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**Synopsis:** Expansion of telephone lauded, beyond private merchant based networks to public ones, potentially as a replacement of the telegraph

**Summary:** Need for public telephone network

<clip> We are glad to hear that Mr, Todd, the Superintendent of Telegraphs, has it in contemplation to introduce the telephone into practical use in Adelaide. Some of our merchants have short lines laid down to connect their offices with other branches of their business, and they speak in the highest terms of the advantage the invention has been to them. It saves both time and labour, and thus pays for itself over and over again. In England and in America it is freely used as an adjunct to the telegraph, and it is even being preferred to the latter marvellous discovery. <clip>

<clip> In Adelaide there are peculiar facilities for the adoption of the new method of instantaneous communication, as the telegraph lines are in the hands of the Government, and we may hope soon to see the telephone in extensive operation here, for there can be no doubt as to the many private and public uses to which it can be applied. <clip>