

NO TELEPHONE MONOPOLY

ONLY CITY CAN CONTRACT WITH ONE SYSTEM, SAYS ELLISON.

Major Wroth Because the Corporation Counsel Gave a Copy of His Report to Martin W. Littleton, Counsel for the Atlantic Co.—New Court House Delay.

The telephone question was brought up again at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Estimate, when an opinion of the Corporation Counsel was read as to the power of the city to make a contract with the New York Telephone Company for the exclusive right to operate in this service.

The Atlantic Telephone Company in its effort to get a footing in New York has offered attractive terms to the municipality for a franchise, but these offers have been met with a counter proposal from the New York Telephone Company that it would be willing to comply with any reasonable demands in the way of compensation and requirements made by the city providing no franchise was granted to any other company.

The effect of Mr. Ellison's opinion was that while the city could not grant a monopoly to any one company it undoubtedly had the right, in the interests of public convenience, to make an equitable agreement with the New York Telephone Company, but the making of such a contract would not prevent the city granting other franchises if changed conditions should warrant a duplicate telephone service.

I therefore advise you that if in the wisdom of your board but one system of telephone service is advisable or proper under conditions presently existing an application for the right to supply such service may be considered and granted on satisfactory terms, the payments provided thereby to continue only so long as the grantee company enjoys the sole privilege of supplying such service, provisions being made for the modification of such terms in the event of other telephone systems being established in the city or other telephone franchises being granted.

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