

HISTORICAL FACT SHEET Telephone Industry Related Companies



COMPANY Canadian Independent Telephone Company, Ltd

DATE ORGANIZED 1906

WHERE ORGANIZED Toronto, Canada

FOUNDER(S) _____

NATURE OF BUSINESS Manufacturer

Subsequent names or significant changes resulting from acquisitions, consolidation, sales or bankruptcies:

Began as Callender Exchange Telephone Company 1896

Became American Mechanical Telephone Company Ltd 1899

Became the Canadian Independent Telephone Co, Ltd 1906

Went into receivership due to bankruptcy 1923

Ceased operation 1924

telephone operation purchased by the Bell Telephone System 1925

REMARKS The roots of the company can be traced back to Romaine Callender of the Callender Exchange Telephone Co when he hired James and George Lorimer. The Lorimer brothers developed the Lorimer System, took over the Callender company when it was abandoned by Romaine and changed the name to the American Machine Telephone Co. In Canada it was called the Canadian Machine Telephone Co but the name of Am Mach was used for international business transactions. According to the Canadian Gazette, the American Machine Telephone Co became the Canadian Independent Telephone Co, Ltd

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on August 3, 1906 incorporated by William A. Woods.

The Canadian Machine telephone Company remained a separate company but shared the factory and employees with the Canadian Independent Telephone Company. As can be seen in the accompanying company ads, the companies had a “working relationship” and Canadian Machine held the Lorimer patents.

In 1920 the two companies formed a subsidiary to manufacture radios and Canadian Independent operated a radio station. When the two companies became bankrupt, Ted Rogers bought the radio rights and the Bell System bought the telephone rights.

Source: Canadian Gazette, 1906; Telephony, 1915; Early Development of Radio in Canada, 2005



“CANADIAN INDEPENDENT TELEPHONES SATISFY”

You see and hear a great deal about poor telephone service. This is the natural outcome of using old style, out of date telephones and telephone methods.

All Canadian Independent Telephones are fully up to date, fully guaranteed for ten years and fully satisfy.

We are building up a new Canadian industry. We are manufacturing and operating telephones in Canada, independent of, and in opposition to, the telephone monopoly.

A good telephone saves time; saves money; is a necessity and an economy in every home. Our working arrangements with Canadian Machine Telephone Co., Limited, enable us to furnish Lorimer Automatic Telephone exchanges and we are fully equipped to instal your entire telephone plant, either Automatic or Manual.

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