

## TELEGRAPH systems throughout the world, 1883 and 1884.

Country.	Year.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.	Proportion of Population to each Office.
<b>Europe :—</b>						
Austria .....	1884	33,712	98,065	10,170,894	4,153	9,390
Belgium.....	1884	3,749	17,587	6,788,071	886	6,529
Denmark .....	1883	2,360	6,532	1,297,434	323	6,247
France .....	1884	56,545	205,470	29,452,708	7,523	5,051
German Empire .....	1884	49,728	180,000	18,849,855	12,258	3,741
United Kingdom.....	1884	28,500	158,568	33,278,459	6,023	6,043
Greece .....	1884	3,720	4,570	627,693	.....	.....
Italy .....	1884	17,816	.....	6,778,717	1,848	15,887
Netherlands .....	1884	2,838	16,509	3,320,869	251	17,044
Portugal .....	1883	3,045	7,257	1,727,293	237	18,228
Russia.....	1883	65,394	146,690	10,222,139	2,957	34,822
Spain .....	1883	10,733	26,160	3,019,831	.....	.....
Sweden and Norway .....	1884	9,665	23,002	2,108,877	.....	.....
Switzerland .....	1884	4,300	10,386	2,942,767	1,288	2,256
Turkey ....	1884	14,617	23,060	1,259,133	464	93,423
<b>America :—</b>						
Argentine Republic.....	1884	11,730	21,070	496,726	.....	.....
Brazil .....	1884	5,811	9,477	331,884	159	81,132
United States.....	1884	164,000	460,571	42,076,226	13,761	4,037
Canada .....	1885	24,100	47,288	*3,896,000	2,415	1,944
<b>Africa :—</b>						
Cap of Good Hope .....	1884	4,219	.....	740,791	203	6,156
Egypt.....	1884	2,701	5,221	.....	.....	.....
<b>Asia :—</b>						
India.....	1884	23,341	68,694	1,837,048	349	569,501
Japan .....	1883	5,000	13,481	2,732,810	.....	.....
<b>Australasia :—</b>						
New South Wales.....	1884	9,755	18,681	2,334,052	394	2,338
Victoria .....	1884	4,020	8,055	1,594,296	401	2,396
Queensland .....	1884	6,979	11,300	1,124,553	221	1,402
South Australia .....	1884	5,230	7,833	731,128	.....	.....
Western Australia .....	1884	1,885	1,897	96,184	.....	.....
Tasmania .....	1884	1,313	1,716	204,152	107	1,220
New Zealand .....	1884	4,264	10,474	1,654,305	322	1,752

\*Not including weather and shipping reports.

368. It will be seen, that with the exception of three of the Australasian Colonies, Canada possesses greater telegraphic facilities than any other country in the table, the number of offices being in the proportion of one to every 1,944 of the estimated population on 30th June, 1885. Of European countries, Switzerland has the largest and Turkey the smallest amount of telegraphic accommodation. In fact, Turkey has fewer telegraphic facilities than any other country mentioned in the list.

369. The United States have the greatest length of telegraphic mileage in the world. They possess no less than 302,003 miles of wire more than in the United Kingdom; the number of messages sent was the largest of any country, and exceeded the number sent in the United Kingdom, which was the second largest, by 8,797,767. In proportion to the length of mileage, the number of messages sent in India was very small.