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THE BOARD OF TRADE AND THE TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

The meeting of the Board of Trade on Wednesday evening to consider the telegraph service was of a highly interesting character and threw some new light on this vexed question. It was remarkable for the unanimity with which the present service was condemned as inadequate by all, with much stronger words by several speakers. The reason supplied by Premier Peters for not stopping the subsidy to the Anglo-American Company at once had also more weight than any reason before given to the public, his point being that if the subsidy were stopped the Company might suddenly close their business and so cut off our telegraphic service, to remain cut off till another cable could be laid.

But it is evident that if the service is thus certified from year to year by our Local Government, the Federal Government will be obligated to pay over the money and so the tendency will be to continue in the old rut. This cannot be permitted, and it is clear that the Dominion Government, which is responsible for the maintenance of the service, must be looked to for relief in some form that will not endanger our being deprived of telegraphic connection. We do not think that an increase of subsidy to the Anglo-American Company in consideration of extended hours of service should be entertained for a moment. First because it is the clear duty of the Company under their contract to furnish such service, and secondly because the antiquated and unprogressive methods of the Company as compared with other telegraphic companies make it clear that we can never hope for a modern and up-to-date service at their hands.

The various possible satisfactory solutions of the difficulty are two: (1) For the Government to acquire and operate the service. (2) For the Government to acquire the lines and lease them to the Western Union or the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company with the stipulation that as to rates and hours of service the Island shall be treated precisely as if it formed a part of Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. Either one of these solutions would be satisfactory, and ought not to be difficult to

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bring about. The Mainland telegraph companies would gladly take over the Island business on the terms above indicated. The Government of Canada is now paying a subsidy of \$1,946, which is approximately equal to 3 per cent interest on a capital sum of \$65,000, which is clearly more than the plant of the Anglo-American Company on the Island and in the Straits is worth.

We are assured that any wide-awake telegraph company that would do business on modern methods, and use the means of looking out for and building up business as all modern enterprises do, could easily double the receipts of the present Anglo-American Company with the rates reduced to a reasonable figure. Hitherto the policy here has been to discourage telegraph business rather than to enlarge it. And yet it is a well-known fact that the business of the wires has very largely increased, if not doubled within a few years past. An instance of this is the telegraph tolls from stock exchange business which has been practically forced upon the Company and which must equal the telegraph business of four or five of their other best customers. It is clear therefore that the receipts of the Company in the nineties as submitted to the Local Government afford no proper indication of the business doing at the present time.

The appointment of a committee by the Board to inquire into all the circumstances, to correspond with the Government, and with various telegraph companies, and to report at a future meeting, is apparently a move in the right direction. The Board past and present has shown a praiseworthy interest in this matter and we are glad to find a number of our representative men in both local and federal affairs now disposed to take it up and help work out a solution. There is still an exception or two of men who would be content with almost anything and fail to see why we should have the same sort of day and night service that is enjoyed by cities on the Mainland. But we believe that these will be heartily ashamed of their present position when once we get our rights. A twenty-four hour service with the half rates at night, and the day rate the same as on the mainland, is what we are clearly entitled to, and no public man who claims to represent the people should be satisfied with anything less.

TWO VITAL POINTS.

There are two points of vital importance in regard to our telegraph service. One of these is the obligation resting upon the Dominion as set forth in the Act of Union as follows:

"That the Dominion shall assume and defray all the charges for the following services: (A to J inclusive are here omitted)

"(K) The maintenance of telegraphic communication between the Island and the mainland of the Dominion."

The other point to which we wish to direct attention is contained in the Island statutes of 1889 which embodies the contract between the Island Government and the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, and which stipulates important qualifications in regard to the monopoly granted to the company. The Anglo-American Company, which has succeeded the company above named is bound by these conditions which constitute the final section of the Act of 1889, and are as follows:

"In order to enable the Government to carry out in good faith any arrangement respecting telegraph communication already made or negotiated, or which may hereafter be made or negotiated with the said New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, or any other company, person or persons in connection with or within this Island, or any point or points therein, whether hereinafter named and specified or not, it would be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor with the advice of the Executive Council from time to time, it appear advisable to alter, change, relax, or dispense with, and again if need be, require to be performed, any of the services in respect of telegraphic communication required to be performed by the first section of this Act, and also, if need be, to make such further and other arrangements respecting telegraphic communication as shall be found necessary

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and advisable, and to apply the sum of money hereby granted to defray the costs of such altered arrangements so far as the same can extend or provide for the same. The first section of the Act above referred to provides that the Company, among other things "shall maintain a regular telegraphic communication between this Island and the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and the continent of America generally," and also that "there shall be paid to the Company from the public treasury of the Island the sum of six hundred pounds... by half-yearly payments. The fourth section of the Act provides that in case of the failure of the Company to keep up and maintain telegraph communications as stipulated the Government may contract with any other person or company to do the work. We again submit, as we did years ago that the conditions above cited give the Provincial Government full power to exact a night and day service such as constitutes a "regular" service in the common acceptance of the term.

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