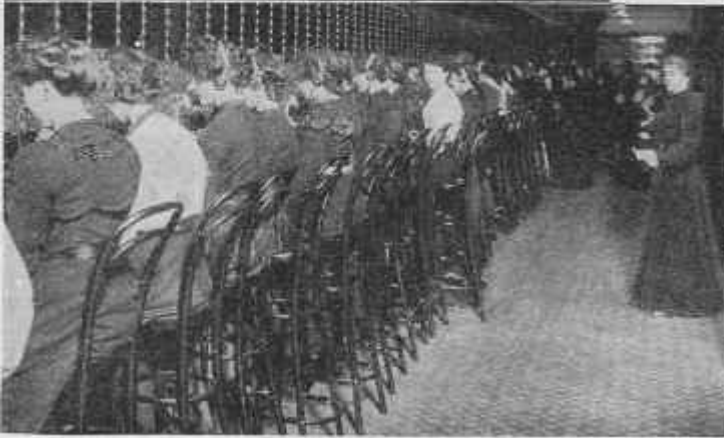
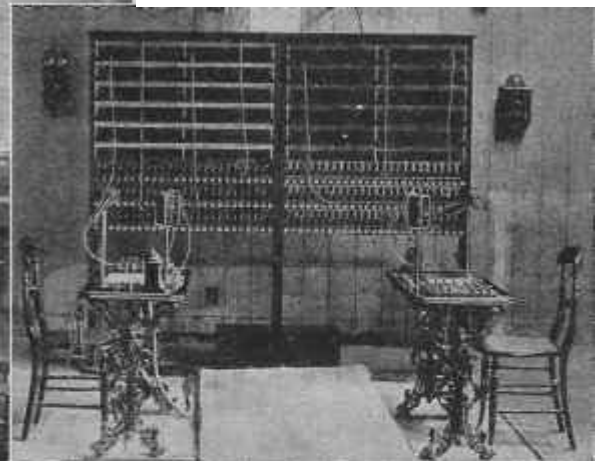
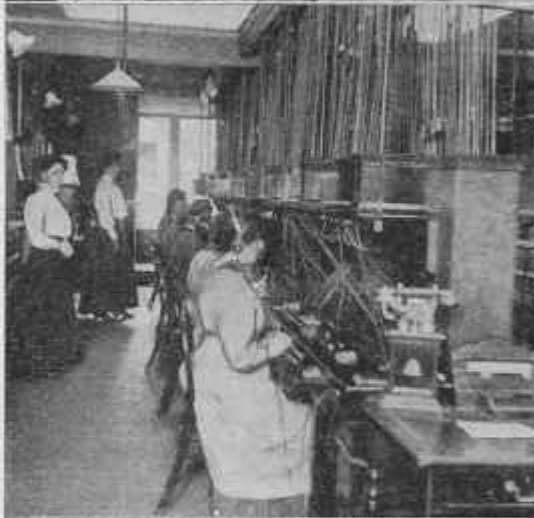
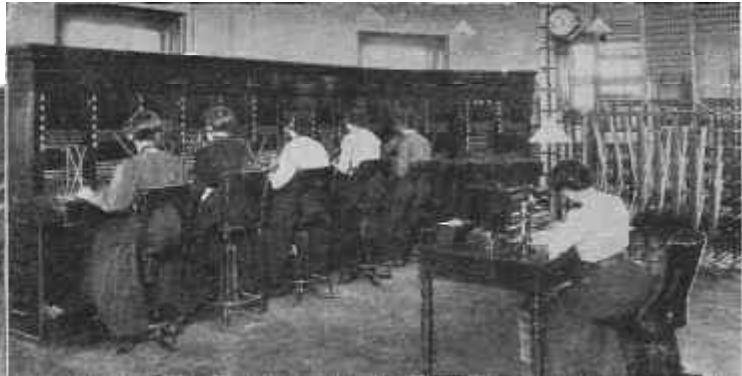


# Telephone

London's first telephone switchboard in the Coleman Street Exchange in 1879 (below). Glasgow Central (left) in 1895, a "flat board," and (left centre) a slightly later version of the same type of equipment at Aberdeen. In these early days the operators wore the black overalls shown in a photograph (bottom right) of 1900. The other picture (bottom left) is of Holborn, one of the earliest C.B. exchanges. The supervisor on duty, Miss Smith, may be remembered-by some of our readers



# History



Operating at the beginning of this century (top left). Walthamstow Exchange in 1910 (top right) and the Operators' Training School (above) about 1905. Working to America (right) from the original Transatlantic Terminal opened in 1927, and (below) another famous switchboard, Gerrard Manual Exchange, now being converted to automatic working

Photos of Gerrard and of the Transatlantic Terminal by E. in C.'s D.O.I