

397. According to the Statesman's Year Book, 1887, the following was the telegraphic mileage of the world in 1885-86:—

Telegraphic mileage of the world.

Europe.....	328,281	miles.
Asia.....	42,308	“
America.....	247,183	“
Africa.....	18,220	“
Australasia.....	36,098	“
Total.....	<u>672,090</u>	“

The American Almanac for 1887 places the total mileage at 719,415 miles, a difference of 47,325 miles.

398. In addition to the telegraphs, the telephone system is fast coming into operation in Canada. The lines are all in the hands of private companies, the largest of which is the Bell Telephone Company, of Montreal, which has 270 offices, 12,500 instruments in use, 10,000 miles of wire, and 4,200 miles of poles. The length of telephone wires in the United States is estimated at 130,000 miles, of which the American Bell Telephone Company owns 114,371. This company has 330,000 instruments in use.

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