under review than in 1949. During 1950, 7,262 circuit miles were added to the System's network of long distance lines compared with 5,257 in 1949. This includes leased circuits for Trans-Canada purposes as well as circuits which were constructed by Saskatchewan Government Telephones. Unfortunately, in some areas of the Province, long distance facilities are still inadequate.

The large amount of work done required greater expenditures than had ever been incurred before in a single year. During 1950 the amount spent on capital projects was $3,341,261.91 and the amount for renewals and reconstruction was $834,439.92. This, of course, is over and above the cost of maintenance and operation. For 1949, the figures were $2,379,585.34 and $625,415.51 respectively.

Income reached record breaking proportions in 1950, with a total operating revenue of $6,568,960.76 as against $5,677,847.22 for 1949. In spite of substantially increased expenses, profits for the year were $1,461,556.42 as compared with $1,282,160.52 for 1949.

It has required a great effort from the staff of the System to complete all this work. Due to continuing heavy demands for telephone services, conditions of overload still exist at many places, and this makes for difficult working conditions. It is a pleasure to pay a tribute to the skill, industry and devotion to duty which has been shown by the staff of Saskatchewan Government Telephones.

Detailed information concerning the System's activities during 1950 will be found in the following pages.

PLANT

A heavy plant program of construction and reconstruction work was satisfactorily carried out.

Service was maintained as usual; there were no major breaks to cause serious service interruptions.

Toll Line Construction and Reconstruction

Additional Circuits Erected

Regina to Manitoba Boundary (carrier transposed)
Regina to Weyburn (2 circuits phantom transposed)
Regina to Balgonie
Saskatoon to Alvena
Yorkton to Foam Lake (2 circuits phantom transposed)
Yorkton to Wroxton
Melville to Ituna
Kelliher to Lestock
Neudorf to Abernethy
Melfort to Star City (2 circuits phantom transposed)
Star City to Tisdale
Melfort to Tisdale
Melfort to Naicam
Arborfield to Carrot River
Canora to Kamsack (2 circuits phantom transposed)
Wadena to Rose Valley
Kelvington to Preeceville

Toll Line Construction and Reconstruction (continued)

Additional Circuits Erected (continued)

Humboldt to Quill Lake
Luseland to Salvador
Kerrobert to Smiley
Kindersley to Eatonia
Lashburn to Lloydminster
Canwood to Debden
Outlook to Rosetown (2 circuits phantom transposed)
Lucky Lake to Beechy
Weyburn to Stoughton
Assiniboia to Willow Bunch
Bienfait to Lampman

Phantom Circuits Created

Sturgis to Preeceville
Melville to Goodeve
Humboldt to Quill Lake
Shellbrook to Canwood
Kerrobert to Tramping Lake Junction
Tramping Lake Junction to Salvador
Dunblane to Lucky Lake
Wolseley to Broadview
Regina to Weyburn
Yorkton to Foam Lake
Melfort to Star City
Canora to Kamsack
Outlook to Rosetown

Pole Replacements

Indian Head to Wapella
Rhein to MacNutt
North of Speers
Elfros to Yorkton (balance from last year)
Wilkie Junction to Kelfield Junction
Outlook to bridge
Eyebrow Junction to Riverhurst
Central Butte to Darmody
Limerick to Ponteix
Radisson to Hafford
Loops at Lang, Yellow Grass, Milden, Bounty, Hatton and Lampman

Pole Replacements in Progress

Eyebrow Junction to Hawarden
Wilkie to Macklin
Turtleford to St. Walburg
Wadena to Canora
Canora to Ketchen
Netherhill to Kindersley, Marengo to Merid

Toll Line Construction and Reconstruction (continued)

Pole Leads Moved and Rebuilt due to Road Construction

Wynyard to Mozart
Coleville to Driver
Brock (3 miles)
Pangman (5 miles)
Amulet (1 mile)

Pole Leads Moved due to Road Construction

Cory (5 miles)
Prince Albert south (3 miles)
Bladworth (½ mile)
Herbert (½ mile)
Wadena south (12 miles)
Hoey north (1 mile)
Southey (1 mile)

Crossarm Work

10-pin crossarms erected
Regina to Qu'Appelle, Wolseley to Moosomin
Yorkton to 4 miles east
Weyburn to 2 miles west
Canora to Kamsack (replacing 6-pin crossarms)
Vantage to LaFleche (replacing 6-pin crossarms)
Arborfield to 2 miles west (replacing 6-pin crossarms)
Watson to Quill Lake (replacing 6-pin crossarms)
Humboldt to 3 miles east, Muenster north 1 mile
Ituna to Hubbard (replacing 6-pin crossarms)
Bienfait to Lampman (replacing side brackets, 2½ miles)

6-pin crossarms erected
Canora to Mikado
Aberdeen to Alvena (replacing side brackets)
Arborfield to Carrot River (replacing side brackets)
Bienfait to Lampman (replacing side brackets), 9½ miles

Side brackets erected
Melfort to Naicam (on telegraph poles)

Brush Cutting

Arborfield to Carrot River

Pole Lead Spray Treated and Reset

Eldersley to Peesane

Toll Line Construction and Reconstruction (continued)

Carrier Systems Installed

Regina to Estevan	1 channel
Regina to Shaunavon	1 channel
Regina to Lanigan	1 channel
Regina to Nokomis	1 channel
Regina to Yorkton	3 channels
Regina to Saskatoon	6 channels
Regina to Moose Jaw	4 channels
Regina to Melfort	1 channel
Regina to Fort Qu'Appelle	1 channel
Regina to Melville	1 channel
Regina to Balcarres	1 channel
Saskatoon to Melfort	3 channels
Saskatoon to Tisdale	1 channel
Saskatoon to Nipawin	1 channel
Saskatoon to Edmonton	3 channels
Saskatoon to Humboldt	1 channel
Saskatoon to Rosetown	2 channels
Saskatoon to Lanigan	1 channel
Saskatoon to Prince Albert	1 channel
North Battleford to Turtleford	1 channel
Moosomin to Rocanville	1 channel

Carrier Systems Removed

Prince Albert to Nipawin	1 channel
Regina to Saskatoon	4 channels
Saskatoon to Melfort	2 channels

Exchange Plant

Poles were replaced in 20 towns and cities.

Cable alterations were carried out in 18 towns and cities; heavy underground and aerial cable construction work is in progress in Regina and Saskatoon which will extend into 1951.

Party Lines Erected

Lebret to Fort Qu'Appelle	(1 circuit)
Mikado to Canora	(1 circuit)
Lajord to Regina	(1 circuit)
Melaval to LaFleche	(2 circuits)
Woodrow to LaFleche	(4 circuits)
Shackleton to Cabri	(1 circuit)
Kuroki to Wadena	(2 circuits)

Exchange Plant (continued)

Central Office Equipment Extensions and Replacements

Regina Main	1600 line extension
Saskatoon Main	1600 line extension
Prince Albert	600 line extension
Swift Current	200 line extension
Weyburn	80 line extension

At Assiniboia the old magneto system was replaced with 450 lines of modern dial equipment, including all local and rural instruments.

At Moosomin the old common battery system was replaced with 440 lines of modern dial equipment, including all local and rural instruments.

Switchboards were replaced at 24 towns.

Extensions were made to the switchboards at 6 towns.

Toll multiple facilities on the toll switchboards were increased at Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, North Battleford and Estevan.

Testing facilities were improved by installing new test units at 20 towns and at Moose Jaw.

Electric calculagraphs were installed at North Battleford, Melfort, Yorkton, Estevan, Swift Current and Maple Creek, replacing the model #6 and Style C calculagraphs.

Extensions were made to the main distributing frames at North Battleford, Yorkton and Estevan.

The exchange plants were purchased at Govan and Maryfield.

Private Branch Exchanges

Switchboards and associated equipment were installed at 12 places in the cities, and in addition extensions were made to three existing installations.

Five intercommunicating systems were installed at Yorkton, Prince Albert and Saskatoon.

Three 60A key equipment installations were made at Regina and Saskatoon, and a 10A key installation was made at Regina.

Exchange Plant (continued)

Offices Moved

A total of 29 offices were moved.

Offices Opened

Smuts
Alvena

Offices Closed

Kuroki
Woodrow
Dunblane
Shackleton
Hazelcliffe
Nora
Lajord

Buildings

New Buildings

New exchange buildings were built at Assiniboia, Biggar and Watrous, and an extension was made to the Moosomin building.

Air Conditioning

At Regina Main an air conditioning refrigeration unit was installed to serve the Toll Room.

Water Supply

A water well was drilled at Shaunavon and equipped with an automatic pumping unit.

Acoustics

Acoustic tile ceilings were constructed in the Toll rooms at Regina Main and Estevan exchanges.

Heating

A new self-feed hot air furnace was installed at Saltcoats Exchange building.

Buildings (continued)

Alterations

Renovations were made at Regina Main and Saskatoon Main buildings to make further space for central office equipment.

Fluorescent Lighting

Saskatoon office building has been illuminated on the ground and first floors by the installation of fluorescent lighting.

General Stores

A total of 131 carloads of material were handled during the year, of which 54 carloads were shipments within the province. In addition there were many more L.C.L. shipments of a size almost equalling carload weights.

In addition to the above, the regular plant maintenance, installing, changing and removal of subscriber equipment was carried out.

Summary of Statistics on Toll Work

Pole mileage	-	no change
Increase in wire mileage, net - circuit miles	-	1,075.22
Complete pole replacement, miles	-	468.20
Complete pole replacement, where pole leads moved due to road construction, miles	-	30.35
Pole leads moved due to road construction, miles	-	23.00
Partial pole replacements, miles	-	96.66
New poles used	-	18,638
Derived circuits from carrier, net - circuit miles	-	3,934.94
Derived circuits from phantom transposing, circuit miles	-	439.91

Progress of the extension of long distance lines from 1930 is shown in the following table:

	Pole Miles	Wire Miles
April 30, 1930	6,749.53	45,853.22
April 30, 1931	6,835.63	48,624.20
April 30, 1932	6,825.38	50,167.02
April 30, 1933	6,862.88	50,231.60
April 30, 1934	6,862.15	50,047.02
April 30, 1935	6,928.78	50,031.42
April 30, 1936	6,927.55	50,008.42
April 30, 1937	7,001.66	50,144.52
April 30, 1938	7,022.66	50,264.52
April 30, 1939	7,010.91	50,411.48
April 30, 1940	7,070.33	50,654.90
April 30, 1941	7,095.36	51,207.12
April 30, 1942	7,159.65	51,702.84
April 30, 1943	7,158.47	51,711.47
April 30, 1944	7,158.31	51,753.93
April 30, 1945	7,154.76	52,294.33
April 30, 1946	7,154.76	53,503.31
March 31, 1947	7,226.34	54,381.21
December 31, 1947	7,297.34	55,794.55
December 31, 1948	7,298.86	59,304.57
December 31, 1949	7,297.37	60,284.05
December 31, 1950	7,297.37	62,434.49

COMMERCIAL

The demand for new services, both business and residence, continued at a very high level during 1950, but despite this demand considerable progress was made in reducing the number of applicants waiting on the "held order" list.

During the year 7,587 additional telephones were installed bringing the total number of local stations in service on December 31, 1950 to 78,047 as compared with 70,460 on December 31, 1949. This increase in local stations again broke all previous records on new services provided in any one year and reduced the "held order" list from 6,868 as at December 31, 1949 to 4,809 as at December 31, 1950. During the same period the number of subscribers being served temporarily on party lines increased from 1,550 to 1,731.

During the year two more exchanges, namely Assiniboia and Moosomin, were converted from manual to automatic service and the gradual conversion to the all-cradle type of telephone sets together with the change from semi-annual to the monthly billing plan for exchange service continued.

The revenue from message tolls also once again established a new high record. The total for the year 1950 was $3,536,668.65 as compared with $3,034,936.38 for the year 1949, an increase of 16.53 per cent.

The collection of earned revenue, while continuing to become somewhat more difficult than in past years, was satisfactory.

Commercial Statistics

New Exchange:

Alvena.

Status of Govan, Chelan, Maryfield and Courval changed from Toll Station to Agency Exchange.

Exchanges Closed:

Kuroki, Woodrow, Dunblane, Shackleton and Hazelcliffe.

New Toll Station:

Smuts.

Toll Stations Closed:

Nora and Lajord.

Total Number of Offices Open as at December 31, 1950:

Exchanges	-	352
Toll Stations	-	209

There are eighty-one villages and hamlets connected to nearest exchanges by party line. Kuroki, Lajord, Shackleton and Woodrow were added since our last report.

The following telephone directories were issued:

Division Directories	-	1A, 1B	- 1950 Issue
		Assiniboia Supplemental Issue	
		2A, 2B, 2C	- 1950 Issue
		3A, 3B, 3C	- 1950 Issue
		Moosomin Supplemental Issue	
City Directories	-	Regina	- May, 1950 Issue
		Saskatoon	- February, 1950 and October, 1950 Issues
		Moose Jaw	- March, 1950 and November, 1950 Issues.

The total number of rural telephone companies connected to System exchanges as at December 31, 1950 was 850.

Commercial Statistics (continued)

The following rural telephone companies formerly connected to non-System exchanges were connected to System exchanges during this period:

Govan	-	Govan Exchange
Maryfield	-	Maryfield Exchange
South Maryfield	-	Maryfield Exchange
Heron	-	Maryfield Exchange

The following new rural telephone companies were connected to System exchanges during the year:

Somme	-	Somme Exchange
Yellow Creek	-	Yellow Creek Exchange

The following rural telephone companies went out of existence due to being purchased by other companies:

Ivanhoe	-	purchased by South West Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.
Moosomin	-	purchased by South West Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.
New Hastings	-	purchased by South West Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.
Red Jacket	-	purchased by South West Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.
Elgin	-	purchased by South West Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.
Stanley	-	purchased by South West Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.

(South West Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd. changed its name to the Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.)

Little Bluff	-	purchased by Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.
Valley	-	purchased by Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.
Martin	-	purchased by Moosomin R.T. Co. Ltd.
Lorlie	-	purchased by High Bluff R.T. Co. Ltd.
Camberley	-	purchased by Rosetown Northern R.T. Co. Ltd.
West Beverley	-	purchased by Beverley South R.T. Co. Ltd.
Coynach	-	purchased by Crosswoods R.T. Co. Ltd.
Yarbo	-	purchased by Esterhazy R.T. Co. Ltd.
Dunblane	-	purchased by MacRorie R.T. Co. Ltd.
Twin Valley	-	purchased by Wood River R.T. Co. Ltd.
Woodrow Co-operative	-	purchased by Wood River R.T. Co. Ltd.
Eagle Lake	-	purchased by Kindersley R.T. Co. Ltd.

Agency changes took place at 43 points as follows:

Aberdeen, Amiens, Assiniboia, Bapaume, Beechy, Bengough, Bridgeford, Cabri, Canuck, Chelan, Christopher Lake (2), Claydon, Creelman, Crestwynd, Crooked River, Davidson, Dillabough, Domremy, Elbow, Estevan, Expanse, Fairholme (2), Francis, Froude, Glaslyn, Hazeldell, Hazenmore, Maple Creek, Marquis, Maryfield, Midale, Minton, Mortlach, Neville, Outlook, Prairie River, Prelate, Ratcliffe, Ridgedale, Saskatchewan Beach, Smeaton, Snowden and Strathallen.

System Exchanges

Exchange	No. of Local Stations	No. of Rural Stations
Abbey	31	80
Aberdeen	41	132
Abernethy	90	101
Admiral	17	95
Alameda	50	86
Alsask	13	20
Alvena	16	-
Amulet	7	44
Aneroid	41	102
Arborfield	109	-
Arcola	102	163
Arran	14	165
Asquith	58	206
Assiniboia	424	316
Atwater	11	56
Avonlea	55	102
Balcarres	113	161
Balgonie	31	238
Bangor	15	63
Bateman	15	109
Battleford	162	217
Beechy	22	-
Bengough	39	47
Bethune	59	145
Bienfait	49	76
Biggar	328	250
Big River	37	8
Birch Hills	124	455
Bjorkdale	5	-
Bladworth	18	62
Blaine Lake	75	267
Borden	35	64
Bracken	1	-
Bredenbury	46	92
Briercrest	50	144
Broadview	158	150
Brock	38	91
Broderick	19	67
Bromhead	17	92
Brownlee	13	75
Bruno	67	156
Buchanan	36	140
Cabri	103	175
Cadillac	33	82
Canora	247	302
Canwood	31	40
Carlyle	127	175
Caron	32	74
Carragana	16	-
Carrot River	115	-
Carruthers	8	84
Central Butte	39	112
Ceylon	43	172
Chaplin	41	98
Chelan	5	-
Choiceland	15	-
Churchbridge	28	162
Climax	27	-
Coderre	20	34
Colgate	18	42
Conquest	38	57
Consul	6	-
Coronach	28	76
Courval	6	-
Craik	64	114
Crooked River	4	-
Cudworth	69	222
Cupar	83	203
Davidson	168	206
Debden	15	-
Delisle	80	137
Denzil	12	100
Dilke	19	81
Dinsmore	47	84
Dodsland	41	99
Dollard	9	39
Domremy	58	315
Dubuc	25	128
Duck Lake	21	27
Dundurn	43	78
Dysart	32	149
Earl Grey	30	183
Eastend	84	32
Eatonia	51	79
Edam	60	255
Elbow	34	76
Elfros	47	245
Elrose	103	50
Ernfold	15	101
Esterhazy	101	201
Estevan	571	244
Eston	323	316

System Exchanges (continued)

Exchange	No. of Local Stations	No. of Rural Stations
Expanse	1	43
Eyebrow	24	48
Fairlight	22	92
Fielding	7	56
Fife Lake	20	73
Fillmore	79	148
Fleming	25	68
Foam Lake	141	174
Fort Qu'Appelle	212	72
Francis	22	70
Frenchman Butte	12	16
Frobisher	26	100
Frontier	5	-
Garrick	4	-
Gainsborough	48	54
Gladmar	6	-
Glaslyn	13	-
Glenavon	43	145
Glenbush	6	-
Glidden	15	64
Goodeve	17	85
Goodsoil	17	-
Govan	99	206
Gravelbourg	135	163
Gray	23	36
Grayson	26	102
Grenfell	192	348
Gronlid	14	-
Guernsey	21	109
Gull Lake	146	143
Hafford	42	143
Hague	29	84
Halbrite	16	40
Hanley	80	124
Harris	35	154
Hazelcliffe	-	27
Hazenmore	12	46
Hazlet	7	-
Herbert	95	120
Herschel	41	219
Hodgeville	38	223
Holdfast	24	82
Hudson Bay	85	-
Hughton	21	114
Humboldt	411	475
Imperial	84	145
Indian Head	323	184
Invermay	36	181
Ituna	50	114
Jansen	14	91
Kamsack	367	177
Kayville	6	-
Keeler	15	47
Kelfield	28	98
Kelliher	55	194
Kelvington	129	107
Kennedy	46	230
Kenosee Lake	5	-
Kerrobert	179	198
Kincaid	53	170
Kindersley	327	330
Kinistino	177	511
Kipling	106	273
Kisbey	46	97
Krydor	17	114
La Fleche	153	321
Lake Alma	5	-
Lancer	11	24
Landis	38	146
Langenburg	91	284
Langham	52	209
Lanigan	72	155
Lashburn	91	195
Lawson	7	46
Leader	79	-
Leask	28	130
Leipzig	8	61
Lemberg	115	253
Leoville	21	-
Leslie	19	135
Lestock	27	86
Liberty	26	70
Limerick	87	153
Lintlaw	28	173
Lipton	49	138
Loon Lake	17	-
Loreburn	29	83
Loverna	5	12
Lucky Lake	37	161
Lumsden	115	256
Luseland	77	165

System Exchanges (continued)

Exchange	No. of Local Stations	No. of Rural Stations
Macklin	76	199
Macoun	24	93
MacRorie	15	144
Maidstone	114	217
Major	17	-
Manor	25	107
Mantario	8	45
Maple Creek	285	61
Marcelin	20	113
Marengo	14	33
Margo	26	90
Markinch	29	78
Marsden	62	228
Marshall	20	151
Maryfield	73	138
Mawer	15	45
Mazenod	26	65
Meacham	17	44
Meadow Lake	216	11
Meath Park	13	-
Medstead	12	-
Melfort	550	754
Melville	696	429
Mendham	5	-
Meota	44	126
Meyronne	39	138
Midale	57	83
Middle Lake	22	168
Montmartre	56	165
Moose Jaw	6522	616
Moosomin	365	328
Morse	51	108
Mortlach	30	97
Mossbank	68	71
Neidpath	13	68
Netherhill	15	31
Neudorf	75	262
Neville	26	125
Nipawin	414	236
Nokomis	87	77
Norquay	40	82
North Battleford	1271	341
Ogema	59	154
Osage	14	54
Osler	13	56
Outlook	125	39
Oxbow	135	93
Paddockwood	5	-
Palmer	11	67
Paradise Hill	21	-
Paynton	33	66
Pelly	35	86
Pennant	38	83
Penzance	17	63
Perdue	113	432
Piapot	32	31
Pierceland	8	-
Plato	26	218
Plenty	30	81
Ponteix	69	159
Porcupine Plain	19	-
Preeceville	70	122
Prelate	31	27
Prince Albert	3625	414
Prud'homme	19	55
Punnichy	69	205
Qu'Appelle	97	210
Quill Lake	99	235
Rabbit Lake	6	-
Radisson	49	90
Radville	152	103
Readlyn	14	194
Redvers	61	163
Regina	22431	705
Regina Beach	24	-
Rhein	27	109
Ridgedale	50	165
Riverhurst	30	88
Rocanville	93	224
Roche Percee	1	3
Rock Glen	19	-
Rosetown	422	331
Rosthern	172	241
Rose Valley	96	142
Rouleau	108	114
Ruddell	11	119
Rush Lake	12	83
Saltcoats	102	318
Salvador	24	135
Saskatoon	17001	533
Sceptre	36	53
Scotsguard	3	74
Scott	42	69

System Exchanges (continued)

Exchange	No. of Local Stations	No. of Rural Stations
Sedley	21	48
Semans	72	187
Shaunavon	332	226
Sheho	18	32
Shellbrook	143	438
Shell Lake	9	-
Simpson	50	90
Sintaluta	55	70
Smeaton	15	-
Smiley	17	122
Somme	17	41
Southey	62	186
South Makwa	10	-
Sovereign	44	68
Speers	25	162
Spiritwood	66	-
Springside	53	102
Spring Valley	1	9
Springwater	10	22
Spy Hill	32	84
Star City	138	411
Stockholm	42	150
Stoughton	95	195
Strasbourg	120	192
Strongfield	13	69
Sturgis	86	152
St. Boswells	8	52
St. Brieux	37	143
St. Gregor	14	86
St. Walburg	50	-
Success	6	90
Swift Current	1293	344
Tantallon	27	100
Theodore	54	252
Tisdale	356	487
Togo	35	113
Tompkins	43	67
Torquay	29	137
Tramping Lake	17	79
Tribune	2	26
Truax	6	63
Tugaske	17	66
Turtleford	70	267
Tyvan	14	44
Unity	264	348
Val Marie	12	-
Vanguard	74	203
Vantage	10	61
Veregin	19	116
Vibank	16	55
Viceroy	24	117
Vonda	41	15
Wadena	248	321
Wakaw	75	185
Wapella	104	238
Waseca	20	138
Watrous	269	238
Wawota	75	257
Webb	22	87
Welwyn	27	50
Weyburn	1286	516
White Bear	69	117
White Fox	36	-
Whitewood	144	272
Wilcox	57	97
Wilkie	248	204
Willow Bunch	74	119
Windthorst	55	269
Wiseton	37	68
Wolseley	168	203
Wood Mountain	8	-
Wynyard	211	245
Yellow Creek	20	77
Yorkton	1694	541
Zealandia	31	96
Zenon Park	13	-

Summary of System Owned Stations and of Rural Company Stations Connected to System Exchanges
1910 - 1950

Date	Local Stations	Rural Stations Connecting	Total
February 28, 1910	3,412	2,298	5,710
February 28, 1911	5,562	3,433	8,995
February 29, 1912	9,843	2,462	12,305
February 28, 1913	14,826	4,035	18,861
April 30, 1914	16,746	4,188	20,934
April 30, 1915	15,587	6,385	21,972
April 30, 1916	15,677	9,196	24,873
April 30, 1917	18,669	14,507	33,176
April 30, 1918	24,690	21,343	46,033
April 30, 1919	23,889	29,006	52,895
April 30, 1920	27,611	34,844	62,455
April 30, 1921	30,570	42,627	73,197
April 30, 1922	31,760	44,270	76,030
April 30, 1923	31,811	43,756	75,567
April 30, 1924	31,726	41,894	73,620
April 30, 1925	31,783	40,939	72,722
April 30, 1926	32,852	41,389	74,241
April 30, 1927	34,218	42,475	76,693
April 30, 1928	37,084	42,695	79,779
April 30, 1929	40,501	43,984	84,485
April 30, 1930	41,959	43,968	85,927
April 30, 1931	39,768	39,303	79,071
April 30, 1932	35,738	34,278	70,016
April 30, 1933	32,286	31,850	64,136
April 30, 1934	31,392	30,208	61,600
April 30, 1935	31,262	30,306	61,568
April 30, 1936	32,811	31,371	64,182
April 30, 1937	34,201	32,354	66,555
April 30, 1938	33,828	31,933	65,761
April 30, 1939	35,202	32,257	67,459
April 30, 1940	37,009	32,945	69,954
April 30, 1941	39,276	33,555	72,831
April 30, 1942	42,035	33,772	75,807
April 30, 1943	44,103	34,978	79,081
April 30, 1944	46,913	36,914	83,827
April 30, 1945	48,779	38,338	87,117
April 30, 1946	52,346	39,278	91,624
March 31, 1947	56,159	40,273	96,432
December 31, 1947	58,902	41,229	100,131
December 31, 1948	64,322	42,645	106,967
December 31, 1949	70,460	43,841	114,301
December 31, 1950	78,047	44,967	122,987

TRAFFIC

The year 1950 was marked by expectations of an abnormally large crop but unfortunately hopes for high financial returns faded due to a heavy frost occurring on the 17th of August. The conditions prevailed throughout practically the whole of the province, resulting in an evenness of service demand. In spite of the frost damage there was a large increase in the demand for long distance calls. Calls originating in the province increased by practically ten per cent over 1949, as compared with an increase of 6.05% for 1949 over 1948. Fuller statistical details are given later in the report.

A substantial number of new long distance circuits were completed during the year. The most important were the following:

Regina - Weyburn	-	3 circuits
Regina - Yorkton	-	3 circuits
Regina - Saskatoon	-	2 circuits
Regina - Moose Jaw	-	4 circuits
Regina - Estevan	-	1 circuit
Regina - Shaunavon	-	1 circuit
Saskatoon - Rosetown	-	2 circuits
Saskatoon - Edmonton	-	2 circuits
Saskatoon - Lloydminster	-	1 circuit

In addition, many way lines were added and there was some augmentation of Trans-Canada circuits.

There was a further increase in the number of minutes spoken per call, the average paid-for time being 2.95 minutes compared with 2.84 minutes in 1949.

The turnover of staff continued to be heavy. This difficulty is encountered by all telephone companies. The gross loss of staff, including summer workers, was 39.5% of the total average staff for the year. As we had a substantial number of summer workers, on a temporary basis, the figure is more favorable than would appear at first glance.

There was an improvement in the quality of long distance service during the year. Some of the improvement was due to augmentation of facilities and some due to an improved personnel condition.

Following is a summary of long distance messages originating in Saskatchewan for the years 1910 to 1950 inclusive:

Year	Messages	Increase over Previous Year	Year	Messages	Increase over Previous Year
1910-11 ...	281,851	--	1930-31 ...	3,000,025	486,242 x
1911-12 ...	480,198	198,347	1931-32 ...	2,096,897	903,128 x
1912-13 ...	688,521	208,323	1932-33 ...	1,718,346	378,551 x
1913-14 ...	886,482	197,961	1933-34 ...	1,688,924	29,422 x
1914-15 ...	896,024	9,542	1934-35 ...	1,758,645	69,721
1915-16 ...	1,179,169	283,145	1935-36 ...	1,934,361	175,716
1916-17 ...	1,384,124	204,955	1936-37 ...	2,121,082	186,721
1917-18 ...	1,638,635	254,511	1937-38 ...	1,982,083	138,999 x
1918-19 ...	1,906,842	268,207	1938-39 ...	2,122,718	140,635
1919-20 ...	2,216,147	309,305	1939-40 ...	2,310,359	187,641
1920-21 ...	2,597,404	381,257	1940-41 ...	2,433,287	122,928
1921-22 ...	2,818,460	221,056	1941-42 ...	2,570,053	136,766
1922-23 ...	2,806,529	11,931 x	1942-43 ...	2,800,125	230,072
1923-24 ...	2,883,224	76,695	1943-44 ...	3,219,957	419,832
1924-25 ...	2,663,375	219,849 x	1944-45 ...	3,644,322	424,365
1925-26 ...	3,082,086	418,711	1945-46 ...	4,122,878	478,556
1926-27 ...	3,177,715	95,629	* 1946-47 ...	4,162,943	40,065
1927-28 ...	3,474,947	297,232	# 1947 ...	3,741,996	420,947 x
1928-29 ...	3,679,119	204,172	1948 ...	4,880,927	1,138,931
1929-30 ...	3,486,267	192,852 x	1949 ...	5,176,445	295,518
			1950 ...	5,690,104	513,659

- 9 months * - 11 months x - decrease

Messages originating in Saskatchewan for areas outside of the province during 1950 were as follows:

To Manitoba	132,342
To Alberta	92,548
To other Canadian provinces	35,289
To U.S.A.	22,484
To overseas countries	126

The total number of messages between Manitoba and Alberta carried through the province was 72,472.

The total number of messages carried through the province as Trans-Canada (including to and from U.S.A. via Trans-Canada) not including messages between Manitoba and Alberta or overseas, was 249,611.

SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES

BALANCE SHEET

as at December 31, 1950

A S S E T S

CAPITAL ASSETS:			
Land			$ 192,565.17
Plant, buildings, office furniture & equipment:			
Buildings		$ 1,071,640.80	
Plant		22,498,204.92	
Construction in progress		1,460,027.85	
Office furniture and fixtures		83,194.59	
Mechanical office equipment		79,520.04	25,192,588.20
General equipment:			
Tools		$ 187,566.11	
Vehicles		307,486.69	495,052.80
Material and supplies		$ 1,215,594.51	
Less: Reserve for obsolescence and depreciation		100,000.00	1,115,594.51
Sinking Fund - Government of Saskatchewan			1,928,579.38
			$28,924,380.06
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash on hand and in banks		$ 883,417.94	
Working advances - Employees		12,356.89	
Customers' accounts and miscellaneous accounts receivable	$423,871.92		
Less: Reserve for bad and doubtful accounts	40,369.27	383,502.65	
Unexpired services and deferred charges:			
Insurance, directories and other charges		73,606.69	1,352,884.17
			$30,277,264.23

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Pursuant to Treasury Board Regulations, an audit of the accounts and records of the Saskatchewan Government Telephones has been made under my direction for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1950. All the information and explanations required by me have been obtained.

Cash on hand has been verified with subsequent bank deposits, and bank balances by certificates from the depositaries. Sinking Fund Investments have been verified by examination. Securities held for Rural Telephone Companies in connection with investment of Special Levy Funds have been verified by examination and are shown in a separate Statement.

Provision has been made for depreciation of plant, buildings, office furniture and equipment in accordance with rates set by the Corporation and approved by the Government Finance Office. Full provision has been made for interest on capital advances.

SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES

EXHIBIT A

BALANCE SHEET

as at December 31, 1950

LIABILITIES

CAPITAL LIABILITIES:		
Government of Saskatchewan - Investment		$12,239,529.33
Reserve for depreciation - Plant, buildings, office furniture and fixtures	$9,845,570.40	
Reserve for depreciation - Mechanical office equipment	37,428.70	
Reserve for depreciation - Tools	55,927.15	
Reserve for depreciation - Vehicles	142,584.92	
Sinking Fund reserve	1,928,579.38	12,010,090.55
		$24,249,619.88
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Government of Saskatchewan - Interest accrued on advances	$ 87,074.07	
Sundry accounts payable	5,459.47	
Service billed in advance	127,724.38	
Accrued liabilities not due:		
Provision for exchange charges on bonds payable in New York	140,500.00	360,757.92
CONTINGENT RESERVES:		
Reserve for Workmen's Compensation	$ 28,230.89	
Reserve for fire losses	10,000.00	38,230.89
SURPLUS:		
Surplus appropriated for capital expenditure:		
At December 31, 1949	$4,167,099.12	
For the year ended December 31, 1950	1,461,556.42	5,628,655.54
		$30,277,264.23

Materials and Supplies are shown at book value, priced at cost. Inventories were taken at March 31, 1950, by senior employees and are certified correct by them. Test checks were made at that time of the physical inventories, prices and extensions of materials and supplies on hand. The year-end value has been verified by certificate from a responsible official.

I report that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet and attached Statement of Income and Expenses are properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the state of the financial affairs of the Saskatchewan Government Telephones as at December 31, 1950, and the result of operations for the year ended on that date, according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of account.

Regina, Saskatchewan,
February 15, 1951.

C. H. Smith, C.A.,
Auditor of Utilities.

EXHIBIT B

SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the year January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950

REVENUE:		
Local service	$2,709,489.82	
Rural Companies' connecting fees	247,349.43	
Toll service	3,536,668.65	
Miscellaneous	75,452.86	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		$6,568,960.76
EXPENSES:		
Commercial	$ 668,376.41	
Traffic	1,813,922.22	
Maintenance	775,872.75	
Station removals and changes	61,358.46	
General	289,453.24	
Fire and bond insurance	15,175.62	
Employees' Superannuation Fund contributions	72,000.00	
Engineering	16,730.33	
Rural organization and inspection	82,413.44	
Provision for uncollectible accounts	4,105.60	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		3,799,408.07
Net operating revenue before providing for interest and exchange on Government advances and plant depreciation		$2,769,552.69
DEDUCT:		
Provision for depreciation	$ 789,635.58	
Sinking Fund charges also interest & accruals	108,025.07	
Total provision for depreciation of buildings, plant and office equipment for year		897,660.65
NET OPERATING REVENUE		$1,871,892.04
ADD:		
Interest and discounts	$ 8,320.08	
Sinking Fund interest and accruals	83,405.04	91,725.12
		$1,963,617.16
DEDUCT:		
Interest and exchange on Government advances		502,060.74
NET PROFIT FOR YEAR		$1,461,556.42
NET PROFIT APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:		
Transferred to surplus appropriated for capital expenditure (Exhibit A)		$1,461,556.42

SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

as at December 31, 1950

	December 31, 1949	Increase for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1950	December 31, 1950
CAPITAL ASSETS:			
Land	$ 189,441.13	$ 338.61Cr.	$ 189,102.52
Right of way	3,431.97	30.68	3,462.65
Buildings	1,016,848.32	54,792.48	1,071,640.80
Exchange plant	12,001,869.09	2,075,447.02	14,077,316.11
Toll Plant	8,163,728.10	257,160.71	8,420,888.81
Work in progress	1,080,040.95	379,986.90	1,460,027.85
Office furniture and fixtures	73,340.04	9,854.55	83,194.59
Mechanical office equipment	70,523.40	8,996.64	79,520.04
Tools	134,248.95	53,317.16	187,566.11
Vehicles	216,089.19	91,397.50	307,486.69
Stock in hand - Gross	804,977.63	410,616.88	1,215,594.51
Sinking Fund Reserve	1,820,554.31	108,025.07	1,928,579.38
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	$25,575,093.08	$3,449,286.98	$29,024,380.06
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
Net Capital Advances from Treasury Department and Government Finance Office	$ 9,789,529.33	$2,450,000.00	$12,239,529.33
Moneys repaid to Treasury Department out of Depreciation Reserve Funds	6,928,586.72	Nil	6,928,586.72
Moneys expended on Plant out of Surplus and Depreciation Reserve Funds	7,036,422.72	891,261.91	7,927,684.63
Moneys invested in Sinking Fund out of Revenue	1,820,554.31	108,025.07	1,928,579.38
FUNDS PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL ASSETS	$25,575,093.08	$3,449,286.98	$29,024,380.06

NOTE: Stock on hand of materials and supplies is shown as a gross amount before deducting the Reserve for Obsolescence and Depreciation.